# Overview of Wisconsin Economic Indicators

Committee on Jobs, Economy and Mining

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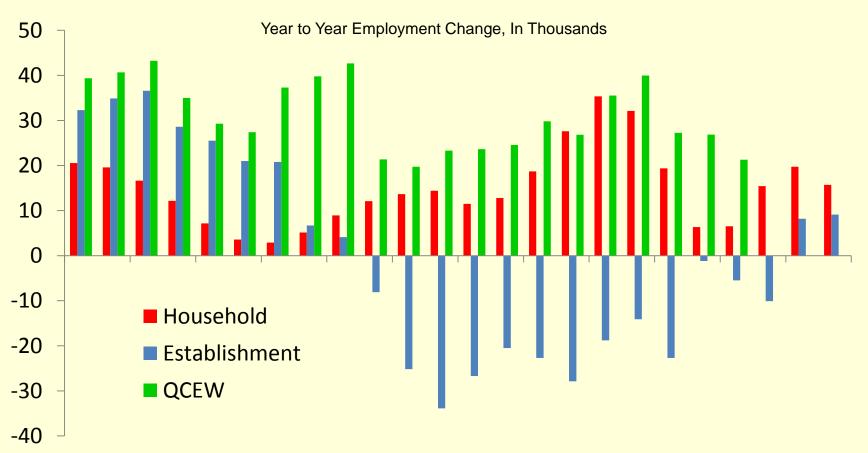
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#### **Previous Estimate: Wisconsin Job Gains**

Three Measures, Three Different Results

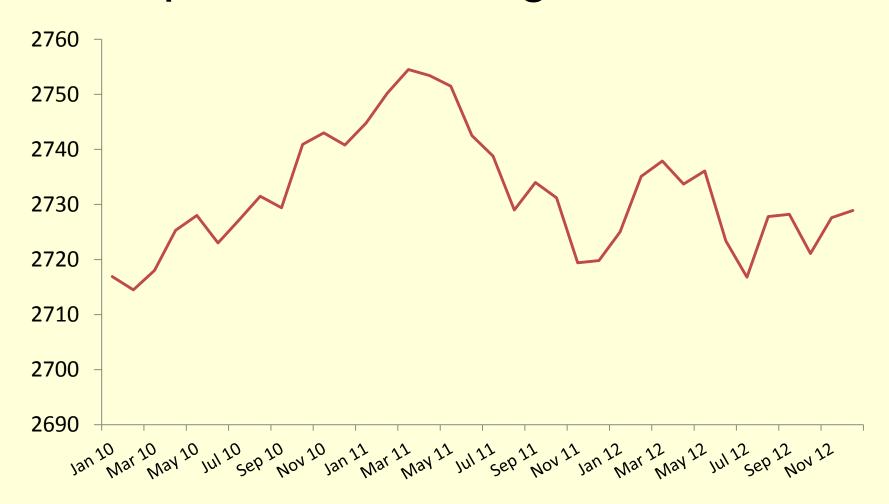
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# Before the Revisions, CES Series Reported Declining Jobs in WI





### From the BLS Report

Revisions in State-Establishment Based Estimates Effective January 2013

- For the present benchmark year, 2012, CES payroll employment estimates are replaced by census derived employment counts for all months from April 2011 to September 2012. This stands in contrast to the previous benchmark year, 2011, in which CES payroll employment estimates were replaced only through to the second quarter, June 2011.
- As a result of the short replacement period in the previous benchmark year, the March 2012 benchmark revisions reflect revisions to cumulatively more sample-based estimates than is typical for previous benchmark years. The March 2012 benchmark revisions affect nine months of sample-based CES payroll employment estimates, June 2011 to March 2012, as opposed to six months in previous years. In part due to the compounding from month to month of sample and non-sampling error, the March 2012 benchmark revisions are generally greater than in previous benchmark years.
- The effect of compounding sample and non-sample error also applies to the December 2012 benchmark revisions, which are also generally greater than in previous years.



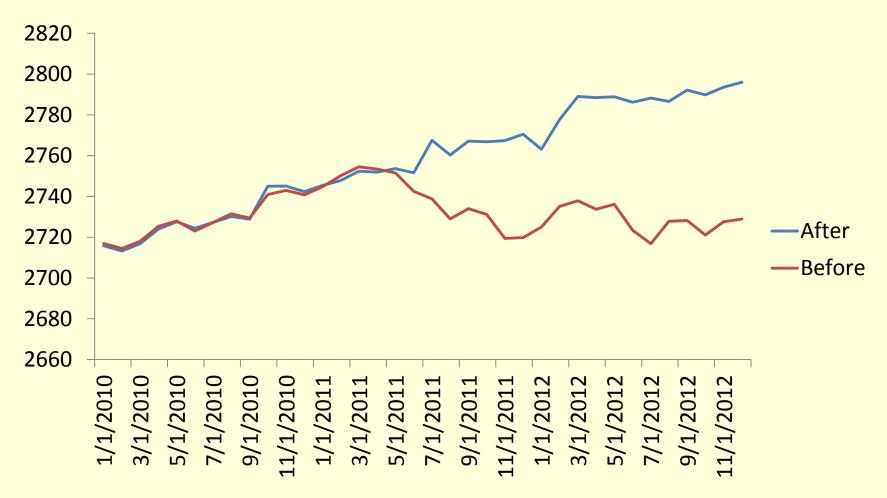
### **BLS Really Means**

Oops. We goofed.

Third quarter is better for benchmarking.

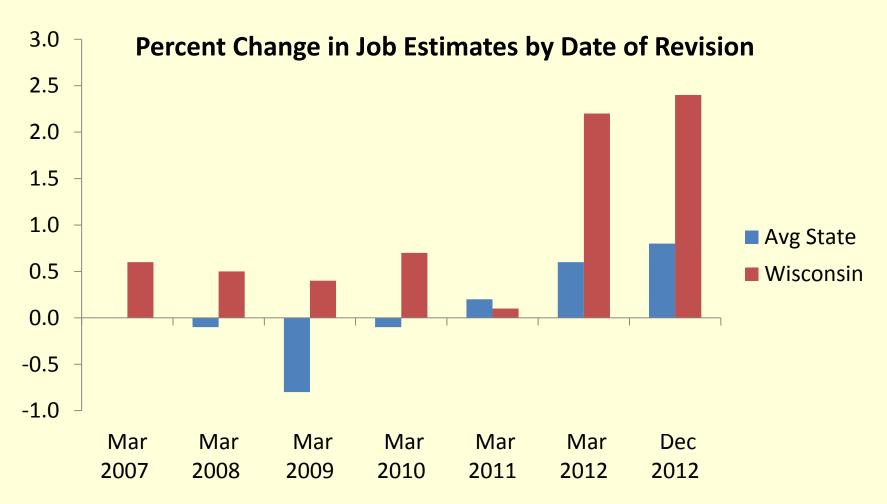


# With the Revisions, CES Estimates Report Significant Job Increases



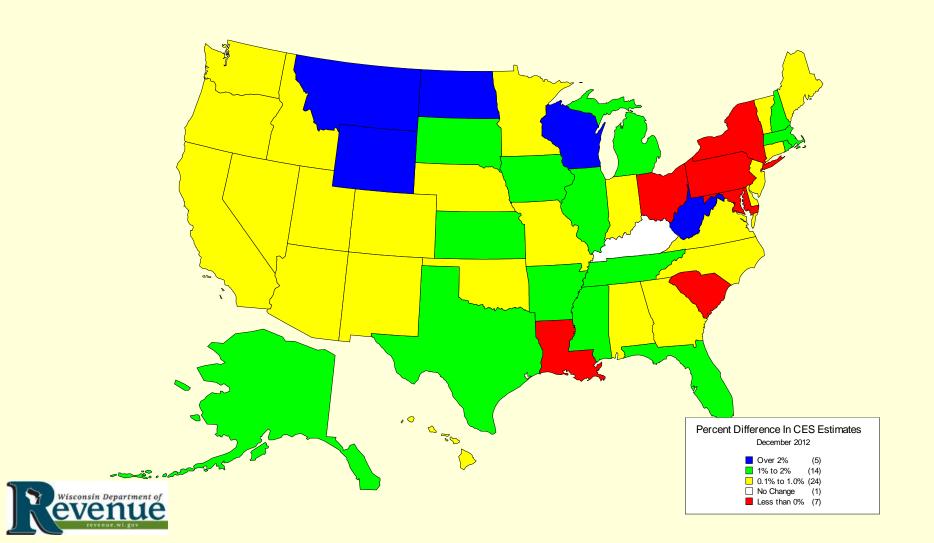


## BLS Had Significantly Underestimated Wisconsin Job Growth

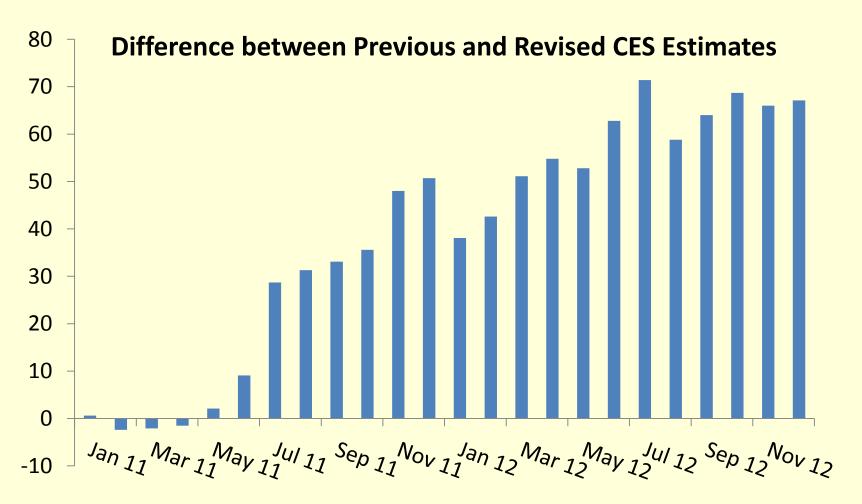




# Wisconsin's Revision Among the Nation's Largest

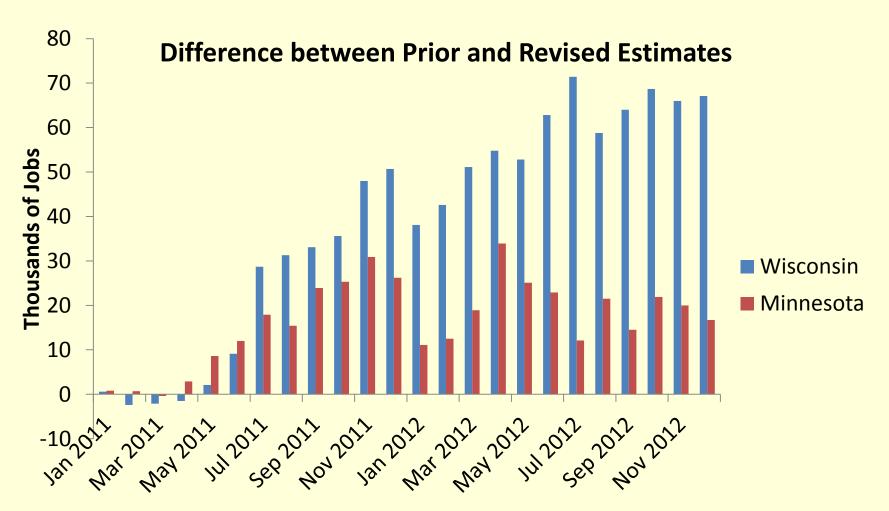


# Previous Estimates Underestimated WI by as Much as 70,000 Jobs



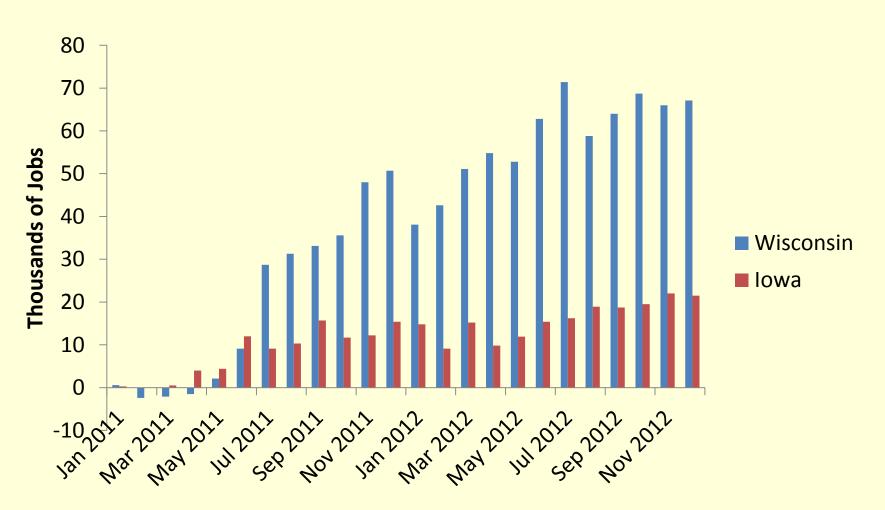


### WI Revision Greater than MN



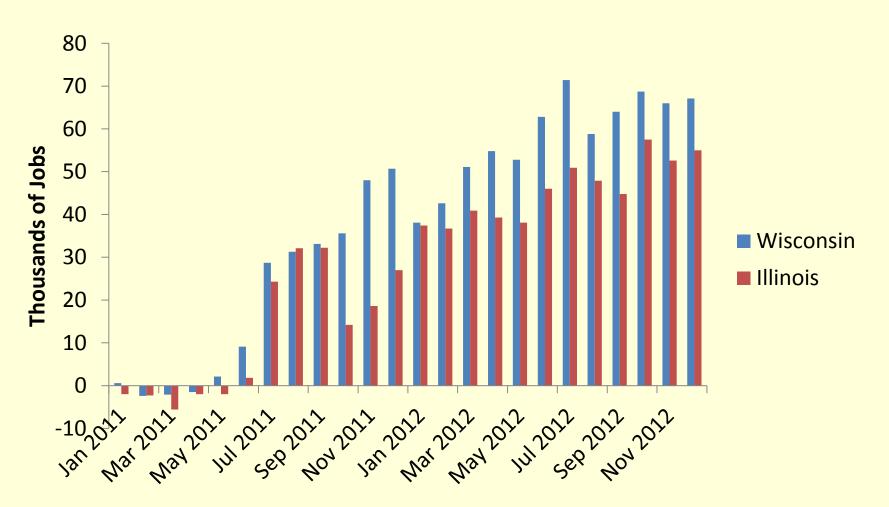


### WI Revision Higher than Iowa's



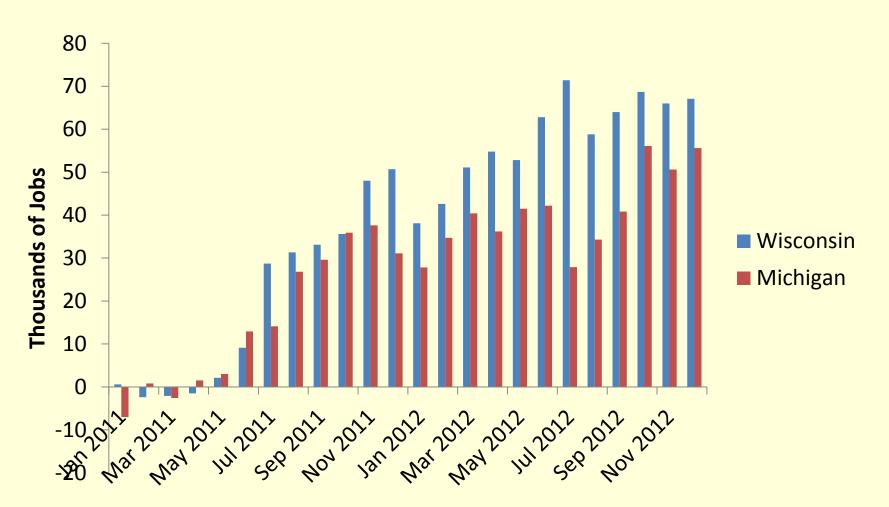


### WI Revision Higher than Illinois's



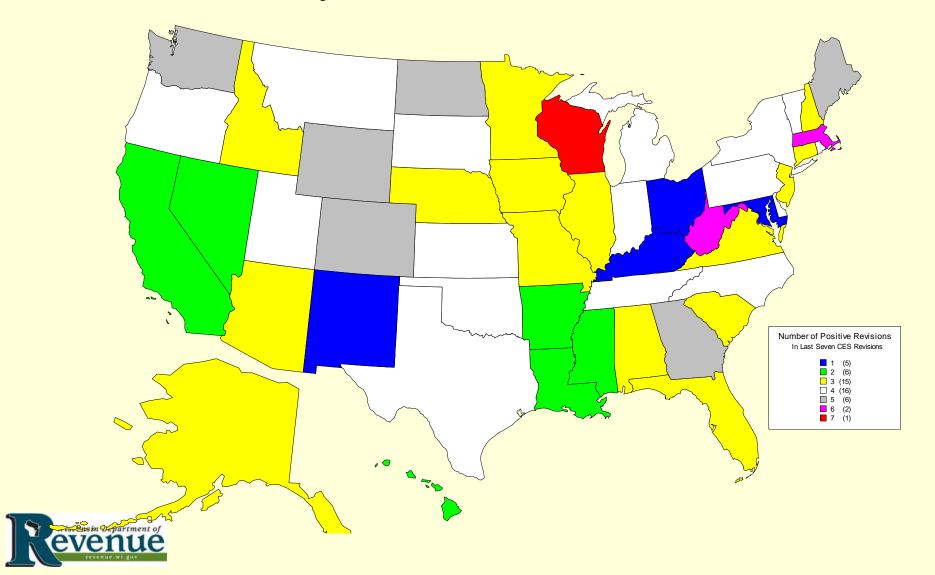


### WI Revision Higher than Michigan's



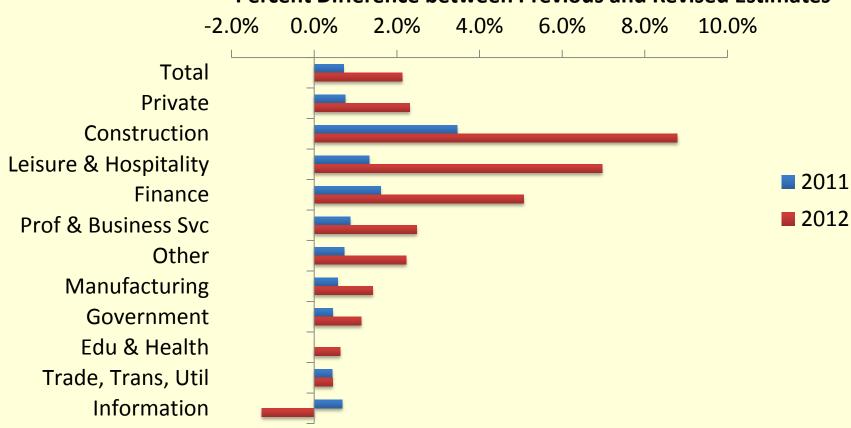


# BLS CES Estimates Consistently Underestimates WI Jobs



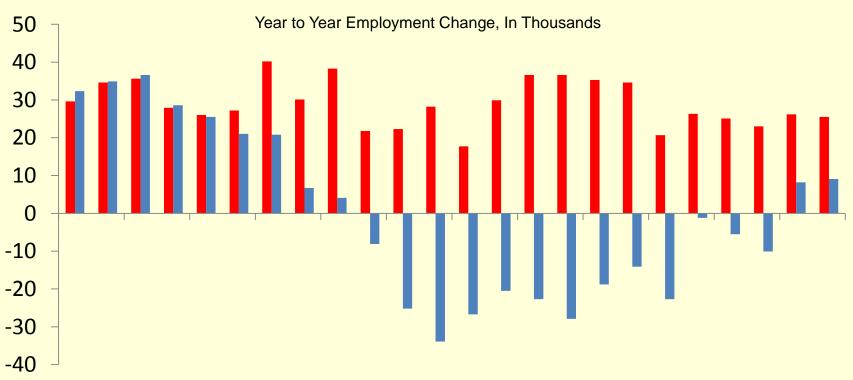
## Revisions Largest in Strongly Seasonal Industries

#### **Percent Difference between Previous and Revised Estimates**

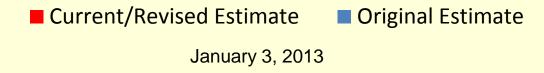




### Current Vs. Original Estimate



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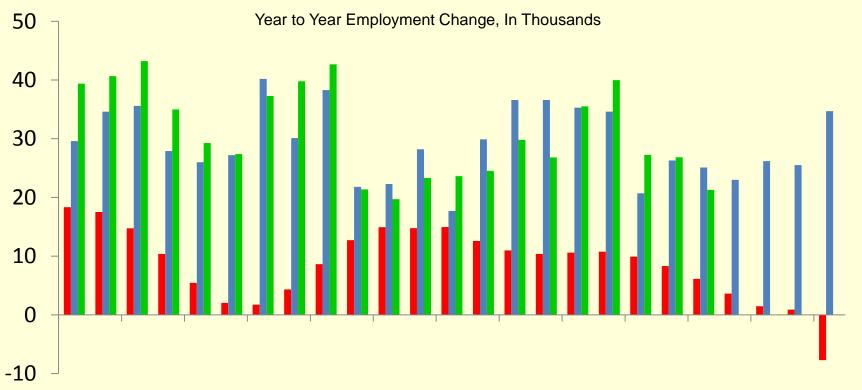




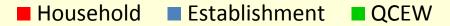
#### Revised Estimate: Wisconsin Job Gains

**CES and QCEW Consistent** 

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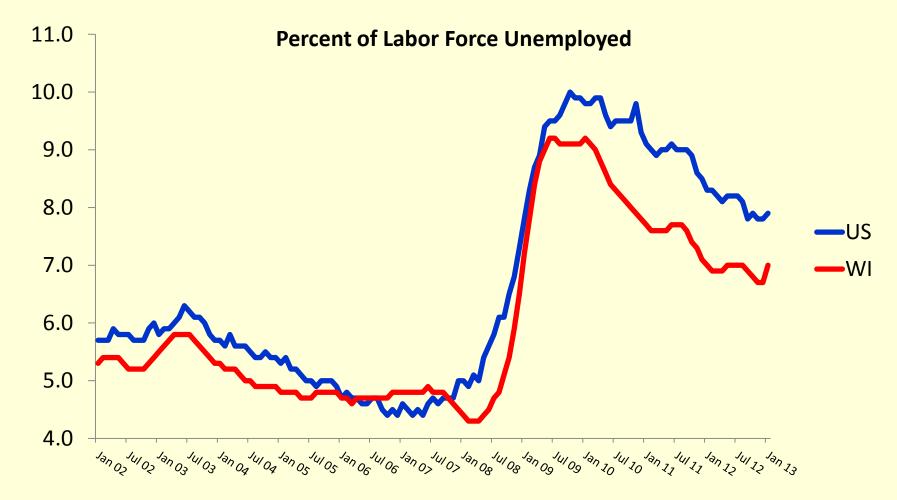


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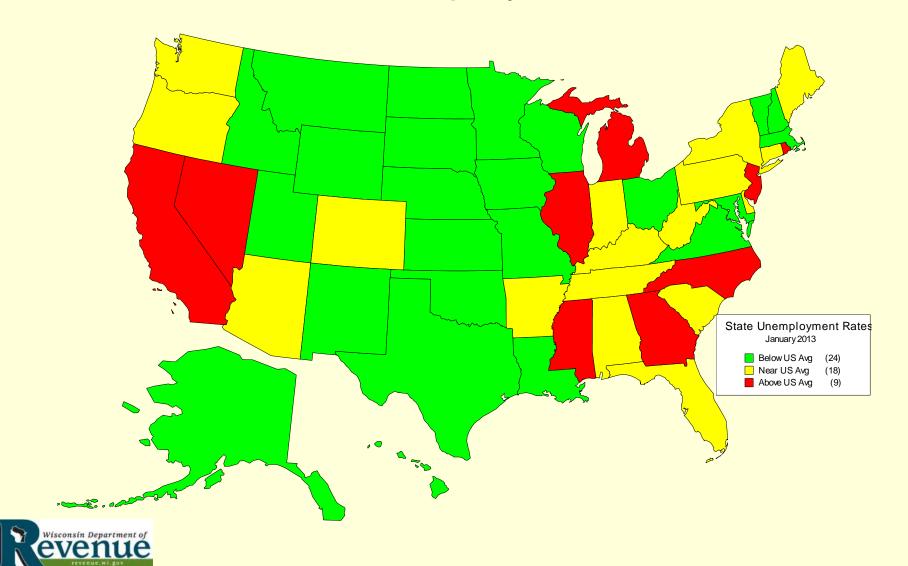


## Wisconsin Unemployment Significantly Below US Average



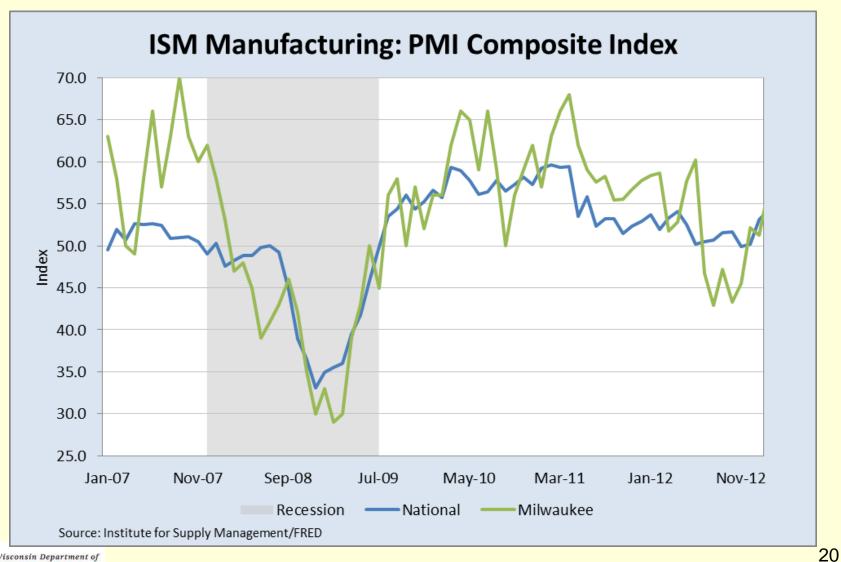


## Wisconsin Among States with a Significantly Lower Unemployment Rate



### Manufacturing Up in February

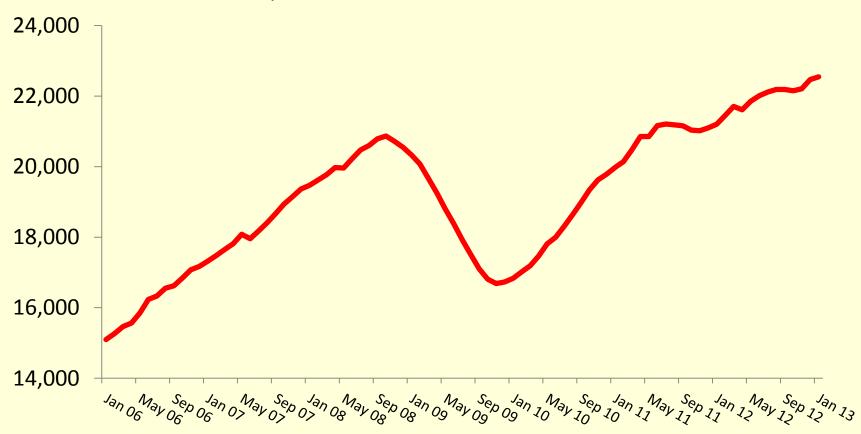
Milwaukee PMI Rises to 56.5





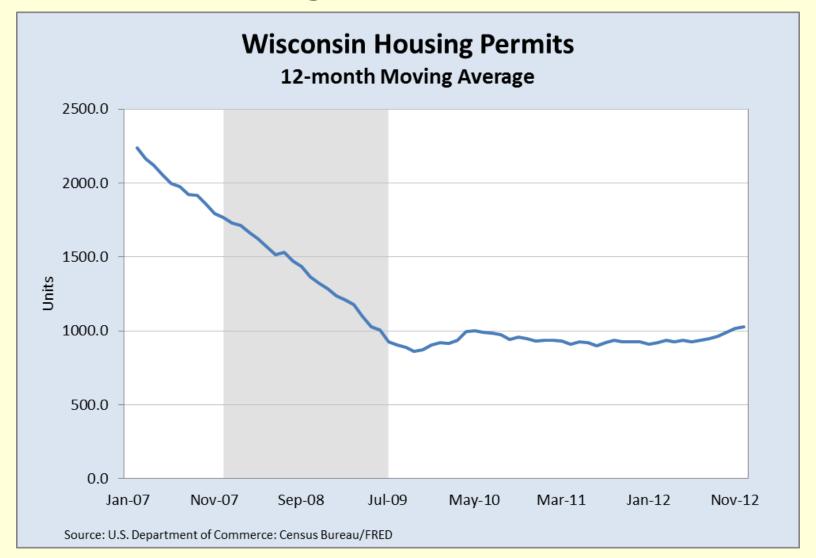
### Wisconsin Exports Set a Record in 2012

Wisconsin Exports in Millions of Dollars, Twelve Month Total



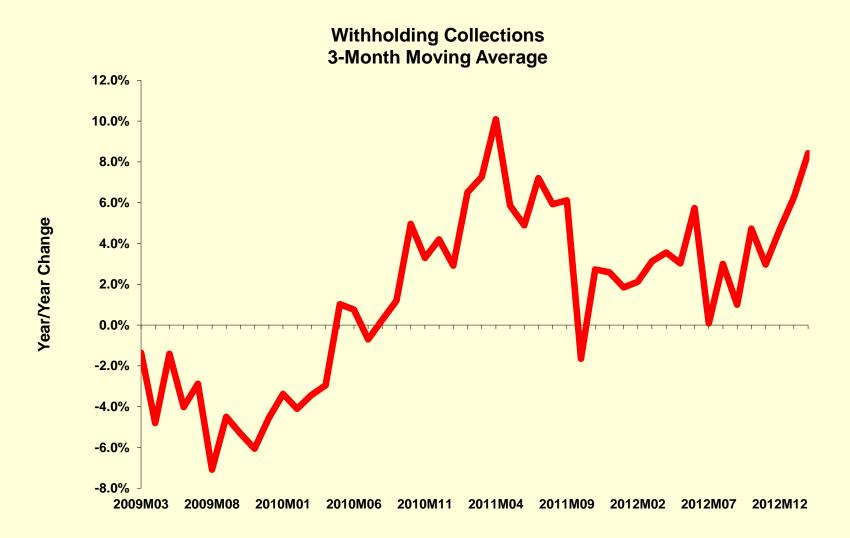


#### Wisconsin Housing Permits Continue Their Rise





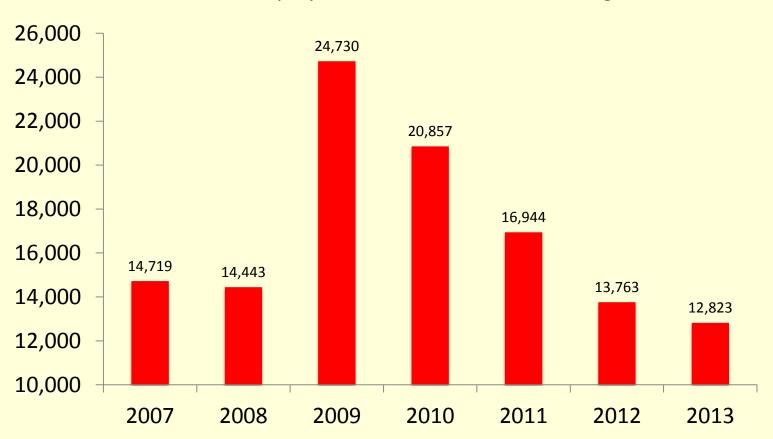
### Withholding Collections Moving Higher





### Initial UI Claims Running Below Pre-Recession Levels

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Through Week 11





Wisconsin Per Capita Income Growth in 2011 in the Top Quarter

