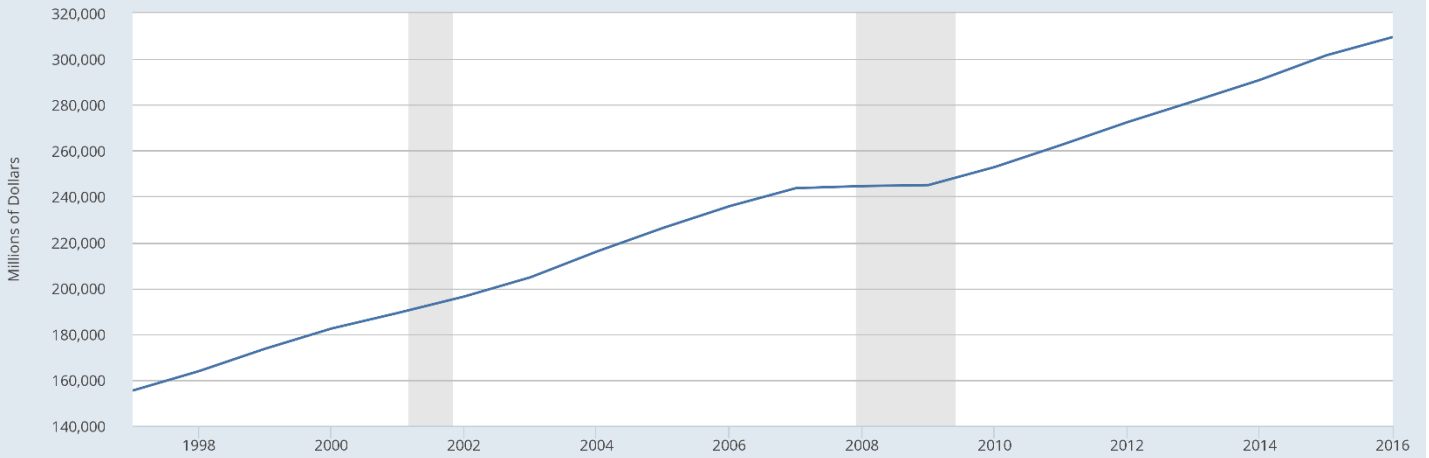


## Wisconsin's Economic Success Talking Points

- For fourth straight month, Wisconsin led the five state Chicago Fed region in economic growth. BizTimes, June 30, 2017
- Wisconsin's 3.1 percent unemployment rate for June maintains the lowest rate since October 1999. DWD, July 21, 2017
- Wisconsin is now a top ten state for business according to CEO Magazine. (We were #41 in 2010)
- Wisconsin's rate of workforce participation is nearly 69 percent, putting it in America's top 10 states.
- Taxpayers saved more than \$5 billion since June of 2011 thanks to Act 10. - MacIver Institute, Feb. 11, 2016
- More people were employed in Wisconsin last year than at any point in the history of our great state. – Governor Walker, State of the State address, January 10, 2017
- Wisconsin is one of three states with a fully-funded pension system.
- Wisconsin has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest long-term debt in the nation. – Gov. Scott Walker
- BLS Data: WI Unemployment Rate of 3.2% in April, lowest since 2017
- Wages increased 6.1% in Wisconsin 2015-2016 says BLS. 15th best in US.
- BLS Data: WI's Jan '17 Labor Force Participation Rate increased to 68.1% & was 5.2 % points higher than the fed rate of 62.9% - DWD, March 9, 2017
- U.S. News and World Report ranks Wisconsin 16th on its first "Best States" list. – February 28, 2017
- Wisconsin Ranks 1st in Midwest and 14th in Nation in Manufacturing Growth Rate Year-over-Year – DWD, January 24, 2017
- Rate of manufacturing job growth over the month also ranks 1st in the Midwest and 11th in the nation – DWD, January 24, 2017
- Wisconsin ranks 11th in middle market company growth BizTimes, June 3, 2016
- Number of medium-sized firms grew 90% over past five years BizTimes, June 3, 2016
- Wisconsin health care ranks third highest in nation BizTimes, July 26, 2016
- Wisconsin economic outlook ranked 9th in the nation according to ALEC, 9th Edition of Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index, April 2016

## June 2017

State	Unemployment	Labor	2013-14 State and Local Taxes	Taxes per	Tax Foundation	Pension	Pension
	Rate	Participation Rate	per \$1,000 of Personal Income Rank	\$1,000	Ranking	Funded	Ranking
Wisconsin	3.10%	68.9%	16	\$107.58	39	103%	3
Minnesota	3.70%	69.9%	7	\$120.22	46	82%	18
Illinois	4.70%	64.4%	8	\$117.88	23	41%	49
Iowa	3.20%	68.6%	24	\$103.01	40	87%	13
Michigan	3.80%	61.4%	34	\$96.41	12	67%	34
Indiana	3.00%	64.4%	35	\$96.15	8	69%	33
U.S.	4.40%	62.8%	WI DOR, State and Local Government Tax and Revenue Rankings, December 2016		Tax Foundation, 2017 State Business Tax Climate Index	Tax Foundation: How well funded are pension plans in your state?	



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis  
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## WISCONSIN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NEAR RECORD LOW

**3.1%**

↓ Wisconsin's June unemployment rate is state's lowest since October 1999

**35,700**

↑ Number of private-sector jobs added from June 2016 to June 2017

**68.9%**

↑ Wisconsin's labor force participation rate reached an all-time high in June

**3,600**

↑ Number of private-sector jobs added from May 2017 to June 2017

