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Economic Outlook

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Good Afternoon





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How Employment is Tracking



Source: LMI, OEA

Unemployment Rate



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Source: LMI, OEA

How Jobs are Tracking



Source: LMI, OEA

How Manufacturing Jobs are Tracking





Source: LMI, OEA

How Manufacturing Jobs are Really Tracking





Source: LMI, OEA

How Employment Activity is Tracking





Wisconsin Labor Market

Table b. Civilians not in the labor force by sex and age, January 2017 - December 2017 (based on CPS).





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Economic Growth



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, OEA



We've got productivity growing a bit slower than it did before. That 's a big difference between our economic forecast now versus, say, August. And that 's something that I find hard to understand and therefore hard to forecast. "

—Keith Hall, director of the Congressional Budget Office



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SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | U.S. CENSUS BUREAU



Retail Sales

Monthly % Change

Light Vehicle Sales

U.S. Light Vehicle Sales, Auto and Trucks (SAAR)





New Home Sales

New Home Sales and Recessions



Mortgage Rates





Source: fred.stlouisfed.org

Debt Affordability





Source: fred.stlouisfed.org

Interest Rates





Source: fred.stlouisfed.org

Major Sector Performance





Source: Institute of Supply Management, LMI, OEA

Tracking Investment



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, LMI, OEA

Where is the Capital Investment?





Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, LMI, OEA

Employment Growth



Source: LMI, OEA

Unemployment Rate





Occupational Projected Openings





Source: LMI, OEA

Projected Share of Openings





Automation

There are two classes of jobs in the new age:

- 1. Those that are augmented by automation
 - 2. Those that are replaced by automation



Technological Advance





Propensity for Automation by Occupational Group



Source: The Future of Employment: How Susceptible are Jobs to Computerisation, C.B. Frey and M.A. Osborne, September 17, 2013, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford; OES, OEA.

Technological Advance





Propensity for Automation by WDA





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Propensity for Automation by Educational Group





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Propensity for Automation by Earnings Group





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Technological Advance







- We are facing a **Quantity** challenge
- That gives us a **Quality** (Skills) challenge
- Find every body you can and **skill** everybody to their max



Wisconsin's Workforce Growth



Source: Bureau of Census, OEA

Three Options

- 1. Import the talent
- 2. Export the job
- 3. Grow the talent here



Labor Force Preparedness

COLLEGE GRADS THINK THEY'RE FAR MORE PREPARED FOR WORK THAN EMPLOYERS DO

There is a big divide between how prepared students think they are for work and how prepared employers think they are.



Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers, Job Outlook 2018 survey.



Labor Force Preparedness

How Baby Boomers See Boomers vs How HR Professionals See Boomers

The colored portion of each 10x10 square represents the percent of Boomers who embody that trait according to the corresponding group





Questions?

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