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After six years of tax giveaways and failures to invest in education and infrastructure, Wisconsin still short on jobs promised.

MADISON - Data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages released Friday provide yet another example that Gov. Scott Walker's policy ideas have failed to create jobs and increase the quality of life for Wisconsinites. According to figures hailed as the "gold standard" by the Governor himself, 2016 yielded the lowest private-sector job creation figure since the Governor took office.



"Throughout his two terms, Gov. Scott Walker focused on giving massive tax giveaways to millionaires and out-of-state corporations - six years later we're seeing the worst job-creation figures under his tenure," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair **Martha Laning** said on Friday. "Democrats know that Wisconsin families deserve a chance to pursue the American Dream, the same failed policies from Gov. Walker only stand to help a select few, but Wisconsinites need an economy that works for them all - not just those at the very top. Walker has failed to invest in our universities which are often the birthplace of new businesses, jobs, and industries. He's failed to invest in infrastructure crucial to business like broadband internet and fixing our roads.

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It's time to bring back a sense of purposeful job creation through ideas we know will work by electing Democratic leadership next fall."

Read more about today's numbers from WKOW below.

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By Greg Neumann

Wisconsin added just 11,590 private sector jobs in 2016, good for a growth rate of 0.5 percent, according to data released Friday by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Those numbers mark the fewest jobs created for any year since Gov. Scott Walker (R-Wisconsin) took office and is based on data that comes from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

Gov. Walker has referred to the QCEW numbers as the most accurate data available in the past, because it is based on survey of 96 percent of all employers in the state.

Prior to 2016, the lowest previous number of jobs added for a single year during the Walker administration was 28,452 in 2013.

Wisconsin had averaged a private sector job creation total of 34,032 per year for Gov. Walker's first five years in office.

In the first six years of Gov. Walker's tenure, Wisconsin has now added a total of 181,754 jobs, still short of the 250,000 he originally promised to create during his first term.