

## Gov. Evers Highlights his 2024 State of the State Address

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address highlighting his [2024 State of the State address](#) and his declaration of 2024 as the Year of the Worker in Wisconsin. The governor's address is available to watch

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[Audio File of Radio Address](#)

*Hey there, folks. Governor Tony Evers here.*

*This week, I delivered my sixth State of the State address, where I declared 2024 the Year of the Worker in Wisconsin and announced my plan to address some of the pressing issues facing our state.□*

*And chief among them is addressing our state's workforce challenges and making sure our workforce is prepared to meet the needs of a 21st-century economy.*

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*Last year, we saw a record-low unemployment and record-high labor force participation, but much work needs to be done to address our state's workforce challenges.*

*I announced 2024 is the Year of the Worker in Wisconsin, and my administration is going to keep working to bolster our state's workforce through a new Healthcare Workforce Task Force to find long-term solutions to address our healthcare industry shortages; a new Teacher Apprenticeship pathway to allow new educators to "earn while they learn"; and a new Office of State Employee Engagement and Retention to ensure that the state of Wisconsin is leading the way by example in recruiting and retaining talented workers.*

*Solving our state's workforce challenges is going to take all of us working together, and several things are key.*

*We must expand paid leave, invest in public education at every level, from early childhood to our technical colleges and universities, and find a long-term solution to our state's looming child care crisis.*

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*Folks, lack of accessible, affordable child care is a statewide workforce issue.*

*Republicans are on the clock to develop a comprehensive workforce plan, including making the meaningful investments necessary to prevent the collapse of our child care industry, which is essential for maintaining our current levels of workforce participation.*

*Wisconsin, we've proven this in the past year that we can do big things if we're willing to do them together.*

*I know we can build upon these efforts in 2024, and together we will.*

*Let's get back at it, and let's get to work.*

*Thank you, and take care.*