



# Data Definitions and Sources

The following data are from the Annie E. Casey Foundation analysis of the 2000 Census:

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census>

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic data are from the US Census Bureau, <http://census.gov>

## HEALTHY FAMILIES & CHILDREN THRIVE

### Births to Unmarried Mothers (%)

Marital status of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data on live births for 1997 and 2000 are from *Maternal and Child Health – Wisconsin Statistics and Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

### Births to Mothers Under Age 18 (%)

Age of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data for 1997 and 2000 are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics and Births to Teens in Wisconsin and Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. The percentages were developed using the number of all births as the denominator. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

### Prenatal Care Initiated in First Trimester of Pregnancy (%)

Data are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics and Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

### Low Birthweight Births (% of all live births)

Defined as births in which the newborn child weighs less than 5.5 pounds (2,500 grams). Percentages for 1997 and 2000 are from *Maternal and Child Health Wisconsin Statistics and Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

### Infant Deaths (per 1,000 live births)

Infant deaths include all deaths, regardless of cause, for children under age one. Data for 1997 and 2000 are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics and Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Total births (to calculate the rate) are from the same sources. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

### Suicide (per 100,000 children)

These figures are reported only in aggregate for the state as a whole because individual county numbers are too small to make a rate meaningful. This arrangement of data since 2000 differs from that in the WisKids Count publications prior to 2000, in which suicides were included in individual county accidental death data. This year the data for all three years were taken from the WISH query system.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wish/index.htm>

### Mental Health Hospitalizations & Preventable Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Children)

Figures for 2003 are from the Wisconsin Hospital Association, which now collects and owns the data. Data for prior years are from “*Public Health Profiles*”, Bureau of Health

Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/localdata/pubhlthprofiles.htm>

### **Child Medicaid Recipients (per 1,000 children)**

These data, which come from the Division of Health in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, provide a snapshot of Medicaid eligibility as of December 31 for selected years. The figures include BadgerCare recipients and all the Medicaid-related categories of coverage for children ages 0-17, but exclude the family planning waiver (which does not provide full health care coverage). Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year. State totals include recipients whose eligibility may have been determined by an agency other than the county (i.e. tribal agencies). Therefore, the state total is larger than the cumulative county totals. This may also have the effect of artificially decreasing the participation rates in certain counties with significant Native American populations.

### **BadgerCare Enrollment (per 1,000 Children)**

Enrollment data are from the Department of Health and Family Services. This is a subset of the Medicaid enrollment data described above and represents the December enrollment level for the year in question. The BadgerCare program began in 1999.

### **Children with Health Insurance (%)**

The data represent the percentage of Wisconsin children that were insured all year. Data are from *Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage*, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/healthinsurance.htm>

### **Disabled Child Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients (per 1,000 children)**

Rates are based on point-in-time counts of child SSI recipients as of June 30 of each year. Data provided by the Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Supportive Living. Figures reflect the effect of a 1991 U.S. Supreme Court decision that made childhood disability conditions more likely to meet SSI disability standards. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year.

## **FAMILIES CAN MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS**

### **Median Family Income**

Data for selected years are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Web address: [www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org).

### **Per Capita Income:**

Data for selected years are from the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Web address: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

### **Unemployment Rate**

Rates are provided on a regular basis by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. [www.dwd.state.wi.us](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us) (Labor Market Info link)

### **Fair Market Rent**

Data for selected years are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Web address: [www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org). Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are gross rent estimates; they include shelter rent and the cost of utilities, except telephone. The level at which FMRs are set is expressed as a percentile point within the rent distribution of standard quality rental housing units. The current definition used is the 40th percentile rent, the dollar amount below which 40 percent of standard quality rental housing units rent. The 40th percentile rent is drawn from the distribution of rents of units, which are occupied by recent movers (renter households who moved into their unit within the past 15 months). Newly built units less than two years old are excluded, and adjustments have been made to correct for the below market rents of public housing units included in the data base.

### **Percent of Renters Unable to Afford Fair Market Rent**

Data for selected years from the National Low Income Housing Coalition's *Out Of Reach*. For years prior to 1999, the report only includes the 20 Wisconsin counties with urban areas. NLIHC web address is: [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org).

### **Full Time Hourly Wage needed as 30% of Income**

This indicator attempts to show the amount of hourly wage a full-time worker would need to make in a specific county to keep their housing costs at 30 percent of their income, the generally accepted standard for affordability established by Congress and HUD. This dollar amount calculation was based on a 40 hour work week for 50 weeks of the year.

### **AFDC/W-2 Recipients (per 1,000 residents)**

AFDC caseload data are based on monthly average counts of AFDC/W-2 recipients for each calendar year. Data are from unpublished reports provided by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Rates were developed using the estimated population for each year. Data for W-2 includes children receiving other forms of cash assistance due to living with a parent with disabilities on SSI (Caretaker Supplement) or living with a relative (Kinship Care). Prior to 1998 families in these programs would have received benefits under the AFDC program. [www.dwd.state.wi.us](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us)

### **Children in Families with W-2 Paid Placements (per 1,000 Residents) & Caretaker Supplement (per 1,000 Children)**

Data are calendar year monthly averages from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Web address: [www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/w2/default.htm](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/w2/default.htm)

### **Kinship Care (per 1,000 children)**

Data provided by the Department of Health and Family Services. Rates were developed using the population of children under age 18 for each year.

### **Food Stamp Recipients (per 1,000 residents)**

Reported data are calendar year monthly averages from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Web address: [www.dhfs.state.wi.us](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us).

### **Children Receiving Free & Reduced Lunch (% of students enrolled in school)**

Data are from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Eligibility for both free and reduced-price lunch is determined by an application process in which students or their parents show annual household income to be at or below 185% of the federal poverty line. Web address: [www.dpi.state.wi.us](http://www.dpi.state.wi.us).

**School lunch eligibility** is generally the best measurement annually available to estimate the percentage of low-income children in each school district. A limitation of these percentages is that there are an unknown number of students who do not apply for the program, but who would otherwise be eligible. Therefore, percentages of eligible students may underestimate the actual percentage of low-income students in each district.

### **Births to Mothers with Less Than a High School Education (%)**

Education of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data for 1997 and 2000 are from *Public Health Profiles - Wisconsin*, and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator. Data for 2003 are from Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics WISH data system. The percentages were calculated using the number of all births as the denominator.

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

## **CHILDREN ARE SAFE**

### **Accidental Death Rate (per 10,000 children)**

These data for each of the three years were taken obtained using the WISH query system (Wisconsin Interactive Health Statistics.) They include all deaths of children 0-17 that were listed on death certificates as resulting from accidental injuries. Because the rates (rather than the number of deaths) were taken from the DHFS website, the county population number in the denominator is a state estimate, and those estimates differ somewhat from the U.S. Census Bureau child population estimates that were generally used in calculating the rates for other indicators. <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wish/index.htm>

### **Foster, Group Home, and Residential Placements (per 1,000 children)**

Data include county residents below age 18 placed in foster homes, group homes, and child caring institutions/residential treatment centers. Data from 1991 and 1995 are from reports generated by Professor Mark Courtney, University of Wisconsin Madison, School of Social Work. Rates of placement were developed using the estimated child population for each year. Data for 2000, 2002 and 2003 is from an unpublished report from the Department of Health and Family Services, Office of Policy, Evaluation and Planning.

### **Court Ordered Kinship Care Placements (per 1,000 Children)**

Data from an unpublished report from the Department of Health and Family Services, Office of Policy, Evaluation and Planning. Prior to 1997, children placed in court ordered kinship care would have been placed through the AFDC system.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations (per 1,000)**

Data are from *Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Reports: Annual Reports* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Children and Family Services, Office of Policy, Evaluation and Planning. 2003 data can be found at Table 12 in the most recent report, web address:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Children/CPS/PDF/2003CANReport.pdf>

### **Domestic Violence Total Incidents, Domestic Violence Total Arrests and Domestic Violence Dual Arrests (per 1,000 adults)**

Prior to 2003, data are from Domestic Abuse Incident Reports (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services. 2003 data are from an unpublished report from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services. In 2003, the domestic violence data was in transition from one system to another. Data presented here may not be an accurate accounting of domestic violence in most counties, as many counties did not fill out the forms completely or accurately. It is hoped that with a new data system, future information will be more accurate.

## **YOUTH ARE MAKING GOOD CHOICES**

### **High School Graduation (%)**

Data for selected years from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The enrollment (PK-12) data is as of the third Friday in September. The enrollment information is collected on PI-1290, Fall Enrollment Report. The graduate information is collected on the School Performance Report (SPR). [www.dpi.state.wi.us](http://www.dpi.state.wi.us).

**1998-1999 and Subsequent School Years** - The number of graduates divided by the number of graduates plus dropouts

over four years, expressed as a percentage.

**1997-1998 and Prior School Years** - The number of graduates divided by 12th grade enrollment (counted on the third Friday of September), expressed as a percentage.

**Out-of-school suspensions** are absences from school imposed by the school district for disciplinary reasons.

#### **Students Taking the ACT Test (%)**

2003 ACT data was gathered through the Department of Public Instruction's WINSS Successful School Guide. The Office of Educational Accountability within the Department of Public Instruction provided 1999-00 ACT scores. Seniors from each graduating class who took the test are reported as a percentage of enrolled seniors for each district. The ACT is comprised of four sections: English, science, reading and math. Each section is worth a maximum of 36 points and is averaged together for a composite score.

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sig/index.html>.

#### **School Attendance (%)**

2003 attendance data was gathered through the Department of Public Instruction's WINSS Successful School Guide.

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sig/index.html>.

#### **Births to Teen Mothers (per 1,000 15 to 19 year olds)**

Data from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, *WISH Interactive Statistics on Health*,

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wish>

#### **Total Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 children)**

Arrest data are from *Crime and Arrests* (selected years), Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Statistical Analysis Center. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year. Web Address:

<http://oja.state.wi.us/asx/crimereports.asp>

#### **Violent Arrests (per 1,000 children)**

Violent arrests include those for murder, negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Arrest data are from *Crime and Arrests* (selected years), Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Statistical Analysis Center. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year.

#### **Part II Drug Arrests (per 1,000 children)**

Drug arrests include violations for sales and possession. Arrest data are from *Crime and Arrests* (selected years), Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Statistical Analysis Center. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year.

#### **Status Offenses (per 1,000 children)**

Status offenses consist of curfew violations, runaways, and liquor law violations. Arrest data are from *Crime and Arrests*

(selected years), Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Statistical Analysis Center. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year.

#### **Juvenile Placements in Correctional Institutions**

Juvenile placements in corrections institutions refers to the juveniles who are committed to the Department of Corrections, Division of Youth Corrections, after being adjudicated delinquent. These youth are then placed in a juvenile correctional institution (JCI), such as Ethan Allen School, Lincoln Hills School, Southern Oaks Girls School, or Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center. Numbers of children placed in JCIs are from the Department of Corrections, Division of Youth Corrections. Rates were developed using the estimated child population for each year.

### **CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL**

#### **School Children Meeting Immunization Requirements (%)**

Data are reported for the beginning of each school year. These data come from (1) *Public Health Profiles - Wisconsin* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics and (2) *School Assessment Data by County*, Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Bureau of Public Health, Immunization Program.

#### **Children under Age 5 Receiving WIC Services (per 1,000 children)**

Program data are reported by categories. The following categories were included in this report: breast-fed infants 0 - 12 months, nonbreast-fed infants 0 - 12 months, child age 1, child age 2, child age 3, and child age 4. These data for selected years are from unpublished reports, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin WIC Program. Rates were developed using the estimated population of children from birth up to and including children age 4 for each year. Note: The total for the counties does not equal the statewide total because some people were counted more than once during the fiscal year due to the fact that they lived in more than one county during that year; however, the state total is an unduplicated count. Rates in some counties may be higher because of mobility and because some service areas are larger than the county.

#### **Children in 4 Year Old Kindergarten (per 1,000 4yr olds)**

Rates were developed using the county population of 4 year olds and by assigning school district enrollment to counties. Caution should be used when looking at these data as school districts do not fall neatly into county boundaries; therefore may exaggerate or under-represent the portion of children enrolled. This is particularly true of small population counties.

### **Head Start Participation (per 1,000 birth to 4 yr olds)**

Statewide participation was provided by the Wisconsin Head Start Association from their annual report. Rates were developed using the population of children from birth through four-years-old.

### **Children Participating in Birth-to-Three Program (per 1,000 children)**

This program provides services for children from birth up to their third birthday. Transitional services are available for some three-year-olds, but they are not included in program participation counts. These are unpublished data from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities, Birth-to-Three Program. Rates were developed using the estimated population of children ages 0 to 3 for each year.

### **Licensed Child Care Slots (per 1,000 children ages 0-7)**

Licensed child care slots include those in group child care (eight or more children in a group center) and family child care (four to eight children in a private home) providing care and supervision of children under age 7. Licensing is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. These data are from unpublished reports provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Bureau of Regulation and Licensing. Rates were developed using the estimated population of children between ages 0 and 7 for each year.

### **Certified Child Care slots (per 1,000 children ages 0 - 7)**

Certification of child care sites is required for those sites that

receive public reimbursement and provide care to no more than three children under age 7. Child care slots have been estimated by multiplying the number of providers by 6. This multiplier is used by counties to estimate available slots. Certification is provided by county department of human/social services. These unpublished data were provided by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Economic Support. Rates were developed using the estimated population of children between ages 0 and 7 for each year.

### **Wisconsin Shares Participation (per 1,000 0-7 year olds)**

Data are from reports from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Welfare Initiatives. Subsidized children are those whose families are eligible to receive Wisconsin Shares, the child care funding program. Those children also have an authorization stating the amount that the Wisconsin Shares Program will pay toward the cost of child care. Children are eligible in licensed, certified and "provisionally" certified settings. The Wisconsin Shares program began in the fall of 1997 for that reason, no data is reported in this publication until 2000. Rates for 2000 were developed using the population of children age birth through age 7. Rates for 2003 were developed using demographic data by year of age from the National Center for Health Statistics. Estimates of the July 1, 2000-July 1, 2003, United States resident population from the Vintage 2003 postcensal series by year, county, age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, prepared under a collaborative arrangement with the U.S. Census Bureau. Available on the Internet at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/popbridge/popbridge.htm>.





# 2005 Federal Poverty Levels

Wisconsin Budget Project  
(An initiative of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families)

## A N N U A L

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$9,570	\$11,006	\$12,441	\$14,355	\$17,705	\$19,140
Two	\$12,830	14,755	\$16,679	19,245	23,736	25,660
Three	\$16,090	18,504	\$20,917	24,135	29,767	32,180
Four	\$19,350	22,253	\$25,155	29,025	35,798	38,700
Five	\$22,610	26,002	\$29,393	33,915	41,829	45,220
Six	\$25,870	29,751	\$33,631	38,805	47,860	51,740

For each additional person, add \$3,260/yr. (\$272/mo. or \$1.57/hr) for families at 100% of poverty.

## M O N T H L Y

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$798	\$917	\$1,037	\$1,196	\$1,475	\$1,595
Two	1,069	1,230	\$1,390	1,604	1,978	2,138
Three	1,341	1,542	\$1,743	2,011	2,481	2,682
Four	1,613	1,854	\$2,096	2,419	2,983	3,225
Five	1,884	2,167	\$2,449	2,826	3,486	3,768
Six	2,156	2,479	\$2,803	3,234	3,988	4,312

## H O U R L Y \*

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$4.60	\$5.29	\$5.98	\$6.90	\$8.51	\$9.20
Two	6.17	7.09	\$8.02	9.25	11.41	12.34
Three	7.74	8.90	\$10.06	11.60	14.31	15.47
Four	9.30	10.70	\$12.09	13.95	17.21	18.61
Five	10.87	12.50	\$14.13	16.31	20.11	21.74
Six	12.44	14.30	\$16.17	18.66	23.01	24.88

\* Assumes 2080 hours per year.

Note: Significance of Indicated Poverty Levels:

115% is the maximum income level for participation in W-2

130% is the maximum income level for Food Stamp (food stamp) eligibility

150% is the income level at which co-payment is required for BadgerCare services

185% is the maximum income level for eligibility for child care, Healthy Start and BadgerCare\*\*

\*\*200% is the maximum income level for eligibility for child care and BadgerCare for families that qualify initially at 185%

## About the Council

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