



Indicator Sources & Explanations

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CHANGING COMMUNITIES:

All data are from the Census Bureau's web based system for retrieving data from the 1990, 2000 and Community Supplementary Survey <http://factfinder.census.gov> and the Annie E. Casey Foundation Web Site <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census>.

NOTES ON CENSUS DATA:

Race and Ethnicity

For 2000, data represents only children who chose one race in the 2000 Census. Due to changes between the 1990 and 2000 Census, the number of children of color may be under represented in this data. The 2000 Census was the first in which individuals could choose multiple races (ie Black and Asian, or Asian, Native American and White) or the category "some other race". In 2000, 34,789 children (2.5%) chose "two or more races" and 3,899 children (2.3%) chose "some other race". Hispanic children can be children of any race (ie Hispanic White, Hispanic Black).

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The percentage was calculated using the total number of family households in each county and the number of grandparents who report financial responsibility for their grandchildren. The result is an approximation of the number of families with children being raised by their grandparents.

Children Living in High Poverty Neighborhoods

This data represents the share of children who live in census tracts where more than 18.6 percent of all persons live in families with annual incomes below the poverty threshold in 1999. All children in the census tract are represented whether they are living below the federal poverty level or not.

HEALTHY FAMILIES & CHILDREN THRIVE

Births to Unmarried Mothers (%)

Marital status of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data on live births are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics* (selected years) and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths* (selected years), 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. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish>

Prenatal Care Initiated in First Trimester of Pregnancy (%)

Data are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics* (selected years) and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics.

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 are from *Maternal and Child Health Wisconsin Statistics* (selected years) and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Infant Deaths (per 1,000 live births):

Infant deaths include all deaths, regardless of cause, for children under age one. Data are from *Maternal and Child Health - Wisconsin Statistics* (selected years) and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths* (selected years), 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.

Accidental Death Rate (per 10,000 children):

Includes all deaths listed on death certificates as motor vehicle accidents, other accidents and adverse effects for children. Unpublished data from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Suicide (per 10,000 children):

Data for selected years 1991 and 1995 are based on unpublished numbers from Cause of Death by Age, Table 10, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Data for 2000 and 2002 are from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Firearm Injury Center. This data is reported only in aggregate for the state as a whole as individual county numbers are too small to make a rate meaningful. This arrangement of data differs in 2000 and 2002 from previous years in which suicides are included in individual county accidental death data.

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

Data from selected 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 provide a snapshot of Medicaid eligibility as of December 31 for selected years. Data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health. 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.

Healthy Start Recipients (per 1,000 children):

Unpublished data were provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Health, Bureau of Public Health. Rates were calculated using the child population for each year.

Badger Care Enrollment (per 1,000 Children)

Data are from the Department of Health and Family Services Households with Health Insurance Population Reference Bureau. Analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (March Supplement), 2000 through 2002.

Disabled Child Supplemental Security Income 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.buduser.org.

Per Capita Income:

Data for selected years are from the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Web site address: www.bea.gov.

Unemployment Rate:

Rates are derived from *Civilian Labor Force Estimates - by Service Delivery Area* (selected years). Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Workforce Policy Bureau.

Fair Market Rent:

Data for selected years are from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Web address: www.buduser.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, *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.

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, Bureau of Welfare Initiatives. 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 (C-Supp) or living with a relative (Kinship Care). Prior to 1998 families in these programs would have received benefits under the AFDC program. Web Address: www.dwd.state.wi.us

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

Data are from reports from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Welfare Initiatives. Web Address: 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, Division of Supportive Living. Rates were developed using the population of children under age 18 for each year.

Food Stamp Recipients (per 1,000 residents):

Reported data are from unpublished reports provided by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Welfare Initiatives. Rates were developed using the estimated population. The state total includes recipients who received benefits from tribal agencies; however, individual county rates do not include clients of tribal agencies. As a result, some counties may appear to have fewer participants than is the case.

Children Receiving Free & Reduced Lunch (% of enrolled):

Percentages for school lunch eligibility for the 1999-00 and 2001-02 school years were gathered from October unpublished report from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Bureau for Food and Nutritional Services. The previous data for 1991 and 1995 lunch eligibility was taken from the June reports (The October report is now standard). 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. Students from households earning between 130-185% of the poverty line (\$21,710-\$30,895 for a four-person household in 1999-2000) qualify for reduced-price meals. Students from households below 130% qualify for free meals.

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.

CHILDREN ARE SAFE

Births to Mothers Under Age 18 (%):

Age of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data are from *Maternal and Child Health- Wisconsin Statistics* (selected years), *Births to Teens in Wisconsin* (selected years), and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Death* (selected years), 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.

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 and 2002 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, Bureau of Programs and Policies.
Web Address: <http://ucf.state.wi.us/home/CAN%20Report.htm>

Domestic Violence Total Incidents, Domestic Violence Total Arrests and Domestic Violence Dual Arrests (per 1,000 adults), Domestic violence instances where children are present (per 1,000 children):

Data are from *Domestic Abuse Incident Reports* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services. Note: Milwaukee County does not provide dual arrest data or report the presence of children.

YOUTH ARE MAKING GOOD CHOICES

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

Education of the mother is noted on Wisconsin birth certificates. Data are from *Public Health Profiles - Wisconsin* (selected years), and *Wisconsin Births and Infant Death* (selected years), 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.

High School Graduation (%)

Data for selected years from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Web Address: www.dpi.state.wi.us Get data explanation from DPI spread sheet.

Students Taking the ACT Test (%):

The Office of Educational Accountability within the Department of Public Instruction provided ACT participant data. 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.

School Attendance (%):

Data for selected years from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Web Address: www.dpi.state.wi.us

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. Child population estimates were provided by the Office of Justice Assistance.
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.

The following data are primarily from the published report *Juvenile Delinquents and Status Offenders in Out-of-Home Care and Youth Aids Expenditures in Wisconsin Counties* (selected years), Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Youth Services, Bureau of Community Resources. Additional unpublished data are from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Division of Youth Services. Note: County-specific data are not available for 1995.

Juvenile Placements in Correctional Institutions:

This refers to alleged or adjudicated youth placed in county juvenile correctional institutions.

Juvenile Placements in Out-of-Home Care:

A youth is considered "placed" in an out-of-home setting if a facility was paid for his or her care during the calendar year. These data relate only to alleged or adjudicated delinquent youth placed in foster homes, group homes, or child caring institutions.

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 Receiving WIC Services under Age 5 (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 4 yr 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 and 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):

State-wide 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.

SELECTED CITIES

Data from selected cities are from the 1990 and 2000 Census. U.S. Census Bureau Web Site: www.census.gov.

Home Ownership

Home ownership rates are determined by dividing the number of owner occupied housing by the total number of occupied housing.

College Degree & High School Completion

Percentages represent those who have completed a College/University Bachelor's Degree and those who have completed high school or high school equivalent.

Children Living in Poor Neighborhoods

The Population Reference Bureau using census data constructed this indicator. A neighborhood is considered poor if 20 percent of more of the population is below poverty.

2003 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

A N N U A L

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$8,980	\$10,327	\$11,674	\$13,470	\$16,613	\$17,960
Two	\$12,120	\$13,938	\$15,756	\$18,180	\$22,422	\$24,240
Three	\$15,260	\$17,549	\$19,838	\$22,890	\$28,231	\$30,520
Four	\$18,400	\$21,160	\$23,920	\$27,600	\$34,040	\$36,800
Five	\$21,540	\$24,771	\$28,002	\$32,310	\$39,849	\$43,080
Six	\$24,680	\$28,382	\$32,084	\$37,020	\$45,658	\$49,360

For each additional person, add \$3,140/yr. (\$262/mo.) for families at 100% of poverty .

M O N T H L Y

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$748	\$861	\$973	\$1,123	\$1,384	\$1,497
Two	\$1,010	\$1,162	\$1,313	\$1,515	\$1,869	\$2,020
Three	\$1,272	\$1,462	\$1,653	\$1,908	\$2,353	\$2,543
Four	\$1,533	\$1,763	\$1,993	\$2,300	\$2,837	\$3,067
Five	\$1,795	\$2,064	\$2,334	\$2,693	\$3,321	\$3,590
Six	\$2,057	\$2,365	\$2,674	\$3,085	\$3,805	\$4,113

H O U R L Y *

Group Size	100%	115%	130%	150%	185%	200%
One	\$4.32	\$4.96	\$5.61	\$6.48	\$7.99	\$8.63
Two	\$5.83	\$6.70	\$7.58	\$8.74	\$10.78	\$11.65
Three	\$7.34	\$8.44	\$9.54	\$11.00	\$13.57	\$14.67
Four	\$8.85	\$10.17	\$11.50	\$13.27	\$16.37	\$17.69
Five	\$10.36	\$11.91	\$13.46	\$15.53	\$19.16	\$20.71
Six	\$11.87	\$13.65	\$15.43	\$17.80	\$21.95	\$23.73

** 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 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%



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Emphasizing the core values of fairness, caring, and community, the Council conducts a variety of advocacy activities, including organizing expert research, educating the public, supporting key issues and legislation, and coordinating grassroots activity in communities all across Wisconsin.

In addition to publishing the *WisKids Count Data Book* – which seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children – the Council accomplishes its advocacy through several publications; educational conferences throughout the state; and key projects like the Better Badger Baby Bus Tour, W-2 Watch, the Wisconsin Budget Project, and Advocacy Camp among others.

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