

OCMH 2025 Annual Report

Wisconsin Child Well-Being Indicators Dashboard

Indicator Descriptions and Sources

Dashboard Notes:

The most recent available data at the time of print are used for 'current' statistics. Data from approximately five years prior are used for 'baseline' statistics. If source data indicates that the change is statistically significant (over 2 years, 5 years, or 10 years depending on the source), it is coded as such on the dashboard using the following colors.



Wisconsin is going in the wrong direction. Indicator change is known to be statistically significant.



Wisconsin seems to be headed in the wrong direction, but the change is not statistically significant, or significance is unknown.



This indicator did not meaningfully change (difference of 0.5% or less).



Wisconsin seems to be headed in the right direction, but the change is not statistically significant, or significance is unknown.



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For details on the county health rankings used to categorize these indicators— *Quality of Life, Social & Economic Factors, Clinical Care, Health Behaviors*—please see:

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/resources/2014-county-health-rankings-roadmaps-model-of-health>.

QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS

1. ACEs: Two or More Adverse Childhood Experiences

Description: The following question was answered by a parent/guardian of children ages 0-17 on the National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH). A composite measure of 11 Adverse Childhood Experience items asked in the NSCH. Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2018-2019
- WI current year: 2022-2023



Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from: www.childhealthdata.org.

2. Children who have emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions

Description: The following question was answered by a parent or guardian on the National Survey of Children's Health: "Does this child have a mental, emotional, developmental or behavioral (MEDB) problem, age 3-17 years?" Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2018-2019
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from: www.childhealthdata.org.

3. Youth Experiencing a Major Depressive Episode

Description: The percentage of adolescents ages 12-17 who reported experiencing a major depressive episode (MDE) in the past year, excluding homeless populations, non-civilians, or those in institutions such as jails or hospitals. Adolescents were defined as having an MDE with severe impairment if their depression caused severe problems with their ability to do chores at home, do well at work or school, get along with their family, or have a social life.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2018-2019
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health. State Prevalence Tables. Retrieved from: <https://datatools.samhsa.gov/saes/state> and <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/data-we-collect/nsduh-national-survey-drug-use-and-health/state-releases/2022-2023#:~:text=Find%20reports%20and%20tables%20for,Methodology>.

4. LGBT youth seriously considering suicide

Description: The following question was answered by those students who identified themselves as LGB in grades 9-12 on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS): During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide? The YRBS reported LGB students. Transgender students have higher suicidality rates, no less than the LGB reported rates, and are included in the national data.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: The Trevor Project. (2024). 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People. Retrieved from: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2024/>.

Source: Department of Public Instruction. 2019 YRBS Summary Tables. Retrieved from: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspwp/pdf/WI_2019_YRBS_Comparison_Tables.pdf and The Trevor Project. (2024). <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/state-reports-wisconsin-2024/>.

5. High school students with anxiety

Description: The percent of students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, have you had significant problems with feeling very anxious, nervous, tense, scared, or like something bad was going to happen?

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspwp/yrbs>.

6. High school students feeling sad or hopeless

Description: The percent of students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspwp/yrbs>.

7. Teens seriously considering suicide

Description: The percent of students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspwp/yrbs>.

8. Suicide Attempts

Description: The percent of students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, did you ever attempt suicide?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspwp/yrbs>.

9. Young Adults Experiencing Any Mental Illness

Description: The percentage of adults ages 18-25 who reported experiencing any mental illness in the past year on the National Survey of Drug Use and Health, excluding homeless populations, non-civilians, or those in institutions such as jails or hospitals.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2018-2019
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), Interactive NSDUH State Estimates. Retrieved from: <https://datatools.samhsa.gov/saes/state>.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

10. Low-Income Youth

Description: This metric is the percent of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Population Reference Bureau analysis of Census Supplementary Survey & American Community Survey as reported in The Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center. Retrieved from: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/47-children-below-200-poverty?loc=1&loct=2#detailed/2/51/true/1096,2545,1095,2048,1729/any/329,330>

11. Severe Housing Problems

Description: State rate of households with at least one of four issues that define severe housing: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.

- US current year: 2025
- WI baseline year: 2020
- WI current year: 2025

Source: UW Population Health Institute. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. Retrieved from: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/community-conditions/physical-environment/housing-and-transportation/severe-housing-problems?state=55&tab=1&year=2025>.

12. Mothers with Higher Education Degrees

Description: This metric is obtained from the birth record, showing the percent of births to a mother with an associate's, bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics. Natality Report via

CDC WONDER Online Database. Retrieved from:

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D149;jsessionid=E1C8A7CF428A80881E78EDC92CB4>.

13. Four-year-old Kindergarten Enrollment

Description: The percent of four-year olds who are enrolled in any state-funded 4K full or half-day, not including Special Education or Head Start.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source US: The National Institute for Early Education Research. State Preschool Yearbook. Retrieved from: <https://nieer.org/yearbook/2024/state-profiles/wisconsin> and <https://nieer.org/yearbook/2024/executive-summary>.

14. Foster Care Placements

Description: The rate of children per 1,000 entering into foster care. Types of placements include licensed family fostercare, treatment foster care, pre-adoptive foster homes, group homes and residential care centers, unlicensed relatives or non-relatives, and court-ordered placements.

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Retrieved from: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5692.pdf>.

Retrieved from: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/report/trends-foster-care-adoption>.

Retrieved from: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/102-child-population-by-gender?loc=1&loct=1#detailed/1/any/false/2545,1095,37/65/421,422>.

15. Difficulty with Friendships (social skills)

Description: The following question was answered by a parent or guardian on the National Survey of Children's Health: Compared to other children his or her age, how much difficulty does this child have making or keeping friends, age 6-17 years? Percent includes those who answered "A little difficulty" and "A lot of difficulty." Excludes responses marked "No difficulty." Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from: <https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11075&r=51&r2=1>.

16. Parents who attend child's activities

Description: The following question was answered by a parent or guardian on the National Survey of Children's Health: How often did you attend events or activities that this child participated in, age 6-17 years? Data is the number of caregivers who responded 'always' and 'usually' to the question. Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from:
<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11194&r=1&r2=51>.

17. Family Communicates Very Well

Description: The following was answered by a parent or guardian on the National Survey of Children's Health: How well can you and this child share ideas or talk about things that really matter, age 6-17 years? Data is the number of caregivers who responded 'very well' to the question. Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-23
- WI baseline year: 2019-20
- WI current year: 2022-23

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from:
<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11256&r=1&r2=51>.

18. School Connectedness

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered that they feel like they belong at their school. This is a site-added question by Wisconsin and not part of the national YRBS survey.

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs>

19. Trusted Adult at High School

Description: The following question was answered by high school students on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Is there at least one teacher or other adult in your school that you can talk to if you have a problem?

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2019



- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin HS Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report.

Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs>.

20. Seclusion and Restraint Incidents

Description: This is the count of K-12 students who were subject to seclusion or a restraint hold at school.

- US current year: 2023-24
- WI baseline year: 2019-20
- WI current year: 2023-24

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. (2025). Seclusion and Restraint in Wisconsin Public Schools. Retrieved from:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Seclusion_and_Restraint_Report_23-24.pdf.

21. School Suspensions

Description: This is the percentage of students who had one or more out-of-school suspensions.

- US current year: 2020-21
- WI baseline year: 2017-18
- WI current year: 2020-21

Source: U.S. Department of Education. Civil Rights Data Collection.

Retrieved from: <https://ocrdata.ed.gov/>. Retrieved from: <https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/>.

22. High School Graduation Rate

Description: This metric is the adjusted cohort graduation rate for the number of youth who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma.

- US current year: 2023-24
- WI baseline year: 2019-20
- WI current year: 2023-24

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. WISEdash Public Portal, High School Completion. Retrieved from:

<https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/dashboard/19933>. Retrieved from: <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/coi/high-school-graduation-rates>.

23. Employment (Young Adults)

Description: The percent of youth and young adults ages 16-24 who are employed either full or part time.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Wisconsin. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population in states by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age. Retrieved from:

24. Age 25 and Older with a Bachelor's Degree

Description: Percent of adults age 25 or older who received a bachelor's, master's, professional, or doctorate degree who are civilian, noninstitutionalized adults.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2020
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey. 1-Year Estimates Table, S1501 Educational Attainment. Retrieved from:

https://data.census.gov/table?q=S1501&g=010XX00US_040XX00US55&y=2024 and https://data.census.gov/table?q=S1501&g=010XX00US_040XX00US55&y=2020.

CLINICAL CARE

25. Mothers who obtained early prenatal care

Description: This metric captures the percent of mothers who received prenatal care within the first trimester of pregnancy.

- US current year: 2024
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics, Natality public-use data 2016-2022 via CDC Wonder Online Database. Retrieved from:

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D149;jsessionid=197CA2CF5E70EAD1E329DE8454A9>.

26. Difficulty Receiving Mental Health Treatment

Description: Children, ages 3 through 17, reported by their parents to have been diagnosed by a health care provider with a mental/behavioral condition (depression, anxiety problems, or behavioral or conduct problems) who had difficulty receiving treatment or counseling. Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from:

<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11114&r=1&r2=51>.

27. Doctors who did not ask about parental concerns with behavioral problems

Description: The following question was answered by a parent or guardian: During the past



12 months, did this child's doctors or other health care providers ask if you have concerns about this child's learning, development, or behavior, age 0-5 years? Data is the percentage of respondents indicating that their doctor did not ask about concerns. Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from:

<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11125&r=1&r2=51>.

28. Early Developmental Screen

Description: The following question was answered by a parent or guardian on The National Survey of Children's Health: Did the child receive a developmental screening using a parent-completed screening tool in the past 12 months, age 9-35 months? Two-year combined data are reported.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from:

<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11126&r=1&r2=51>.

29. Psychiatrists

Description: The total number of employed psychiatrists in Wisconsin, not exclusive to children.

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2024

Source: U.S. Department of Labor. May 2023, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational employment statistics, state occupational employment and wage estimates, Wisconsin. Retrieved from: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_research_estimates.htm.

30. School Nurses

Description: The percent of public school districts with a school nurse, including part-time nurses.

- US current year: 2024-25
- WI baseline year: 2021-22
- WI current year: 2024-25

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. 2017-2025 Wisconsin Trend Data on School Nurses. National Association of School Nurses. Retrieved from:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/2017-2025_WI_Trend_Data_on_School_Nursing.pdf. Retrieved from:

31, 32, 33. Availability of School Social Workers, Counselors and Psychologists

Description: The total number of social workers, counselors, and psychologists employed by school districts.

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2019-20
- WI current year: 2024-25

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Public Staffing. Retrieved from: <https://publicstaffreports.dpi.wi.gov/PubStaffReport/Public/PublicReport/StaffByEthnicityAndGenderReport>

HEALTH BEHAVIORS

34. Extracurricular Participation

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin kids (ages 6-17) whose parents reported that their child participated in an organized activity or lesson after school or on weekends. Two years combined data used.

- US current year: 2022-2023
- WI baseline year: 2019-2020
- WI current year: 2022-2023

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. National Survey of Children's Health. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Retrieved from: <https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=11190&r=1&r2=51>.

35. Electronically Bullied (cyber-bullying)

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied, counting being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media?

- US current year: 2023
- WI comparison year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> and <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>.

36. Bullied on School Property

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered yes to the following question: During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied on school property?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> and <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>.

37. Students who use electronics 3+ hours

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered the following question: On an average school day, how many hours do you spend in front of a TV, computer, smart phone, or other electronic device watching shows or videos, playing games, accessing the Internet, or using social media, not counting time spent doing schoolwork?

- US current year: NA
- WI baseline year: 2021
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs>.

38. Students who sleep 8+ hours on an average school night

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered the following question on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey: On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs>. Retrieved from: <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>

39. Teen Birth Rate

Description: Rate of live births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 each year.

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: Congressional Research Service. (2025). Retrieved from: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R45184#:~:text=In%202023%2C%20there%20were%20approximately,births%20in%20the%20United%20States.&text=About%2014%2C000%20of%20these%20births,a%202%25%20decline%20from%202022> and https://www.congress.gov/crs_external_products/R/HTML/R45184.web.html#_Ref194934626

40. Students who currently vape (any product)

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who currently use any vape product (on at least one day in the last 30 days).

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2017



- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> and <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>.

41. Students who drink alcohol

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who currently drink alcohol (at least one drink, at least one day the past 30 days).

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> and <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>.

42. Students who have experienced sexual dating violence

Description: Percentage of Wisconsin students who answered the following question: During the past 12 months, how many times did someone you were dating or going out with force you to do sexual things (counting such things as kissing, touching or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse)?

- US current year: 2023
- WI baseline year: 2019
- WI current year: 2023

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results. Wisconsin High School Survey, 10-year Trend Analysis Report. Retrieved from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> and <https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/>.