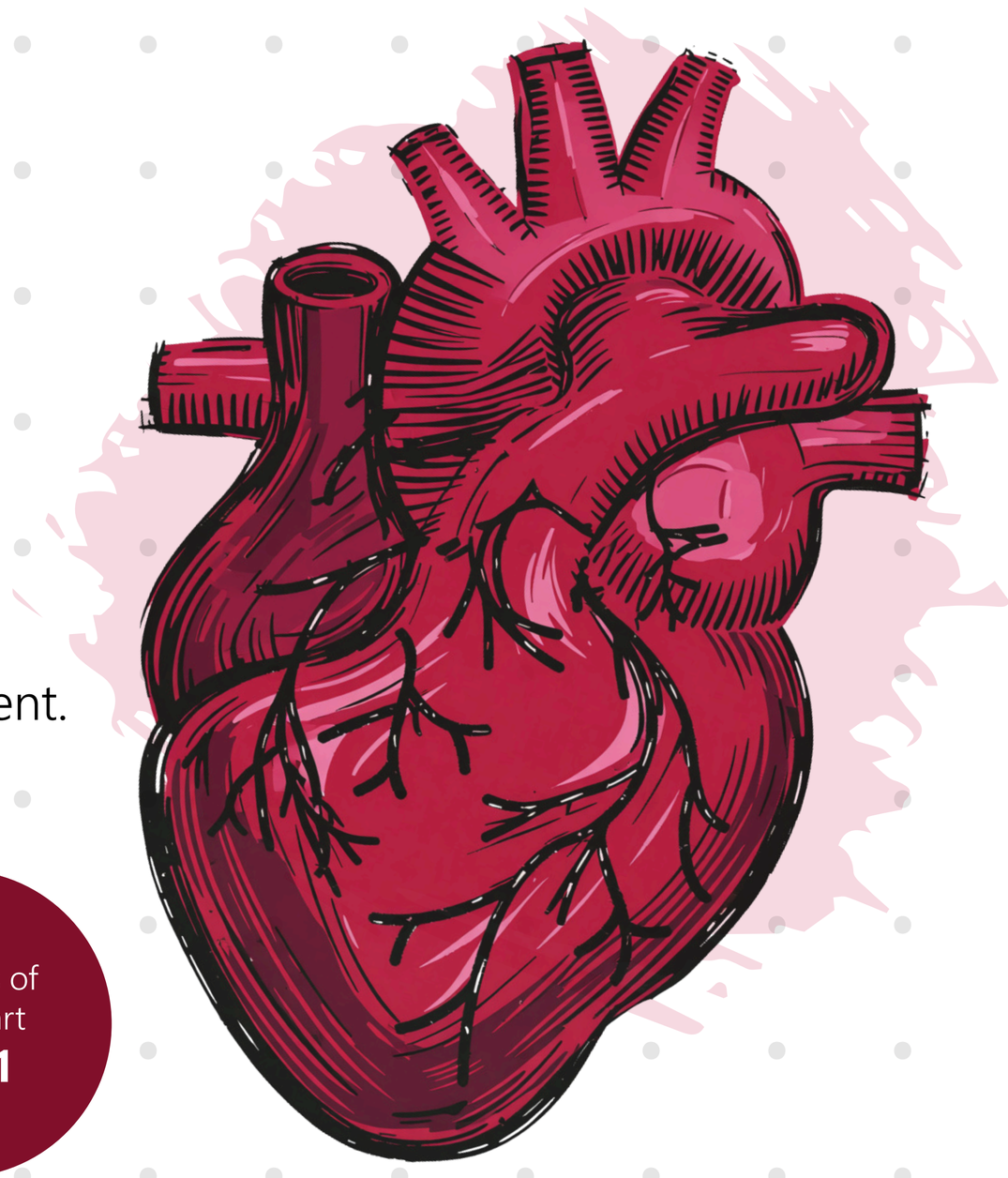
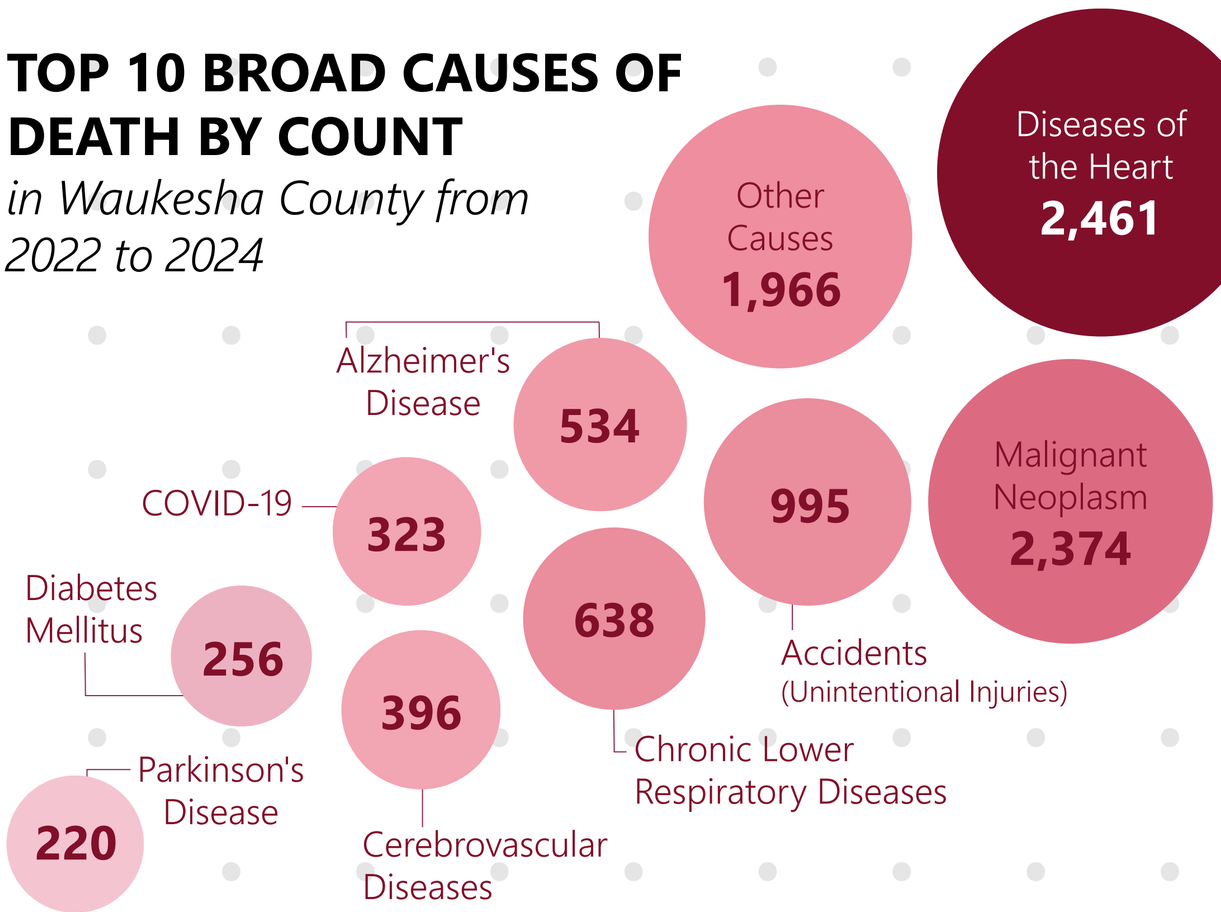
Chronic Diseases

Long-lasting health conditions that often develop over time and require ongoing care or management. Examples include diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and chronic lung disease.



TOP 10 BROAD CAUSES OF DEATH BY COUNT

in Waukesha County from 2022 to 2024



"Chronic illness affects almost everyone we know and is becoming unaffordable and inaccessible to treat"

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

26%
Chronic Disease

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 26% of respondents identified chronic diseases, including diabetes and heart disease, as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

2025 Diabetes Hospitalization Rates (HR)

Per 100,000 Residents

Diabetes hospitalization rates (HR) are lower in Waukesha County than statewide, but diabetes and its complications continue to result in preventable hospitalizations.

	Waukesha County	WI
Diabetes Hospitalization Rate (HR)	118.8	163.1
Diabetes long-term complications HR	72.7	102.5
Diabetes short-term complications HR	50.7	74
Uncontrolled diabetes HR	21	24.3

1 IN 12 **About Waukesha County adults have diagnosed diabetes.**



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Intimate Partner Domestic Violence

Physical, emotional, sexual, or psychological abuse used to harm or control a current or former romantic partner, family or household member. This can include threats, intimidation, physical harm, and controlling behaviors.

1 IN 3 WOMEN

experience **physical violence, sexual violence, and/or stalking** by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

"Domestic abuse seems to be growing. I am a survivor of domestic abuse. There needs to be more support."



LIFETIME COST = $135,000

The cost of intimate partner violence related medical care, lost productivity from paid work, and criminal justice costs over a victim's lifetime is $135,000 for women and $30,000 for men.

WHAT ABOUT TEENS?

1 IN 10

9.7% of Wisconsin high school students experienced sexual violence

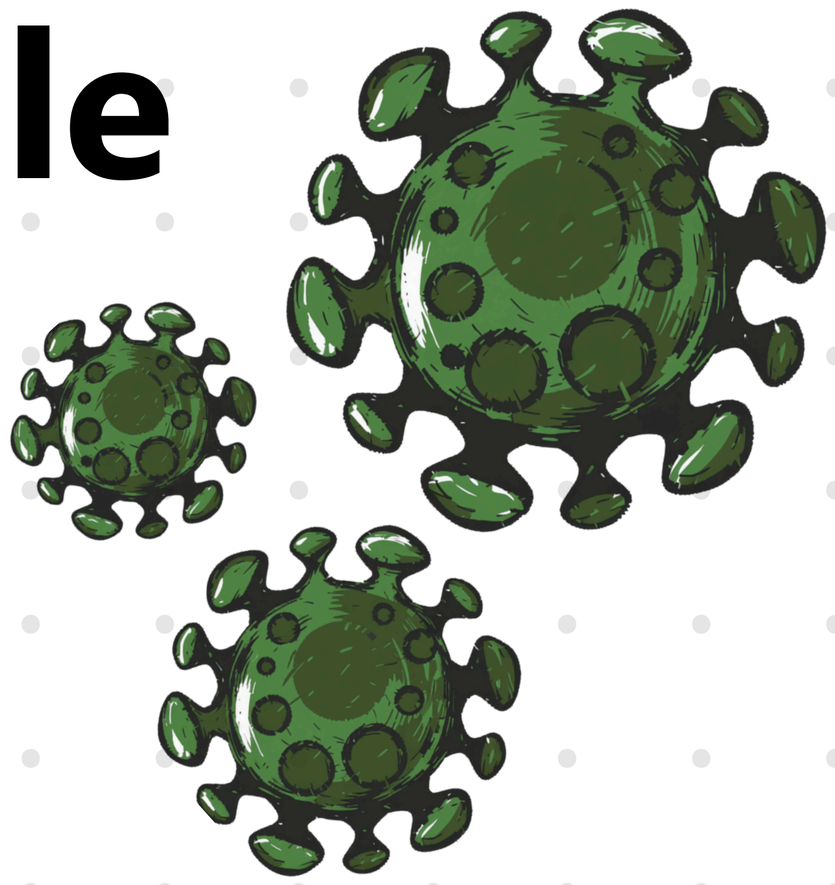
Being forced by anyone to do sexual things [counting such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse] that they did not want to do during the last 12 months in 2025

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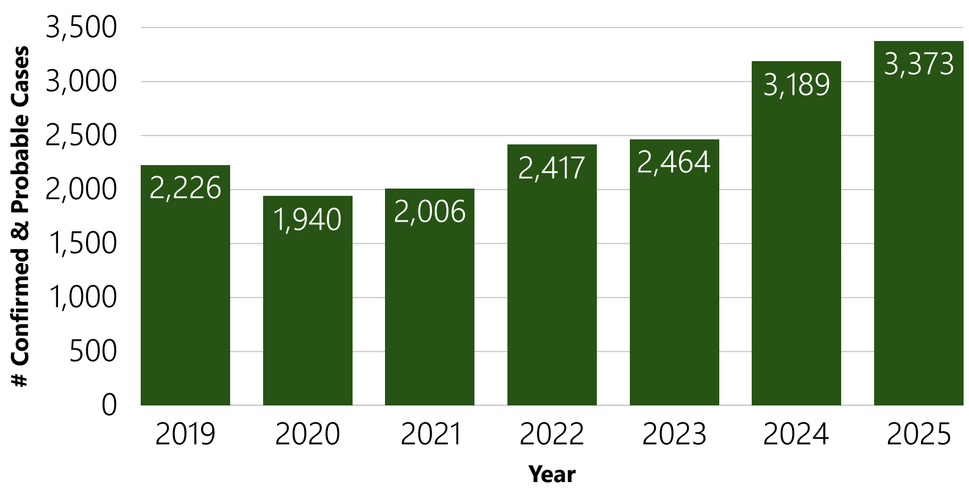
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Communicable Diseases



Illnesses caused by germs, such as viruses or bacteria, that can spread from one person to another, either directly or indirectly. Examples include influenza (flu), measles, COVID-19, and tuberculosis.

Reported Communicable Disease Cases, Waukesha County, 2019-2025



Note: number of reported Communicable diseases includes COVID-19 and influenza counts which reflects hospitalization-associated cases only and do not represent all infections occurring in the community.

Declining vaccination coverage can increase the risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks

"Communicable diseases, including influenza and measles, remain a significant public health concern due to their ability to spread rapidly and impact large numbers of individuals.

Recent increases in measles cases across the United States, combined with seasonal influenza outbreaks, continue to result in hospitalizations, missed work and school days, and increased healthcare costs."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

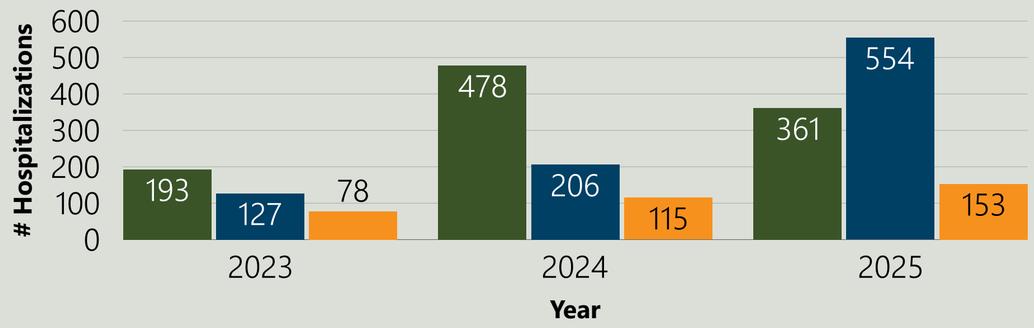
MMR VACCINATION COVERAGE,

Waukesha County, 2019–2025

MMR coverage remains below the level generally associated with strong community protection against measles.

Year	At least 1 dose by age 2	At least 2 doses by age 6	At least 2 doses between ages 6–18
2019	90.4	86.0	84.4
2020	89.2	83.8	84.8
2021	88.9	82.4	84.6
2022	86.9	82.2	84.7
2023	86.0	82.0	87.1
2024	85.4	80.2	87.0
2025	83.6	80.7	87.1

Respiratory Virus–Associated Hospitalizations, Waukesha County, 2023–2025



Influenza-associated hospitalizations increased sharply in 2025

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Maternal, Infant, & Child Health

The health and well-being of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and after delivery, as well as the health, growth, and development of infants and children. This includes access to prenatal care, healthy births, and early childhood development.

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES:

Waukesha County vs. Wisconsin

Waukesha County has lower rates of infant and child mortality, low birth weight, preterm births, and maternal risk factors compared to Wisconsin overall.

	Time Period	Waukesha County	WI
Birth rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15–50)	2024	48.7	50.7
Child mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 residents under age 20)	2019-2022	33.4	50.0
Infant mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2020-2024	4.3	5.7
Low birth weight (% of live births)	2020-2024	6.6	7.8
Births with at least one maternal risk factor (% of births)	2020-2024	20.7	24.7
Preterm births (% of live births)	2020-2024	9.8	10.9



Wisconsin received a C+ on the 2026 Maternal Mental Health State Report Card, improving from a C in 2025. The report evaluates maternal mental health screening, access to treatment, and supportive policies.

Eleven states and Washington, D.C., received higher grades, highlighting opportunities for Wisconsin strengthen maternal mental health services and supports.

12%

Postpartum Depression

Approximately 1 in 8 women in Wisconsin experienced postpartum depression following a recent live birth (12%).



"Healthy pregnancies, access to prenatal and pediatric care, quality childcare, and support for parents and young children are essential for giving children a strong start in life. Investing in maternal and child health has long-term benefits for families and the overall community."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

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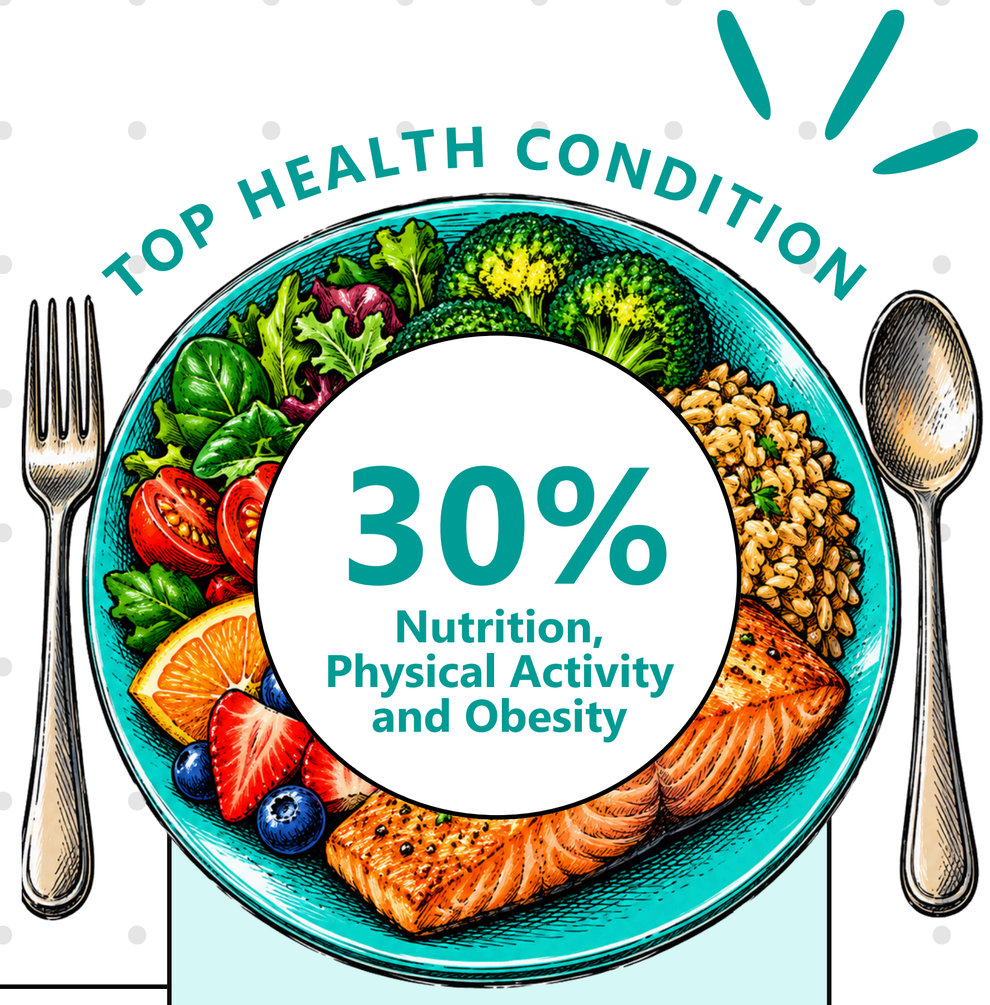
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Nutrition & Obesity

Access to healthy, nutritious foods and maintaining a healthy weight. This includes healthy eating habits, food insecurity, and preventing health conditions associated with obesity, such as diabetes and heart disease.

HEALTHY FOOD ENVIRONMENT:
Waukesha County vs. Wisconsin

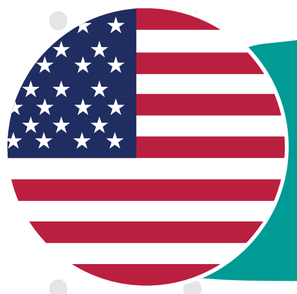
	Time Period	Waukesha County	WI
Limited Access to Healthy Foods (% of residents)	2019	5.0	5.0
Food Environment Index The Food Environment Index (FEI) is a 0–10 score created by County Health Rankings that measures both access to healthy foods and socioeconomic barriers such as income and transportation, using USDA Food Environment Atlas and Feeding America data.	2022	9.3	8.8



In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 30% of respondents identified Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

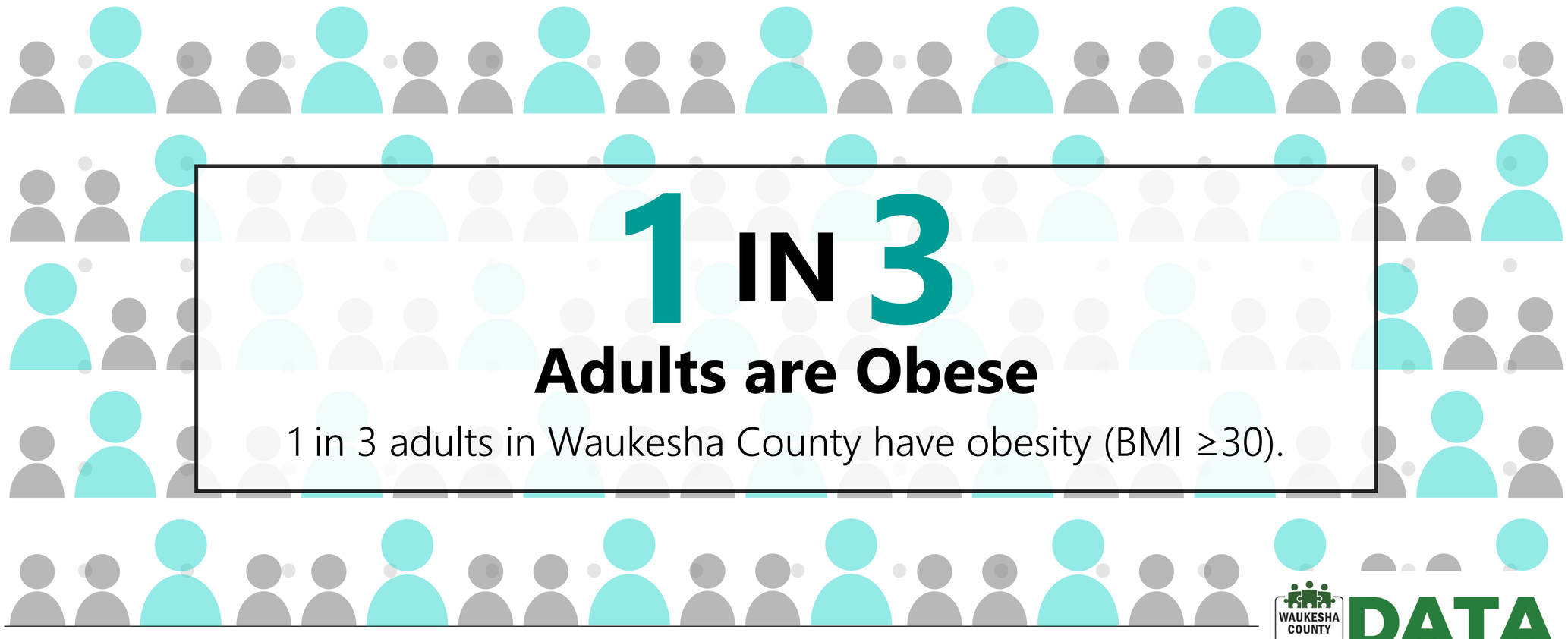
"I think as a country, we have made it very hard to eat healthy. I would love to see more being done at a local level to combat obesity and other issues."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent



Americans consume too much added sugar, which can put their health at risk.

Adult **men** consume an average of **19 teaspoons** of added sugar daily, compared to **15 for women**. **3 in 5** Americans ages 2+ exceed recommended added sugar limits.



1 IN 3
Adults are Obese

1 in 3 adults in Waukesha County have obesity (BMI ≥30).

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Reproductive & Sexual Health

The health and well-being of the reproductive system and sexual health throughout life. This includes access to contraception, family planning, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and reproductive health care.



"Often overlooked but directly ties to maternal health outcomes."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

HIV Prevalence



55 in every **100,000**

of people age 13 and above are living with a diagnosis of HIV in Waukesha County (2023)

Syphilis Rate

2.8 per **100,000**

of Waukesha County women ages 15–44 had primary or secondary syphilis (2023)

68%

of **19,061** reported STI cases for the SE Region of Wisconsin were **Chlamydia** (2024)

211.8

Sexually Transmitted Infection **(STI) Incidence Rate** cases per 100,000 (2023)

83.6%

of women recieved **Mammography Screening** in Waukesha County (2022)

85.5%

of women received **Pap Smears Screening** in Waukesha County (2020)

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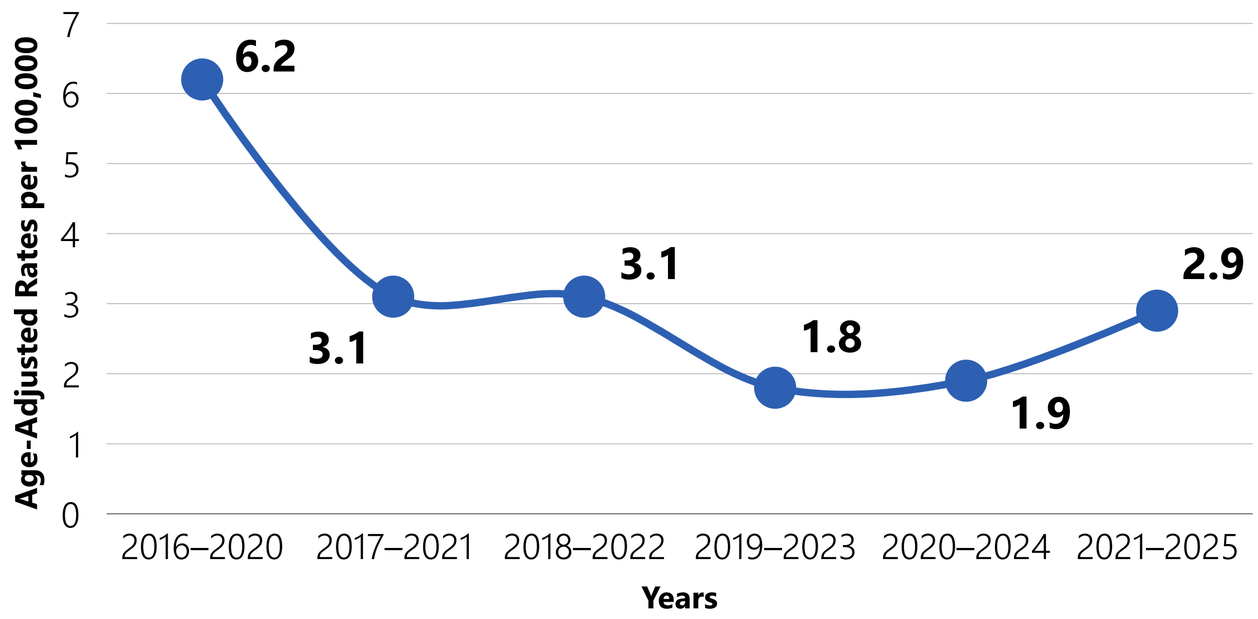
Unintentional Injury

Injuries that occur without the intent to cause harm, such as falls, motor vehicle crashes, and accidental poisonings. This includes preventing injuries and promoting safety at home, at work, and in the community.

Average Age-Adjusted Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning-Related Emergency Department Visits

Waukesha County, 2016-2020 to 2021-2025, Per 100,000

Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable, yet ED visit rates in Waukesha County have risen from 1.8 to 2.9 per 100,000 in recent overlapping five-year periods, reinforcing the importance of prevention.

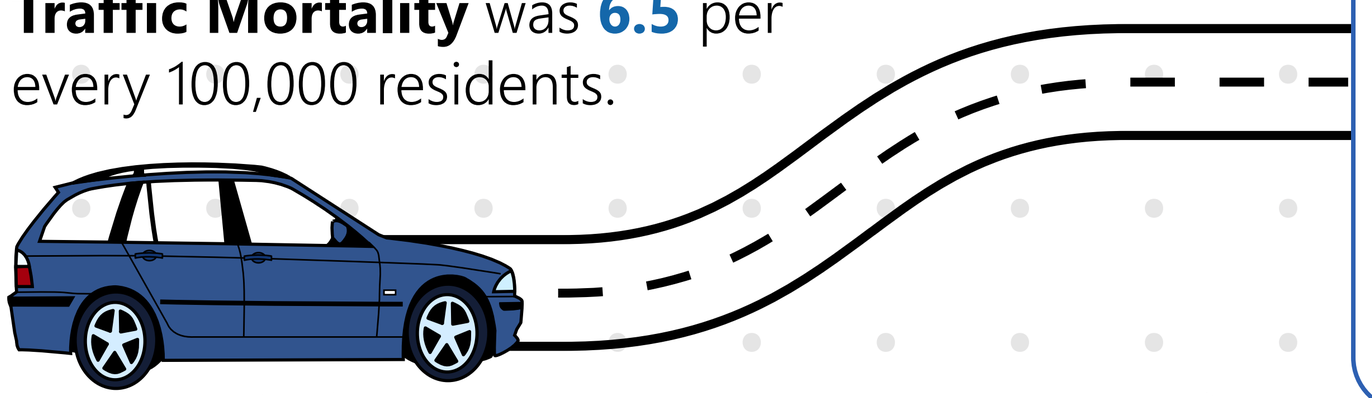




The rate of Unintentional ER Visits due to **FALLS** for **residents 65+** is **7,702** per 100,000 residents **increasing** from **5,165** in 2020.

Unintentional Injury Mortality in 2024 was **76.4** per 100,000 residents.

In 2024, Waukesha County **Motor Vehicle Traffic Mortality** was **6.5** per every 100,000 residents.



8 firearm related deaths per 100,000 residents in Waukesha County (2019–2023).

"All too often people get hurt because they either don't know how to do something safely or they were told incorrect information. It happens in working places. It happens at home. It happens out in the community. It doesn't have to."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

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Education
Access & Quality

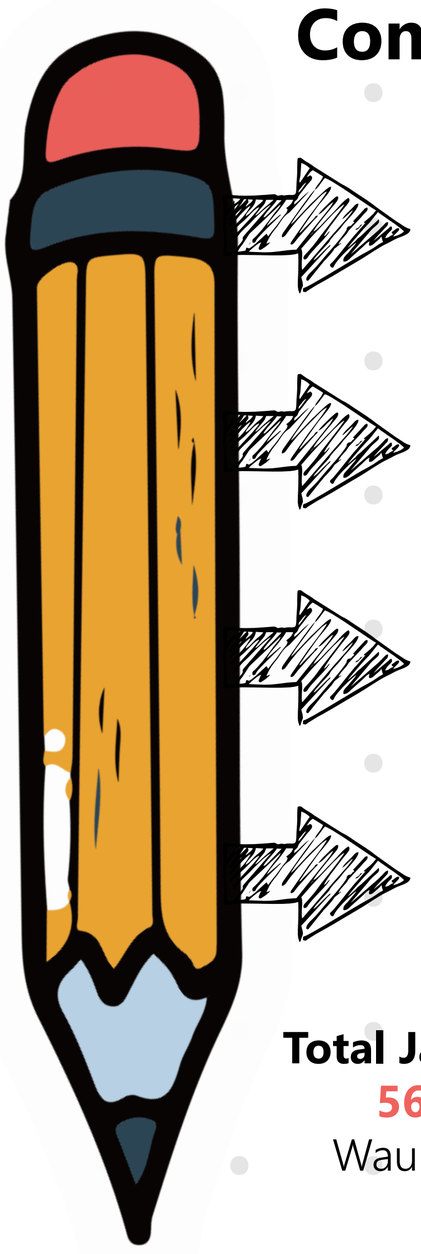


The ability to access high-quality education and learning opportunities throughout life. This includes early childhood education, K–12 schools, higher education, job training, and other opportunities that support learning and future success.

DID YOU KNOW?

Eight of Wisconsin's top 25 public high schools (32%) are located in **Waukesha County**, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2026–2027 Best High Schools rankings.

Waukesha County School Composition



- 19 School Districts
- 15 Public Charter Schools
- 1 University
- 1 Technical College

Total January 2026 Enrollment:
56,751 students across Waukesha County's 19 public school districts.

School Funding Adequacy

Amount by which average per-pupil spending exceeds the estimated funding needed to achieve average U.S. test scores

$9,860

High School Graduation Rate

97.2%

College Graduation Rate

50.4%

"Education is key to the future. It needs to be easily accessible to all regardless of ethnic background or socio-economic status"

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

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Physical Activity

Movement and exercise that support physical and mental health. This includes walking, biking, sports, and other activities that improve fitness, prevent chronic diseases, and promote overall well-being.



PHYSICAL INACTIVITY IN THE USA

- In the United States, inactivity contributes to **1 in 10 premature deaths**.
- About 110,000 deaths could be prevented annually if U.S. adults increased moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by even 10 minutes per day.

71%

of Waukesha County residents have **access to parks**.

97.4%

of Waukesha County residents have **access to exercise opportunities.**

20%

of adults in Waukesha County reported participating in **no physical activity** outside of work in 2023.

Waukesha County Parks, Trails, and Lakes were identified as one of its **greatest asset** from the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

"Nutrition and physical activity are the cornerstone to healthy living and impact other health conditions."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 30% of respondents identified Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

30%

Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity

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Accessible & Affordable Transportation



The ability to get where you need to go safely, reliably, and at an affordable cost. This includes access to public transportation, rideshare services, biking and walking options, and transportation for people with disabilities or limited mobility.

> "Busing allows people to get to work, to see family and friends. People need busing, and my area doesn't have any."
>
> *~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent*



WAUKESHA METRO DATA	
Annual Passenger Miles Traveled	1,875,919
Average Week Day Unlinked Trips	1,433
Total Bus Routes	8 Routes, 364 Stops

"Apart from the Waukesha Metro public transport, the other options are very expensive."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

78% of Waukesha Residents are **Driving Alone to Work**



30% of Workers in Waukesha County who **drive alone and commute more than 30 minutes each way**

4,217 Vehical Miles Traveled

In 2022, Waukesha County recorded **approximately 4,217 million Vehical Miles Traveled**

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Affordable Childcare



Access to safe, reliable, and quality childcare at a cost families can afford. This includes care for infants and children before, during, and after the school day.

> "Affordable childcare is a major issue for working families, as high childcare costs can create financial stress and make it harder for parents to remain in the workforce while ensuring their children receive safe, quality care."
> *~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent*

30%

Childcare Cost Burden

The average household in Waukesha County with two children spends 30% of their income on childcare.

47.4%

Preschool Enrollment

47.4 % of Children ages 3–4 in Waukesha County are enrolled in preschool.

4

Head Start Programs in Waukesha County.

Head Start is a federally funded program that provides no-cost early childhood education.

$15,236

Annual Childcare Cost

The annual childcare cost for one infant in Waukesha County ***is higher than one year of in-state tuition at UW-Madison*** *($12,186)*

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

Affordable Childcare

16%

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 16% of respondents identified Affordable Childcare as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

The average **waitlist time** for childcare in Waukesha County is

3 TO 12 MONTHS

CHILD CARE TRENDS 2021 VS. 2025

+9.2%
Regulated Child Care Capacity
2021 Avg: 12,927 slots → 2025 Avg: 14,112 slots

-15.0%
Licensed Family Providers
2021 Avg: 27.8 → 2025 Avg: 23.7 providers

+0.6%
Total Child Care Providers
2021 Avg: 200.3 → 2025 Avg: 201.5 providers

Note: Percent changes compare the average of 12 monthly snapshots in 2021 and 2025. Data include school-age programs and seasonal camps. Regulated capacity reflects the maximum number of children programs can serve at one time, not actual enrollment or available openings.

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Economic Stability & Employment

The ability to earn a reliable income and meet basic needs. This includes access to jobs, fair wages, job security, and opportunities for education and career growth.

HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET

WAUKESHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, 2024

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages. The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology, and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement.

Expense	Single Adult	Single Adult 65+	Two Adults	Two Adults 65+	One Adult, One in Child Care	Two Adults, Two in Child Care
Housing	$1,067	$1,067	$1,243	$1,243	$1,243	$1,485
Child Care	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,083	$2,292
Food	$487	$448	$893	$822	$738	$1,320
Transportation	$353	$292	$528	$405	$446	$798
Health Care	$203	$509	$456	$1,018	$456	$738
Technology	$118	$118	$152	$152	$118	$152
Miscellaneous	$223	$243	$327	$364	$408	$679
Taxes	$367	$423	$452	$755	$579	$989
Monthly Total	$2,818	$3,100	$4,051	$4,759	$5,071	$8,453
Annual Total	$33,816	$37,200	$48,612	$57,108	$60,852	$101,436
Hourly Wage	$16.91	$18.60	$24.31	$28.55	$30.43	$50.72

*Monthly costs unless otherwise noted.

2024 ALICE Data — Waukesha County

- **Number of Households:** 170,197
- **Median Household Income**: $103,032 (WI average: $77,488)
- **Labor Force Participation Rate:** 67% (WI average: 65%)
- **ALICE Households:** 21% (WI average: 24%)
- **Households in Poverty:** 7% (WI average: 11%)

Understanding ALICE: ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. ALICE households earn above the federal poverty level but struggle to afford basic necessities such as housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care.

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

17%

Economic Stability & Employment

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 17% of respondents identified Economic Stability and Employment as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

Income Inequality

In Waukesha County, households with high income **had 4x that of** households with lower incomes

Unemployment

1.8 % of residents in Waukesha County are unemployed compared to the state average of **3.1%**

2.6% of people age 16 and older were **unemployed** but **seeking work.**

"As the income gap continues to widen, people cannot meet their basic needs with the rising costs of food, fuel, housing, etc."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent



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Substance Misuse

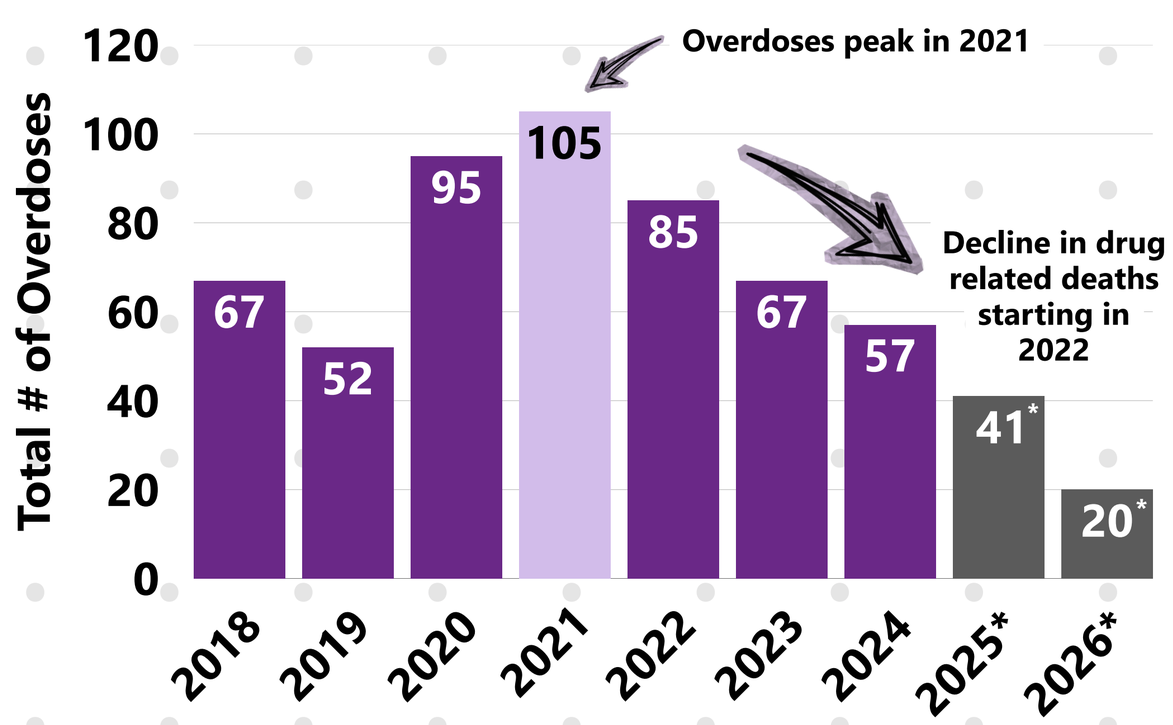
Substance misuse refers to the use of alcohol, opioids, stimulants, cannabis, or other drugs in ways that negatively affect a person's physical health, mental health, relationships, or daily life.

> "I've lost too many friends and family members. Maybe if there were more resources some of them would still be here."
> *~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent*

Males are **2.2x** more likely to **die from an overdose** than Females.

There were **3.8** **Substance Use Treatment Centers** per 100,000 residents (WI: 3.5) in 2025

Drug Related Deaths by Year in Waukesha County



(*2025 & 2026 year-to-date as of 10/31/26)

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

34% **Substance Misuse**

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 34% of respondents identified Substance Misuse as one of the top two health priorities for the county. Substance Misuse was the #2 ranked priority health condition or behavior.

"Family friends in the area struggle with addiction and I think continuing the process of destigmatizing asking for help is incredibly impactful.

I appreciate education efforts to highlight the disease and talk about how brave it is to seek help."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

2025 HOSPITALIZATION RATES

in Waukesha County per 100,000 residents

- Opioid Related: **221.7**
- Alcohol Use: **272.8**
- Substance Use: **322.2**

In 2025, Waukesha County had higher hospitalization rates per 100,000 residents than Wisconsin for opioid-related conditions (WI: 188.8), alcohol use (WI: 209.4), and substance use overall (WI: 256.5).

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Community Violence & Crime

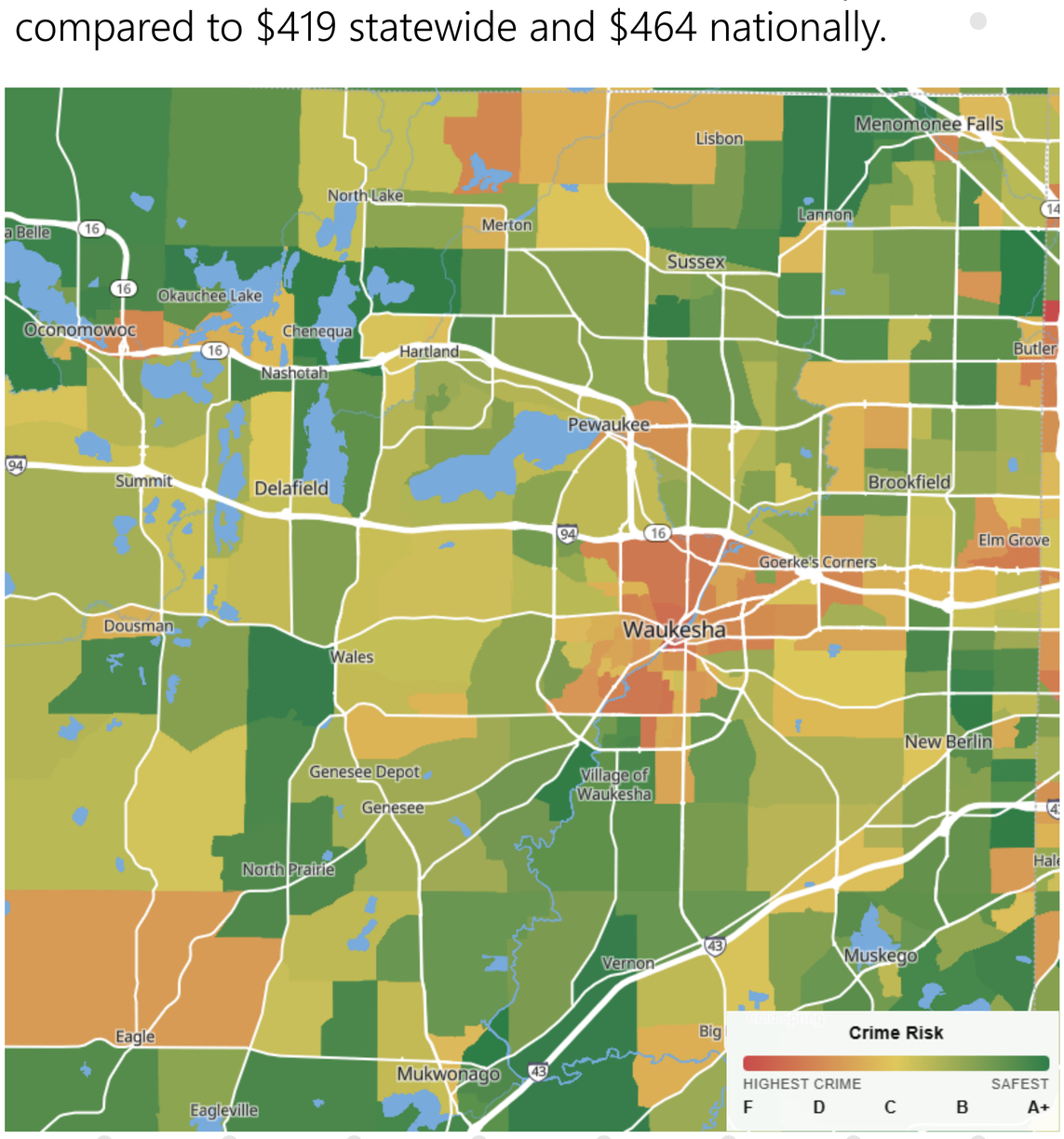


Violence, crime, and safety concerns that affect people where they live, work, and spend time. This includes preventing violence, reducing crime, and creating safe and supportive communities.

CRIME PER CAPITA IN WAUKESHA COUNTY

Waukesha County received an overall crime grade of A, ranking safer than 89% of U.S. counties according to CrimeGrade.org. On the map, **dark red** indicates the highest crime risk, while **dark green** indicates the lowest.

In 2025, the estimated cost of crime was $303 per resident, compared to $419 statewide and $464 nationally.



2024 CRIMES IN WAUKESHA COUNTY & WISCONSIN (WI)

per 100,000 residents

In 2024, Waukesha County had lower crime rates than Wisconsin across all categories, though property crime and theft remain areas for improvement.

CRIME	WAUKESHA COUNTY	WI
Aggravated assault and battery	316.2	787.8
Burglary	43.2	109.2
Larceny (Theft)	600.8	888.4
Drug-related Crime	528.5	804.3
Arson	0.7	6.0
Property Crime	675.7	1,166.7
Robbery	6.4	40.4
Criminal Sexual Assault	51.1	74.9

"Everyone in the community needs to feel safe when walking down the street, no matter the time of day."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

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Oral Health



The health of the teeth, gums, and mouth. This includes preventing tooth decay and gum disease, maintaining good oral hygiene, and ensuring access to dental care and treatment.

"The entire body needs a healthy mouth, dental insurance is extremely limited on what they cover."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

17% of Respondents had **Unmet Dental Care** in the past year

Waukesha County's 2026 Community Health Survey found that 17% of respondents reported unmet dental care needs, meeting the Healthy People 2030 target of 19% and falling slightly below the national rate (18%).

However, nearly 1 in 6 respondents (17%) experienced unmet dental care needs, highlighting ongoing barriers to accessing care.

These respondents identified the following reasons for not receiving care:

- **Could not afford (52%)**
- **Insurance didn't cover it (37%)**
- **Co-Payments were too high (27%)**
- **Uninsured (20%)**
- **Not enough time (18%)**
- **Unable to get an appointment (16%)**
- **Inconvenient hours (15%)**
- **Poor dental care available (14%)**
- **Didn't know where to go (9%)**

755

Dental problem emergency department visits in 2025

65.3%

of the population on public drinking water in Waukesha County had access to **fluoridated water** in 2024

Dental provider availability has improved since 2010.

Waukesha County's population-to-dentist ratio decreased from 1,230:1 (2010) to 1,010:1 (2023), compared to 1,360:1 in Wisconsin (2022).

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Safe & Affordable Housing

Access to stable, safe, and quality housing at a cost people can afford. This includes housing that is free from health and safety hazards and supports long-term stability and well-being.

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE = $519,837
September 2026
+6.1% compared to September 2025

MEDIAN HOME VALUE = $398,200
2020-2024 (WI: $266,500)

MEDIAN GROSS RENT = $1,356
2020-2024 (WI: $1,087)

OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS = 76%
2020-2024 (WI: 67.7%)

ADULTS WITH HOUSING INSECURITY = 7.5%
2023 (WI: 10.7%)



TOP HEALTH CONDITION

29%
Safe & Affordable Housing

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 29% of respondents identified Safe & Affordable Housing as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

"As the cost of living has risen so have housing prices, yet many people are unable to afford safe housing due to the unemployment rates and wages that don't match the increases in the price of housing."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

2024 HOUSING COST BURDEN

In Waukesha County & Wisconsin (WI)

Housing cost burden refers to households spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs, while severe housing cost burden refers to those spending more than 50%.

	Waukesha County	WI
Housing Cost Burden	25.5%	26.4%
Severe Housing Cost Burden	10.7%	11.7%

"Affordable housing is not available to help support the jobs that are not being filled. The cost of childcare also limits those needing jobs to work."

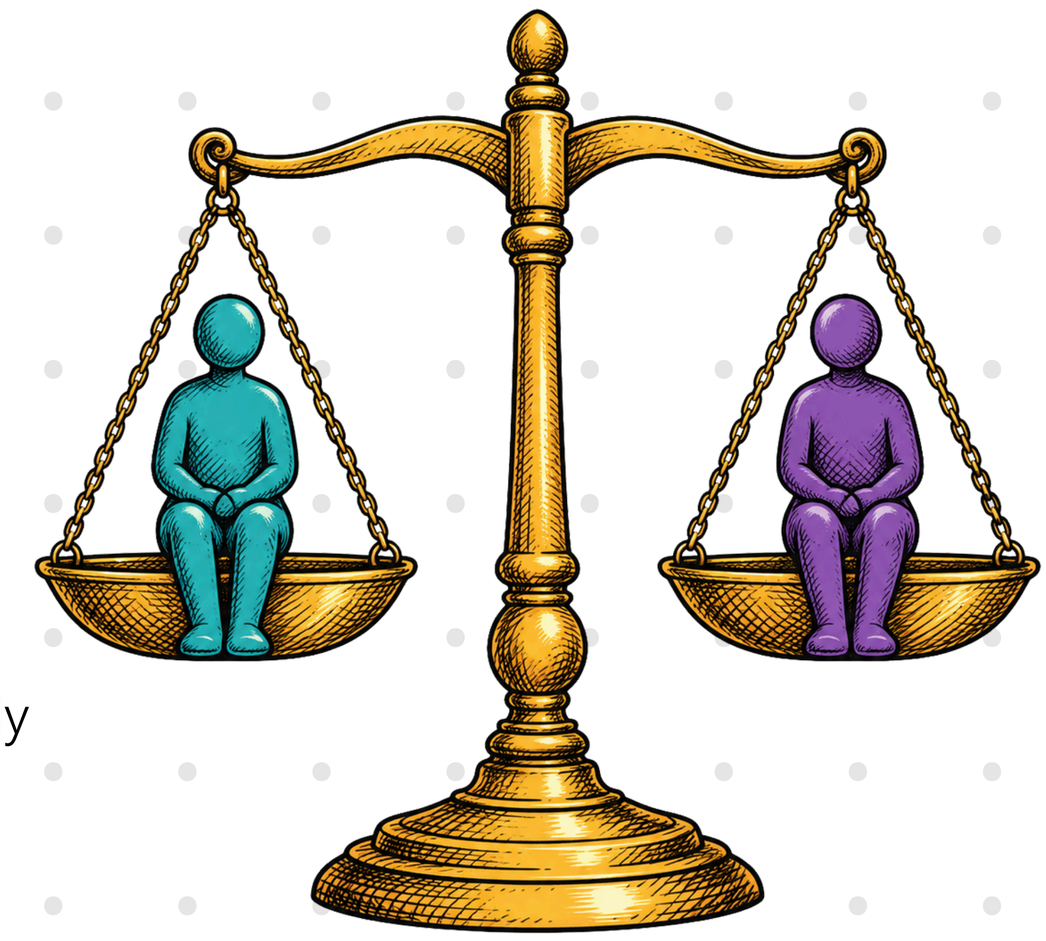
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Unfair Treatment



Experiences of being treated differently or unfairly because of personal characteristics, identity, background, or circumstances. This can affect access to opportunities, resources, services, and overall well-being.

"Being charged $180K and having funds taken leaving me destitute as a single parent. No support after a domestic violence situation."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

Women in Waukesha County earned an average of $0.78 for every $1.00 earned by men, compared to $0.81 statewide (2020-2024).



This reflects a larger gender income gap in Waukesha County than in Wisconsin overall.



Waukesha County had a **residential segregation index of 58 out of 100** for Black and White residents.

Lower scores indicate less residential segregation, while higher scores indicate greater segregation.

REASONS AND LOCATIONS OF UNFAIR TREATMENT

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

In 2026, **12%** of respondents reported that they or someone in their household **experienced unfair treatment** in Waukesha County. Among those describing their experiences (n=173), **race/ethnicity** was the most commonly reported reason and **government offices** the most commonly reported location.

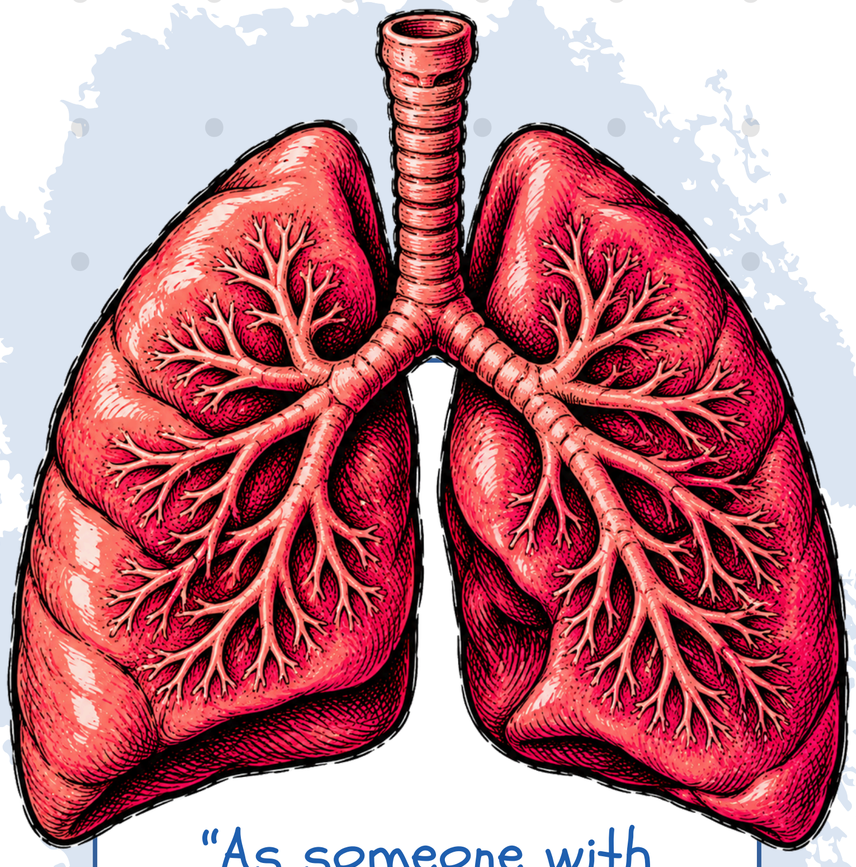
Reason for Unfair Treatment	2026	Location of Unfair Treatment	2026
Race/Ethnicity	12%	Government Office	13%
Disability/Health Condition	10%	Employment	7%
Sex	7%	Police	6%
Age	5%	School	6%

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Respiratory Diseases

Conditions that affect the lungs and airways, making it difficult to breathe. This includes asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and other lung conditions.



"As someone with asthma I struggle with air quality due to pervasive traffic and people burning."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

RESPIRATORY HEALTH INDICATORS

Waukesha County and Wisconsin (WI)

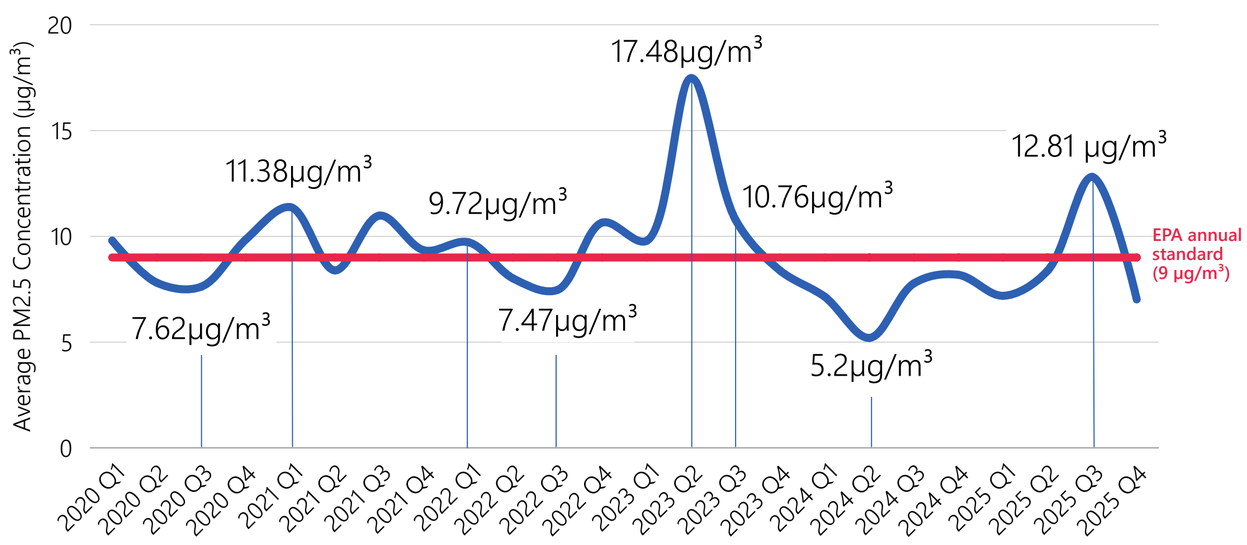
Indicator	Waukesha County	WI
Asthma hospitalization rate (2025)	16.6	18.5
Asthma emergency department visit rate (2025)	126.2	264.4
COPD prevalence (2023 County, 2024 WI)	4.1%	5.8%
COPD hospitalization rate (2025)	144.1	145.8
COPD emergency department visit rate (2025)	279.5	626.5
Pneumonia/flu hospitalization rate (2025)	211.6	203.8
Pneumonia/flu emergency department visit rate (2025)	662.2	925.1
Lung cancer diagnosis rate (2018–2022)	47.8	55.1

*Hospitalization, emergency department visit, and cancer diagnosis rates are per 100,000 residents.

QUARTERLY AVERAGE PM2.5

Waukesha–Cleveland Avenue Air Monitoring Station 2020–2025

Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) can worsen asthma and COPD. PM2.5 levels spiked in Q2 2023 during Canadian wildfire smoke events. The **red line** represents the EPA annual standard of 9 µg/m³, not a quarterly limit



RESPIRATORY-RELATED CAUSES OF DEATH

Waukesha County, 2022–2024

From 2022–2024, nine leading respiratory-related causes accounted for 1,284 deaths in Waukesha County.

Detailed Cause of Death	Deaths
Malignant neoplasms of trachea, bronchus, and lung	455
Other chronic lower respiratory diseases	356
Other diseases of respiratory system	174
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids	122
Pneumonia	101
Influenza	20
Emphysema	20
Asthma	19
Malignant neoplasm of larynx	17

**Three additional respiratory-related causes of death were suppressed due to small counts (fewer than five deaths per category).*

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Environmental Health

Including clean air, safe water, etc.



The conditions in the environment that can affect people's health and well-being. This includes clean air and water, safe food, healthy homes, and protection from pollution, hazardous substances, and other environmental risks.

In Waukesha County, **11%** of households from 2017-2021 **experienced at least one of the following housing promblems:**

- Overcrowding
- High Housing Costs
- Lack of Kitchen Facilities
- Lack of Plumbing Facilities

"Environmental health contributes to overall health. There's only one world and we need to work together to keep it clean for all. Resources are limited."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

In 2023, Waukesha County had an average of **16 Extreme Heat Days per year.**

Waukesha County ranks in **the 59th percentile** for our Envrionmental Burden Index.

2024, Percentile rank (0-100)

"I can't breathe. My neighborhood has houses very close together. It smells like smoke most days I want to open my window."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

DRINKING WATER NON-COMPLIANCE ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE INDEX

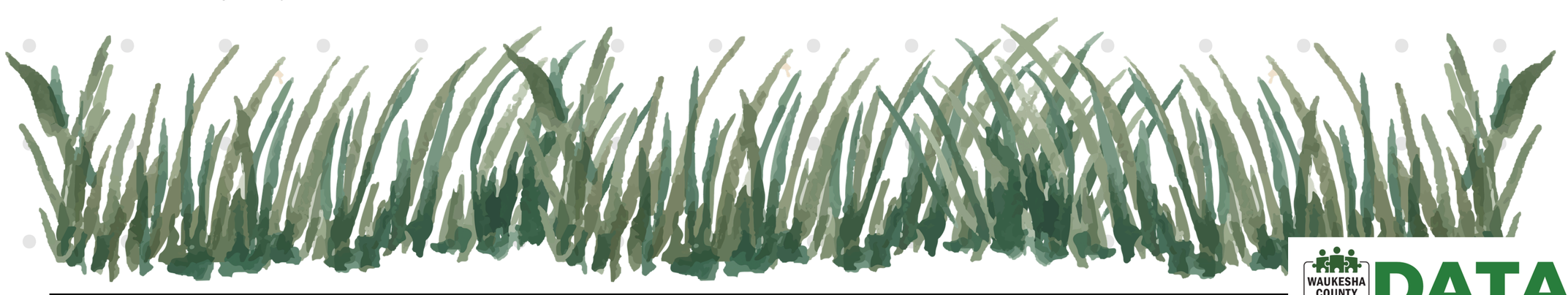
National Percentile (0–100)



The Drinking Water Non-Compliance Environmental Justice Index measures drinking water violations weighted by population vulnerability, with higher percentiles indicating greater burden. In 2023, Waukesha County scored 49.0, compared to Wisconsin's 25.5. The index reflects 2019–2023 data.

In October 2023, the City of Waukesha transitioned to Lake Michigan water to address groundwater contamination, which may contribute to improved scores as newer data become available.

Waukesha County	Wisconsin
49.0	25.5



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Food Insecurity

Limited or uncertain access to enough affordable, nutritious food to support a healthy life. This can include challenges with food availability, cost, or transportation to grocery stores and other food resources.

"Food insecurity remains a significant concern because access to nutritious food is essential for physical health, child development, educational achievement, and overall quality of life. Many individuals and families struggle to afford healthy food due to rising grocery costs, limited income, transportation barriers, or unexpected financial hardships"

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

5.1 %
RESIDENTS LIVE IN FOOD DESERTS
in 2019 (WI: 4.3%)

AVERAGE MEAL COST = $3.93

FOOD AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

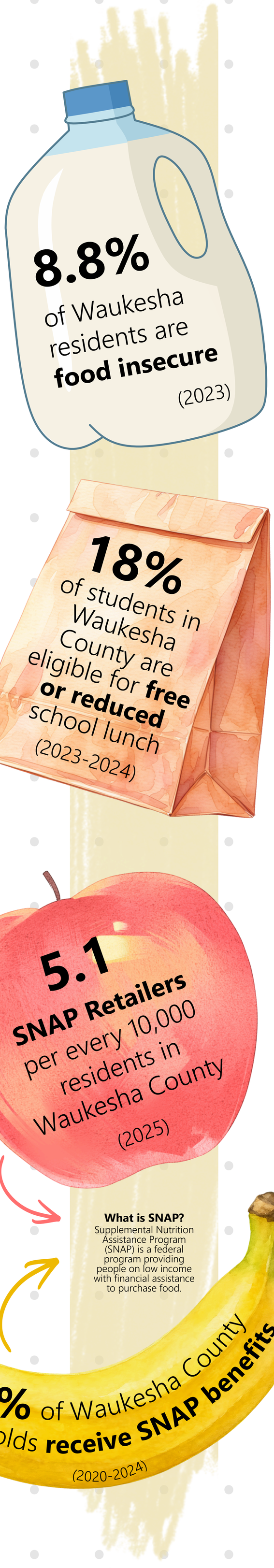
In the 2026 Community Health Survey, **3%** of respondents reported being able to afford the food they wanted but having difficulty accessing it, while **12%** reported being unable to afford the food they wanted, regardless of accessibility.

Groups More Likely to Experience Food Accessibility Barriers:

- Respondents of color
- Respondents with children in the household

Groups More Likely to Experience Food Affordability Barriers:

- Female respondents
- Adults ages 18–34
- Respondents with a high school education or less



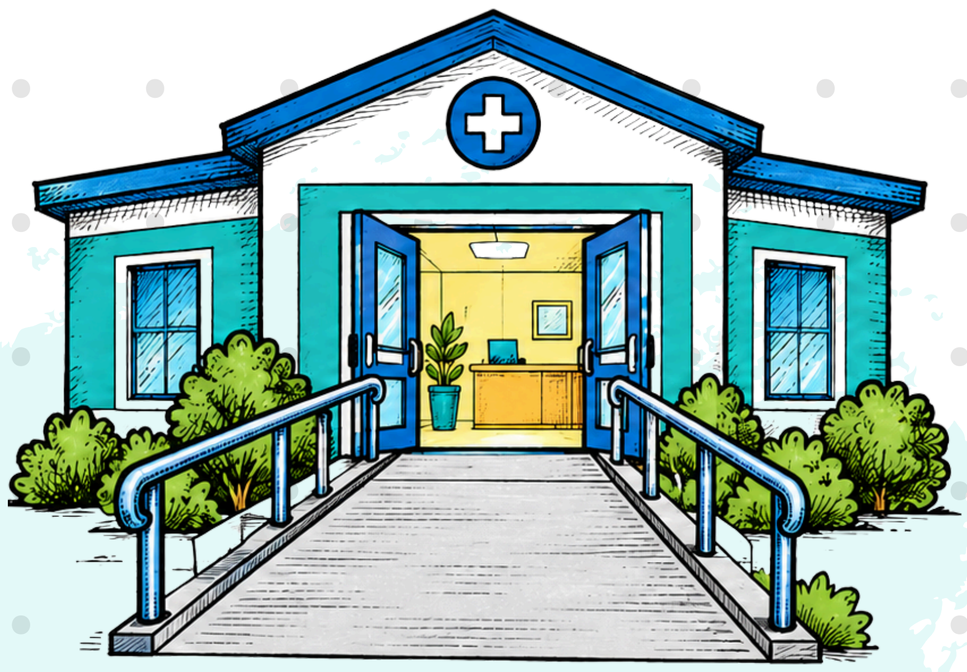
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Accessible Quality Health Care

(including medical, dental, mental, and alcohol/drug treatment)



"Affordability and accessibility of healthcare will factor significantly into if residents will seek care when needed."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

The ability to get timely, affordable, and appropriate health care when needed. This includes medical, dental, mental health, and substance use treatment and services.

Waukesha County has 4 Hospital Systems

710:1
Primary Care Physicians
in 2022 (WI: 1220:1)

640:1
Other Primary Care Providers
Nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) in 2025 (WI: 610:1)

2,727
Preventable Hospital Stays for people enrolled in Medicare
in 2023 (WI:2596)

UNMET MEDICAL CARE REASONS

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

- Cannot Afford (50%)
- Insurance Did Not Cover It (41%)
- Co-Payments were to high (39%)
- Unable to Get Appointment (33%)
- Inconvenient Hours (20%)
- Not Enough Time (14%)
- Uninsured (13%)
- Specialty Physician Not in Area (13%)

***Note**: Only the eight most frequently reported reasons are shown. Respondents could select multiple reasons (n=209).*

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

45%
Accessible, Affordable & Quality Health Care

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 45% of respondents identified Accessible, Affordable and Quality Health Care as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

WHERE RESIDENTS SOUGHT MEDICAL CARE

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

Doctor's or Nurse Practitioner's Office	83%
Urgent Care Center	57%
Hospital Emergency Room	22%
Virtual Health/Telehealth Electronic Visit	19%
Worksite Clinic	12%
Alternative Medicine Locations	9%
Quickcare Clinic/Fastcare Clinic	5%

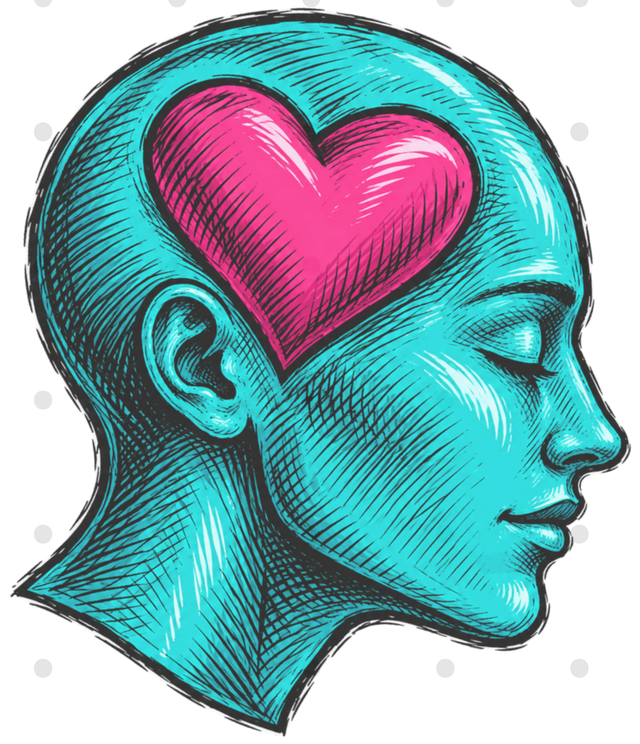
***Note:** Among respondents who reported being sick in the past 12 months (n=1,220). Multiple responses were accepted. Only the seven most frequently reported locations are shown.*

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Mental Health & Suicide



Emotional, psychological, and social well-being, including conditions such as depression and anxiety. This includes preventing suicide, promoting mental wellness, and ensuring access to mental health care and support.

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

56%
Mental Health

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 56% of respondents identified Mental Health, Mental Conditions and Suicide, as one of the top two health priorities for the county. This was the #1 highest selected health priority.

3.6%

of adults in Waukesha County felt sad or depressed
(2019-2021)

4.4

average poor mental health days per month
(2023)

11

suicide deaths per 100,000 residents
(2019-2023)

"Despite advancements in the understanding and treatment of mental health and mental conditions, they are still misunderstood and somewhat verboten to talk about. There has been a rise in mental health issues since COVID, and untreated mental illness affects not only the sufferer and their family but also the community as a whole."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

42%



of 2026 Community Health Survey respondents indicated **Mental Health, Mental Conditions, and Suicide** as a top concern for **youth 18 and under**.

583.7

Mental Health Providers
per capita (100,000 residents) in 2026 (WI: 448.7)

5.5

Mental Health Treatment Facilities
per capita (100,000 residents) in 2025 (WI: 3.5)

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Family & Parenting Support

Resources and services that help families and caregivers support their children and thrive. This includes parenting education, family resources, social support, and assistance during times of need.



"Everyone is struggling, from entire families to younger and younger children."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

GRANDPARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANDCHILDREN

in Waukesha County & Wisconsin

In Waukesha County, 0.4% of residents were grandparents responsible for their grandchildren (2020–2024), slightly below Wisconsin's 0.5% in 2024.

Waukesha County (2020–2024)	Wisconsin (2024)
0.4%	0.5%

In 2025, the Waukesha County Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program has **2,658 participants**

WIC OFFERS:

- Nutrition Education
- Breastfeeding support
- Healthy foods
- Referrals to health services and other resources



2,658
WIC Participants

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know in Waukesha County **3.9%** of households **are Single-parent households.**

17.8% of births in 2024 were to women **without partners present** in Waukesha County (WI: 18%).

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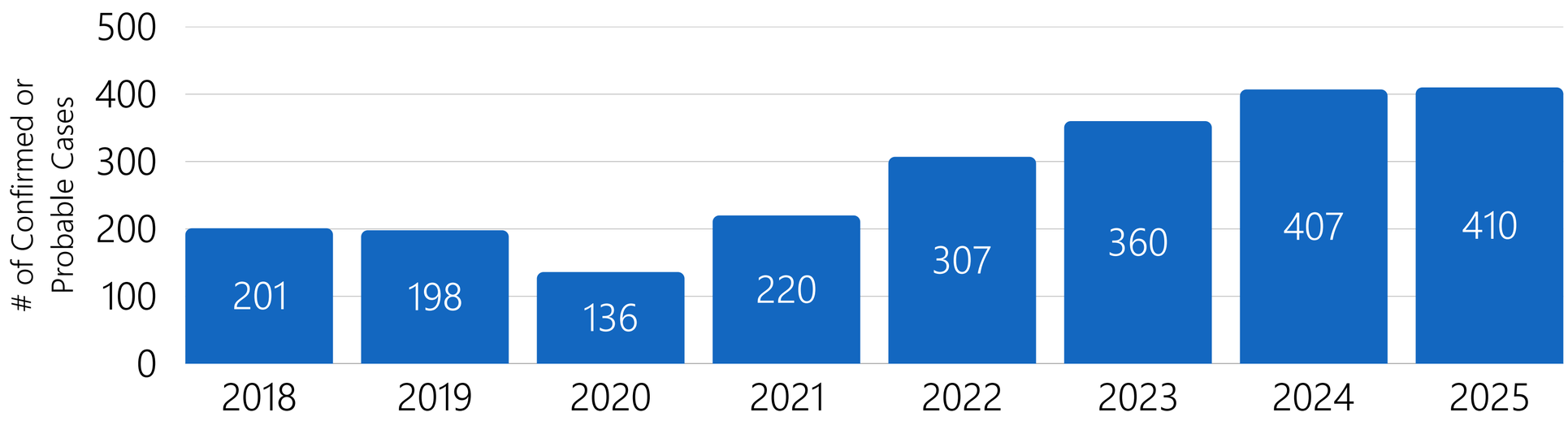
Foodborne & Environmental Illnesses



Illnesses caused by exposure to contaminated food, water, air, or other environmental hazards. This includes food poisoning, waterborne diseases, and health conditions related to pollution, mold, and harmful chemicals.

ENTERIC & GASTROINTESTINAL CASES, WAUKESHA COUNTY, 2018–2025

Enteric and gastrointestinal (GI) illnesses affect the stomach and intestines and can spread through contaminated food, water, or contact with infected individuals. In Waukesha County, reported confirmed or probable cases have increased in recent years, rising from 220 in 2021 to 410 in 2025, an 86% increase.



WISCONSIN ENTERIC DISEASE TRENDS

Salmonella Infections
Reported salmonellosis cases rose from 696 in 2020 to **1,131 in 2024**, a 63% increase.

Enteropathogenic E. coli cases
Reported cases increased from 792 in 2020 to **2,271 in 2024**, nearly tripling.

Note: *These are two notable examples of several enteric diseases that have experienced increases in reported cases across Wisconsin.*

AMERICANS' CONFIDENCE IN SAFETY OF FOOD AT GROCERY STORES

How confident are you that the food available at most grocery stores is safe to eat — very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

Americans' confidence that food sold at most grocery stores is safe to eat has fallen to its lowest level Gallup has recorded, with **65% now very or somewhat confident**. That is down from 73% last year and 72% in 2024, and well below the 81% recorded in 2019.

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Physical Activity Availability



Access to safe and convenient places and opportunities to be physically active. This includes parks, trails, sidewalks, recreation programs, fitness facilities, and other spaces that support active lifestyles.

In 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave Waukesha County a Walkability Index of **8.3 out of 20**

"I love all the parks in the county."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

NATURAL ASSETS

Waukesha County's natural assets provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, physical activity, and connection with nature, supporting community health and well-being.

77 Lakes

129 Miles of hiking & biking trails

21K Acres of public parks



WALKABLE PARK ACCESS

*The Percent of residents that live within a **10-minute walk** of a park.*

Park access varies across Waukesha County. This measure reflects walkability, not overall park availability, and may be influenced by rural development patterns and car-dependent communities.

Municipality	Park Access	Municipality	Park Access
Brookfield	37%	Mukwonago	39%
Butler	45%	Muskego	55%
Delafield	58%	New Berlin	59%
Elm Grove	31%	Oconomowoc	41%
Hartland	43%	Summit	1%
Lisbon	9%	Sussex	78%
Menomonee Falls	34%	Vernon	0%
Merton	12%	Waukesha	84%

***Note:** The municipalities listed have available ParkServe scores. Municipalities not listed are unscored.*



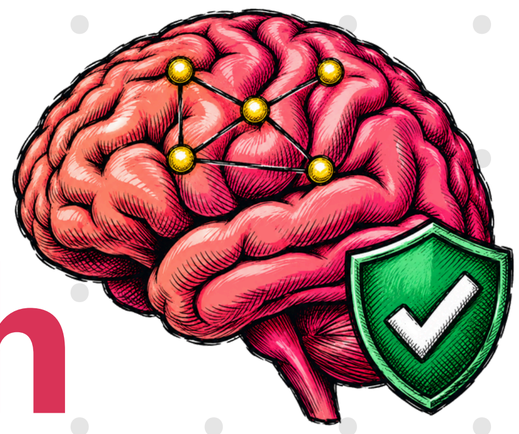
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Brain Health



The health and functioning of the brain, including memory, thinking, and learning. This includes preventing cognitive decline, supporting people living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and promoting brain health throughout life.

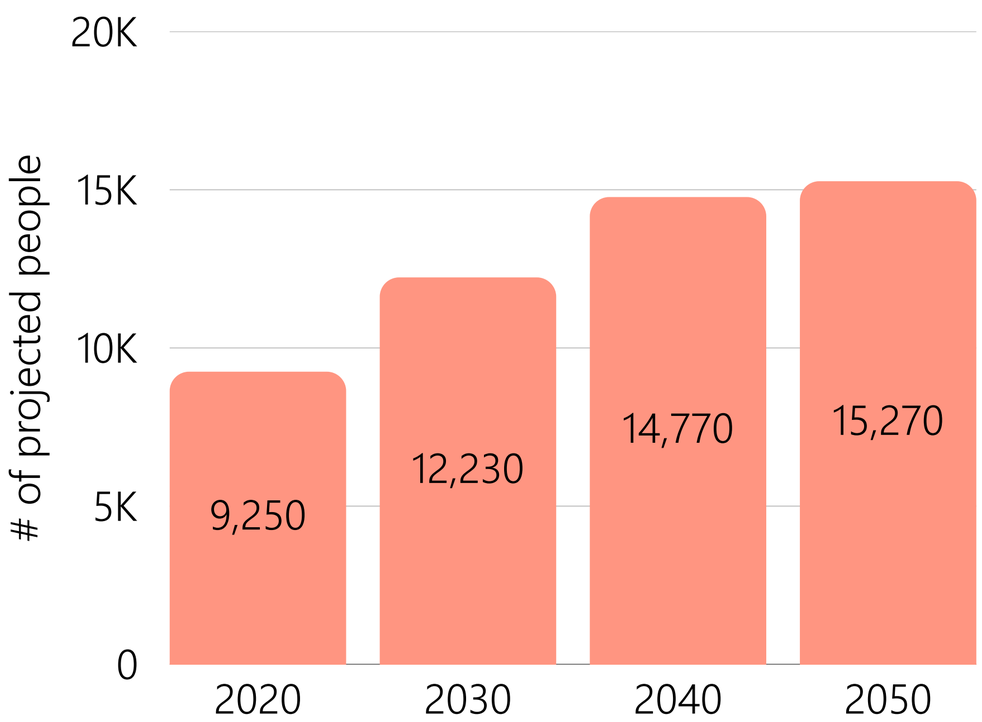
Alzheimer's Disease was the **6th** leading cause of death in Waukesha County from 2022 to 2024



PROJECTED POPULATION AGES 65+ LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Waukesha County, 2020–2050

This projected increase highlights the growing need for dementia prevention, early detection, caregiver support, and healthcare services to meet the needs of Waukesha County's aging population.



RISK FACTORS FOR DEMENTIA

Lancet Commission, 2024 update

Research suggests that nearly half (45%) of dementia cases worldwide could be prevented or delayed by addressing 14 modifiable risk factors throughout life, highlighting opportunities for prevention at every age.

n: Percentage reduction in cases of dementia if this risk factor is eliminated.

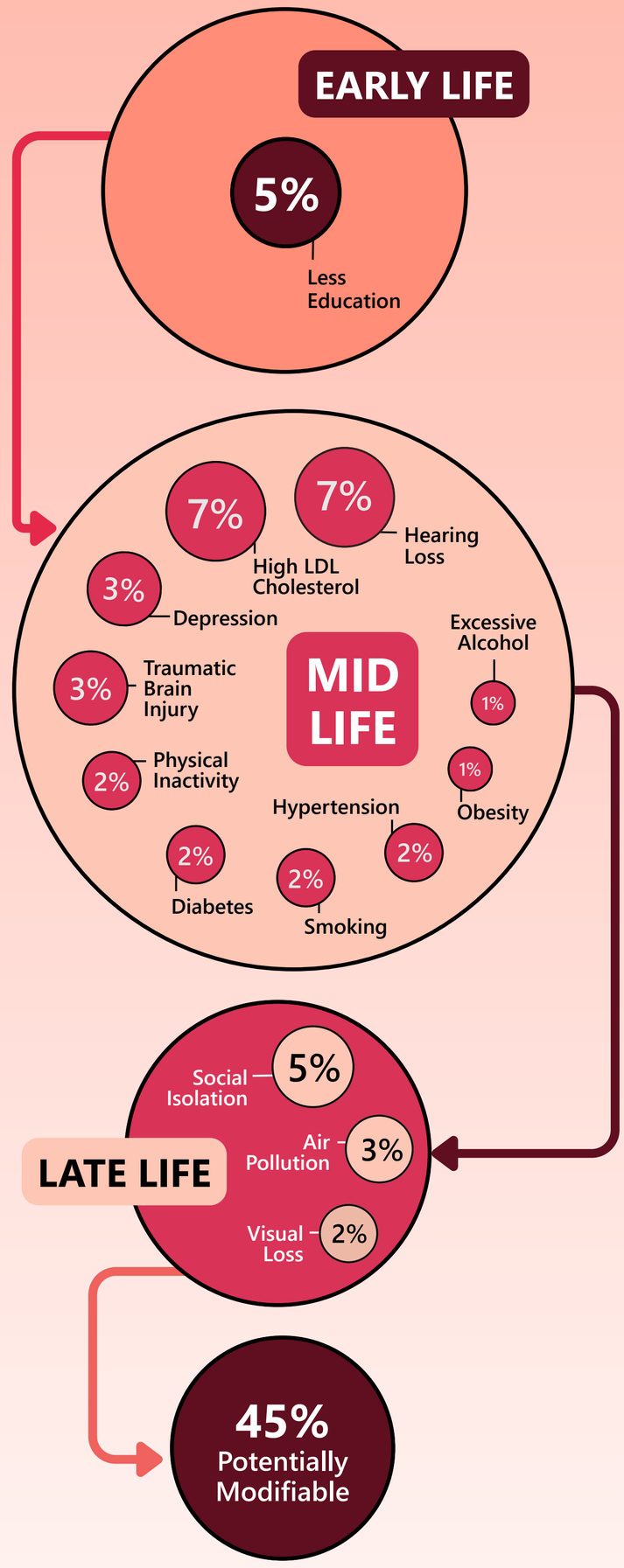


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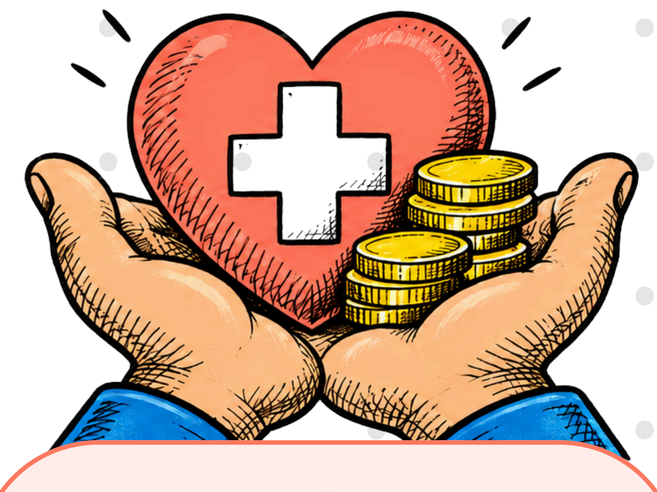
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Affordable Quality Health Care

Including medical, dental, mental, and alcohol/drug treatment



Access to affordable, quality health care helps people prevent illness, manage health conditions, and receive timely treatment. Barriers such as cost, insurance coverage, and provider availability can prevent people from getting the care they need.

Healthy People 2030 Objective

Reduce the proportion of people who can't get medical care when they need it (AHS-04).

UNABLE TO ACCESS MEDICAL CARE DUE TO COST

In 2025, 10.7% of Wisconsin adults and 11.8% of U.S. adults reported being unable to see a doctor due to cost in the past 12 months.

10.7%
Wisconsinites Unable to Access Care Due to Cost

3% of residents **under the age of 65** in Waukesha County **are uninsured**

2% of residents **under the age of 18** in Waukesha County **are uninsured**

"If we want people to be healthy, healthcare needs to be more affordable, often preventative care and subsequent tests are not covered, but necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

TOP HEALTH CONDITION

45%
Accessible, Affordable & Quality Health Care

In the 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey, 45% of respondents identified Accessible, Affordable and Quality Health Care as one of the top two health priorities for the county.

Affordability Reasons for Unmet Care

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

Among respondents who did not receive needed care, the most commonly reported affordability-related barriers are shown below.

Medical

Could Not Afford	50%
Insurance Did Not Cover It	41%
Co-Payments Too High	39%

Dental

Could Not Afford	52%
Insurance Did Not Cover It	37%
Co-Payments Too High	27%

Mental Health

Could Not Afford	43%
Insurance Did Not Cover It	32%
Co-Payments Too High	30%

Note: *Respondents could select multiple reasons, so percentages may total more than 100%.*

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Vision & Hearing Conditions

Conditions that affect the ability to see or hear, including vision loss, hearing loss, and other sensory impairments. This includes prevention, early detection, treatment, and access to services that support communication and daily living.



VISION DIFFICULTY

1.5%

of Waukesha County Residents have Vision Difficulty
2024 (WI: 2.0%)



HEARING DIFICULTY

3.5%

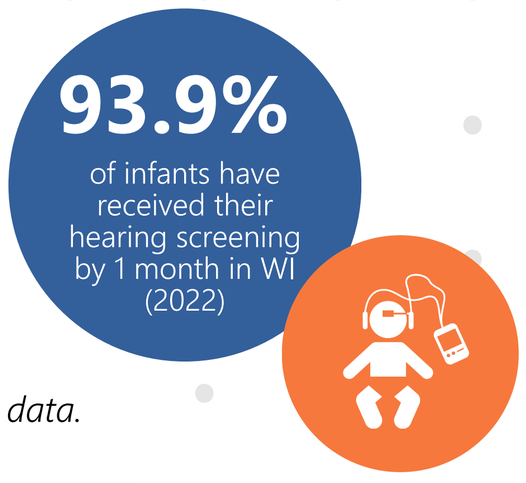
of Waukesha County Residents have Hearing Difficulty
2024 (WI: 3.7%)

WISCONSIN'S INFANT HEARING SCREENING RATE (2022)

Wisconsin ranked among the lowest states for timely infant screening, with 93.9% of infants screened by 1 month of age.

Wisconsin: 93.9% **State average*:** 95.0% **WI ranking:** 42nd

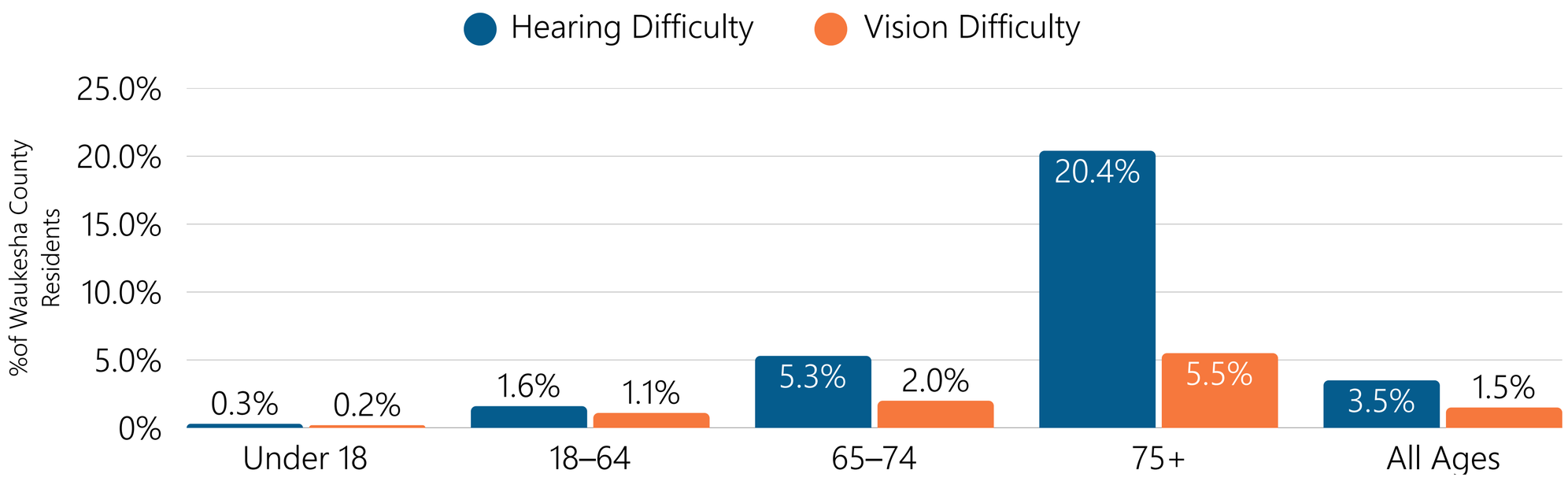
**Based on the 49 states with reported data plus Washington, D.C., excluding territories. The average is unweighted, and Wisconsin is tied for 42nd with South Dakota. Alabama has no reported data.*



VISION AND HEARING DIFFICULTY BY AGE GROUP

2024, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Vision and hearing difficulties increase with age in Waukesha County. Among residents ages 75 and older, 20.4% experience hearing difficulty and 5.5% experience vision difficulty, highlighting the importance of accessible care and support for healthy aging.



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Social Connection & Belonging

Having supportive relationships, meaningful connections, and a sense of belonging in your community. This includes opportunities to connect with others, participate in community life, and reduce social isolation and loneliness.

SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

38% of Waukesha County adults **feel lonely or isolated**

How often do you feel lonely or isolated from those around you?

Nearly 4 in 10 respondents (38%) reported feeling lonely or isolated at least sometimes, with 12% experiencing these feelings often or always, highlighting opportunities to strengthen social connections and community belonging.





"Getting people involved in a community makes it stronger and healthier."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

SOCIAL SUPPORT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey

92%

92% of respondents reported **having close friends, family, or other supports they could depend on**

42%

42% of respondents reported **being involved in a faith-based, community, or service organization**

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Access to Social Services

Including Welfare Programs



The ability to access programs and resources that support basic needs and overall well-being. This includes financial assistance, food assistance, housing support, and other services that help individuals and families achieve stability and independence.

78.5%

Households living in poverty that are NOT receiving SNAP

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

2020-2024 (WI: 60.9%)

1.6%

Renter-occupied housing units supported by Housing Choice Vouchers

2025 (WI: 2.1%)

WAUKESHA COUNTY FOODSHARE — 2025

In 2025, FoodShare served 23,376 individuals throughout Waukesha County, including 8,390 children. The program issued approximately $30.7 million in food assistance benefits, helping households afford groceries and meet basic nutritional needs.

FoodShare WISCONSIN
A Recipe for Good Health

23,376 INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS
People receiving FoodShare at least once in 2025

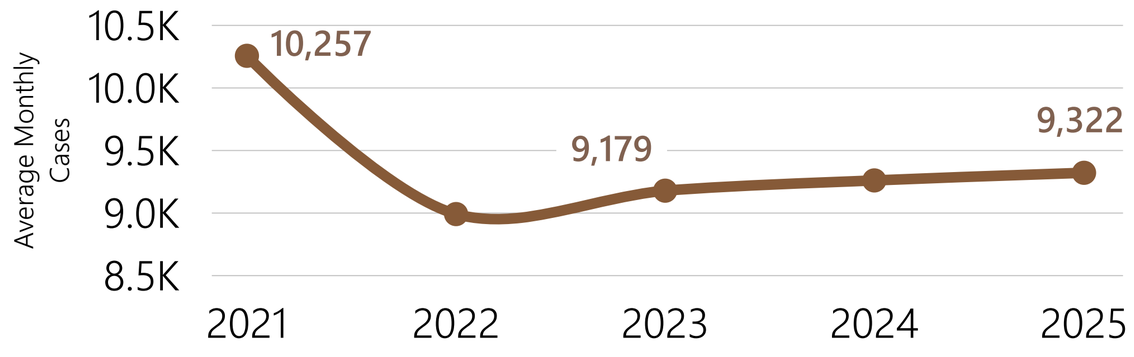
13,061 ASSISTANCE GROUPS
Unique cases served during 2025

9,322 AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD
Average number of active assistance groups per month

$30.7M ANNUAL BENEFITS ISSUED
FoodShare benefits issued in 2025

WAUKESHA COUNTY FOODSHARE TRENDS, *2021–2025*

From 2021 to 2025, average monthly FoodShare caseloads decreased 9.1%, while annual benefits issued declined 39.3%.



"A little help goes a long way if people are aware of the services that can help."

~ 2026 Waukesha County Community Health Survey Respondent

Note: *Cases represent average monthly assistance groups, not unique individuals served annually. Benefits reflect annual issuance amounts.*

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