Terms & Definitions

The following terms and definitions explain common statistical measures and terminology used in the following data tables. These definitions are intended to support consistent understanding and interpretation of the data presented throughout this resource.

Term	Definition
Age-adjusted rate	A rate statistically adjusted to account for differences in population age distributions, allowing more meaningful comparisons across populations.
ALICE threshold	An income threshold identifying households that earn above the federal poverty level but may struggle to afford basic necessities. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.
Average (mean)	The sum of all values divided by the number of observations. For example, the average number of prenatal visits represents the mean number of visits within the population measured.
Birth rate	The number of live births relative to a defined population during a specified period, commonly expressed per 1,000 people or women within a specified age range.
Count	The total number of people, events, or occurrences recorded during a specified period.
Crude rate	A rate calculated using the total population without adjusting for differences in demographic characteristics, such as age.
Emergency department visit rate	The number of emergency department visits for a particular condition relative to the population during a specified period, commonly expressed per 100,000 residents.
Estimate	A value calculated using available data to approximate a population characteristic. Estimates may be subject to statistical uncertainty.
Hospitalization rate	The number of hospital admissions for a particular condition relative to the population during a specified period, commonly expressed per 100,000 residents.
Incidence	The number of new cases of a disease or condition occurring within a population during a specified period.
Incidence rate	The number of new cases of a disease or condition occurring in a population during a specified period, expressed relative to the population at risk. Depending on the measure, it may be reported per 1,000, 10,000, or 100,000 people.
Index	A measure that combines multiple indicators or factors into a single value to summarize a broader condition or concept. The meaning of higher or lower values depends on the specific index.
Life expectancy	The average number of years a person is expected to live based on mortality patterns for a specified population and time period.
Margin of error (MOE)	A measure of uncertainty surrounding an estimate. For example, an estimate of 25% with a margin of error of ±2 percentage points indicates a range of 23% to 27%, at the confidence level specified by the source.
Median	The middle value when all observations are arranged from lowest to highest.
Mortality rate	The number of deaths in a population during a specified period, typically expressed per 1,000 or 100,000 people.
Per capita	A measure expressed relative to the size of a population, allowing comparisons between geographic areas with different population sizes. In this CHA, provider and facility measures are generally expressed per 100,000 residents.
Percent change	The percentage increase or decrease in a value between two time periods, calculated relative to the starting value.
Percentage (%)	A proportion expressed out of 100. The population or group being measured depends on the indicator.
Percentile rank	A relative ranking showing how a value compares with others in a reference group. For example, a value at the 75th percentile is at or above approximately 75% of the values in that group. A percentile does not indicate the percentage of people experiencing a condition.
Poor mental health days	The average number of days during the past 30 days that adults report their mental health was not good.

Term	Definition
Population density	The number of people or housing units within a defined geographic area, usually expressed per square mile.
Prevalence	The proportion of a population experiencing a particular condition or characteristic during a specified period or at a particular point in time.
Provider-to-population ratio	The number of healthcare providers relative to the population served, commonly expressed as providers per 100,000 residents. This measures provider availability but does not necessarily reflect access to care.
Rate per 100,000 population	The number of recorded events relative to every 100,000 people in a population. This allows comparison between areas with different population sizes.
Ratio	A comparison between two quantities that expresses the amount of one relative to the other.
Years of potential life lost (YPLL)	A measure of premature mortality that calculates the years of life lost when individuals die before a specified age, commonly 75. Often expressed per 100,000 residents.

Note: All indicators presented in this Community Health Assessment were obtained through Metopio and organized into four population health domains: Physical Environment, Population Health and Well-Being, Health Infrastructure, and Socioeconomic Factors.

Indicator definitions, units of measurement, and reporting periods were reviewed against original data sources to the extent possible. However, Metopio-specific calculations, geographic aggregation methods, and certain methodological details could not be independently verified.

Every effort was made to ensure accurate interpretation and presentation of the data. Findings should be interpreted with consideration for differences in data sources, measurement methods, reporting periods, and data availability. Comparisons between Waukesha County and Wisconsin are intended to be descriptive and should be interpreted with appropriate caution.

Population Health & Well-being

This category includes indicators that describe the overall health and well-being of residents, including physical health, mental health, health behaviors, and health outcomes. These measures help illustrate the current health status of the population and identify opportunities for improvement.

Topic [Population Health and Well-being]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Binge drinking in past month	% of respondents	2023	30.7					WHAIC*
Considered suicide	% of respondents	2023	2.9					Waukesha County Community Health Survey
Excessive drinking	% of adults	2022	25.2	1.7	23.5	0.7		Waukesha, Wisconsin County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Binge drinking	% of adults	2023	23.6	1.6	20.5	0.6	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillence System (BRFSS)
Poor mental health days	days per month	2022	4.4	0.4	5.4	0.1		Waukesha, Wisconsin County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Self-reported poor mental health	% of adults	2023	14.2	1.0	16.5	0.3		CDC PLACES
Suicide mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	10.3	1.6	14.8	0.5		National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M)
Pneumonia/flu hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	211.6	6.8	203.8	1.8		Metopio
Stroke hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	265.6	8.6	271.5	2.4		WHAIC*
COPD hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	144.1	8.0	145.8	2.2		WHAIC*
Dehydration hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	132.4	6.1	117.8	1.6		WHAIC*
Heart failure hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	429.9	10.8	428.6	3.0		WHAIC*
Hypertension hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	40.0	3.4	45.4	1.0		WHAIC*
Diabetes hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	118.8	5.3	163.1	1.6		WHAIC*
Diabetes long-term complications hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	72.7	4.5	102.5	1.5		WHAIC*
Uncontrolled diabetes hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	21.0	2.4	24.3	0.7		WHAIC*
Heart attack hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	176.5	7.0	185.4	2.0		WHAIC*
Diabetes short-term complications hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	50.7	4.1	74.0	1.3		WHAIC*
Urinary tract infection hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	152.6	6.5	106.2	1.5		WHAIC*
Pneumonia/flu emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	662.2	12.9	925.1	4.0		WHAIC*
Stroke emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	71.7	4.5	113.8	1.5		WHAIC*
COPD emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	279.5	11.1	626.5	4.6		WHAIC*
Dehydration emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	144.2	6.7	183.0	2.0		WHAIC*
Heart failure emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	110.1	5.5	187.7	2.0		WHAIC*
Hypertension emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	276.0	8.9	356.5	2.8		WHAIC*

Topic [Population Health and Well-being]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Diabetes emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	252.5	7.6	433.5	2.7		WHAIC*
Diabetes long-term complications emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	171.1	6.9	279.1	2.4		WHAIC*
Uncontrolled diabetes emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	127.5	6.3	220.5	2.2		WHAIC*
Diabetes short-term complications emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	9.7	1.8	25.8	0.8		WHAIC*
Urinary tract infection emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	638.2	14.0	888.3	4.4		WHAIC*
Have ever had cancer	% of adults	2023	7.3	0.4	7.2	0.3	2024	Metopio
Invasive breast cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 female residents	2018-2022	157.2	3.6	137.6	0.9		State Cancer Profiles (Females only, Age-adjusted Rate)
Cervical cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 female residents	2018-2022	3.7	0.6	6.1	0.2		State Cancer Profiles (females only, Age-adjusted Rate)
Oral cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 residents	2018-2022	13.6	0.7	13.0	0.2		State Cancer Profiles (both sexes, Age-adjusted Rate)
Lung cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 residents	2018-2022	47.8	1.3	55.1	0.4		State Cancer Profiles (Both sexes, Age-adjusted Rate)
Colorectal cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 residents	2018-2022	30.6	1.1	34.9	0.3		State Cancer Profiles (both sexes, Age-adjusted Rate)
Prostate cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 male residents	2018-2022	159.2	3.4	126.7	0.8		State Cancer Profiles (Age-adjusted Rate)
Cancer diagnosis rate	per 100,000 residents	2018-2022	500.4	4.4	472.4	1.2		State Cancer Profiles (both sexes, Age-adjusted Rate)
Coronary heart disease	% of adults	2023	4.6	0.3	3.7	0.2	2024	CDC PLACES
High cholesterol	% of adults	2023	29.4	1.4	30.2	0.6		CDC PLACES
Chronic kidney disease	% of adults	2021	2.4	0.1	3.4	0.2	2024	Metopio
Diagnosed diabetes	% of adults	2023	8.4	0.7	9.4	0.3		CDC PLACES
Hearing difficulty	% of residents	2024	3.5	0.2	3.7	0.1		S1810-Disability Characteristics: 2024 ACS 1 year Estimates Subject Tables
Vision difficulty	% of residents	2024	1.5	0.2	2.0	0.1		S1810-Disability Characteristics: 2024 ACS 1 year Estimates Subject Tables
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	% of adults	2023	4.1	0.4	5.8	0.3	2024	CDC PLACES
High blood pressure	% of adults	2023	28.0	1.5	29.1	0.5		S1810-Disability Characteristics: 2024 ACS 1 year Estimates Subject Tables
Unintentional fall hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2021-2025	1,089.3	17.4	830.9	4.1		Metopio
Fall mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	50.8	3.5	24.9	0.6		National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M)
COVID-19 hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	46.5	3.2	35.9	0.8		WHAIC*
Medicare flu vaccination rate	% of beneficiaries	2023	57.0		51.0			County Health Rankings

Source: Metopio | Data retrieved July 1, 2026

Topic [Population Health and Well-being]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
New HIV diagnoses	cases per 100,000	2023	3.1		5.1			CDC NCHHSTP AtlasPlus
Sexually transmitted infection incidence	cases per 100,000	2023	211.8		561.7			CDC NCHHSTP AtlasPlus
Birth rate (female)	births per 1,000 women ages 15-50	2024	48.7	7.0	50.7	1.8		ACS Survey
Child mortality rate	residents under age 20 per 100,000 population	2019-2022	33.4	3.0	50.0	0.9		CDC Wonder and ACS
Infant mortality	deaths per 1,000 live births	2020-2024	4.3	0.5	5.7	0.1		Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool and Wonder CDC
Low birth weight	% of live births	2020-2024	6.6		7.8			Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool
Births with at least one maternal risk factor	% of births	2020-2024	20.7		24.7			National Vital Statistics System-Natality
Preterm births	% of live births	2020-2024	9.8		10.9			National Vital Statistics Systme-Natality and Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool
Life expectancy	years	2020-2022	80.3	0.1	77.8	0.0		USALEEP Data
Self-reported poor physical health	% of adults	2023	10.4	0.8	12.2	0.2		CDC PLACES
Self-reported fair or poor health	% of adults	2023	12.7	1.2	16.7			CDC PLACES
Years of potential life lost	life-years lost per 100,000	2019-2023	5,189.7		6,953.4			National Vital Statistics System-Mortality
Asian primary languages	% of households	2024	2.2	0.3	1.9	0.1		Metopio
Change in Population	% change	2010-2020	4.4		3.6			Metopio
Spanish primary language	% of households	2024	4.2	0.5	5.3	0.1		Metopio
Foreign born	% of residents	2024	5.5	0.4	5.5	0.1		Metopio
Limited English proficiency households	% of households	2024	0.9	0.3	1.6	0.1		Metopio
Limited English proficiency	% of residents	2020-2024	2.0	0.1	3.4	0.1	2024	Metopio
Non-citizens	% of residents	2024	2.2	0.2	2.9	0.1		Metopio
Naturalized US citizen	% of residents	2024	3.3	0.4	2.5	0.1		Metopio
Demographics (white)	% of residents	2024	84.3	0.2	77.8	0.1		Metopio

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Health Infrastructure

This category includes indicators related to the availability, accessibility, and capacity of healthcare services and resources. These measures help identify strengths and gaps in the systems that support residents' physical, mental, and behavioral health needs.

Topic [Health Infrastructure]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Dental problems emergency department visits	visits	2025	755	27	22,927	151		WHAIC*
Visited doctor for routine checkup	% of adults	2023	76.4	1.6	75.5	0.6	2024	Metopio
Visited dentist	% of adults	2022	72.3	1.3	67.2	0.7		Metopio
Dentists per capita	dentists per 100,000 residents	2023	137.4		100.1			Metopio
Mental health providers	number of providers	2026	2,275		25,965			Metopio
No vehicle available	% of households	2024	3.8	0.5	6.7	0.2		2020 Census
Public health insurance	% of residents	2024	28.3	0.6	35.3	0.2		American Community Survey
Primary care providers (PCP) per capita	physicians per 100,000 residents	2023	159.5		93.9			Area Health Resource Files (AHRF)
Mental health hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	517.0	11.8	589.5	3.2		Metopio
Opioid-related hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	221.7	7.6	188.8	1.8		Metopio
Schizophrenia hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	67.0	4.5	86.0	1.3		Metopio
Substance use hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	322.2	9.3	256.5	2.1		Metopio
Suicide and self-injury hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	45.9	3.5	68.0	1.1		Metopio
Behavioral health hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	839.2	15.0	846.0	3.8		Metopio
Alcohol use hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	272.8	8.6	209.4	1.9		WHAIC*
Mental health emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	613.7	12.9	883.6	3.9		Metopio
Opioid-related emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	101.5	5.2	125.4	1.5		Metopio
Schizophrenia emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2021-2025	22.7	2.6	51.1	1.0		IHA COPdata Infromatics
Substance use emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	463.0	11.3	565.3	3.1		IHA COMPdata Infromatics
Suicide and self-injury emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	101.3	5.3	113.3	1.4		Metopio
Behavioral health emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	1,076.7	17.1	1,448.9	5.0		IHA COMPdata Infromatics/Wisconsin Hospital Association
Alcohol use emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	347.1	9.7	404.4	2.6		Metopio
Opioid treatment providers per capita	providers per 100,000 residents	2025	18.4		12.0			SAMHSA query that finds providers authroized to treat opiod dependency with buprenorphine
Child psychologists per capita	physicians per 100,000 residents	2023	5.2		2.6			Area Health Resource Files (AHRF)

Topic [Health Infrastructure]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Opioid-related hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2024	112.9	5.2	125.6	1.5		Wish Query
Mental health providers per capita	providers per 100,000 residents	2026	583.7		448.7			National Provider Identifier Files (NPI)
Drug overdose mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	12.7	1.7	19.8	0.6		Wish Query
Alcohol-related mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	11.5	1.7	14.9	0.5		National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (NVSS-M)
Mental health treatment facilities per capita	per 100,000 residents	2025	5.5		5.4			National Substance Use and Mental Health Services Survey (Subject to change year to year)
Substance use treatment facilities per capita	per 100,000 residents	2025	3.8		3.5			National Substance Use and Mental Health Services Survey
Psychiatry physicians per capita	physicians per 100,000 residents	2026	27		22			National Provider Identifier Files (NPI)
Access to exercise opportunities	% of population	2024	97.4		83.6			Waukesha, Wisconsin County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Walkability Index	index (1-20)	2024	8.3		8.6			Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry-EJI
Preventable hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	931.2	14.2	948.1	3.9		WHAIC*
Dental problems emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	258.4	9.5	511.2	3.4		WHAIC*
Colorectal cancer screening	% of adults	2022	66.2	1.9	71.6	0.8	2024	CDC Places: Local Data for Better Health, County Data 2024 release (age-adjusted prevalance)
Mammography use	% of adults	2022	83.6	2.2	82.0	1.0		CDC Places: Local Data for Better Health, County Data 2024 release (age-adjusted for women aged 50-74)
Food insecurity	% of residents	2023	8.8		11.8			Map the Meal Gap
Food Environment Index	index of factors that contribute to a healthy food environment	2022	9.3		8.8			Waukesha, Wisconsin | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Cholesterol screening	% of adults	2023	86.1	1.2	83.5	0.6		CDC PLACES
Cigarette smoking rate	% of adults	2023	10.4	1.3	11.9	0.4	2024	BRFSS, CDC PLACES
Average number of prenatal visits	visits	2020-2024	12.9		11.6			National Vital Statistics System-Natality
Obstetrics & gynecology physicians per capita	physicians per 100,000 residents	2026	22.6		18.4			National Provider Identifier Files (NPI)
Prenatal care in first trimester	% of live births	2020-2022	91.0		83.6			Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool
Smoking during pregnancy	% of live births	2020-2022	2.3		7.0			Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool
Teen birth rate	births per 1,000 women	2024	2.6		9.8			ACS 2024 1 Year: B13002 Women 15 to 50 Years Who Had a Birth in the Past 12 Months by Marital Status and Age

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Social & Economic Factors

This category includes indicators related to the social and economic conditions that influence health and well-being. Measures may include education, employment, income, community safety, social connectedness, and other factors that shape opportunities for residents to live healthy lives.

Topic [Social and Economic Factors]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Social Engagement Index	score	2019-2023	84.5		78.3			Metopio
Unintentional fall hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2021-2025	1,089.3	17.4	830.9	4.1		Metopio
Aggravated assault/battery	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	316.2		787.8			WIBR Crime Data
Burglary	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	43.2		109.2			WIBR Crime Data
Larceny (theft)	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	600.8		888.4			Metopio
Drug-related crime	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	528.5		804.3			FBI Crime Data Explorer
Arson	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	0.7		6.0			WIBR Crime Data
Property crime	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	675.7		1,166.7			FBI Crime Data Explorer
Robbery	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	6.4		40.4			WIBR Crime Data
Criminal sexual assault	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	51.1		74.9			FBI Crime Data Explorer
Motor vehicle theft	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	31.0		163.0			FBI Crime Data Explorer
Violent crime	crimes per 100,000 residents	2024	375.7		909.2			FBI Crime Data Explorer
Motor vehicle traffic mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	6.5	1.2	9.4	0.4		National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (CDC)
Unintentional injury mortality	deaths per 100,000	2024	74.6	4.2	62.8	1.0		National Vital Statistics System-Mortality (CDC)
Annual food budget shortfall	$ per year	2023	$26,353,000		$463,353,000			Hunger & Poverty in Waukesha County, Wisconsin | Map the Meal Gap
Food stamps (SNAP)	% of households	2020-2024	4.0	0.5	11.0	0.2		ACS survey
Households in poverty not receiving food stamps (SNAP)	% of households below the poverty line	2020-2024	78.5	4.6	60.9	0.6		ACS
SNAP retailers	per 10,000 residents	2025	5.1		7.5			Metopio
Child Opportunity Index 3.0	Index (1-100)	2023	95		58			diversitydatakids.org
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	% of residents age 30+	2020-2024	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0	2024	ACS Survey
Childcare center ratio	children / care center enrollment	2023	7		11			Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Data (HIFLD) Open Data
Births to women without partners present	% of births	2024	17.8	7.4	18.0	2.0		2024 ACS 1 year survey: B13004
Households below ALICE threshold	% of households	2023	28.4		35.0			Metopio
Social membership associations	number per 10,000 people	2022	10.8		11.1			Metopio

Topic [Social and Economic Factors]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Child Care Cost Burden	% of Median Household Income for a Household with Two Children	2025	0.3		0.31			2025 County Health Rankings
School funding adequacy	$ per pupil above/below estimated required spending	2022	9575		$1,861			2025 County Health Rankings
High school graduation rate	% students entering ninth grade who graduate from high school within four years	2024	97.2	1.6	93.7	0.4		Metopio
Any higher education rate	% of adults ages 25–44 who have completed some postsecondary education, regardless of whether they earned a degree	2019-2023	84		70			County Health Rankings 2025
College graduation rate	% of residents	2024	50.4	1.1	34.6	0.2		Metopio
Preschool enrollment	% of toddlers ages 3-4	2024	47.4	4.6	44.1	1.4		Metopio
Free (and reduced) school lunch eligibility	% of children, grades PK-12, enrolled in public schools who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	2022-2023	0.18		0.41			County Health Rankings 2025
Childcare centers	Number of licensed centers	2024	172		2,570			Metopio
Households in poverty	% of households	2024	6.7	0.7	10.8	0.2		Metopio
Single-parent households	% of households	2024	3.9	0.5	5.1	0.1		Metopio
Wage gap for female workers	% of male earnings	2024	82.1	2.2	81.0	0.6		Metopio
Median household income	$ per household annually	2024	$103,032	$1,922	$77,488	$548		Metopio
Labor force participation	% of residents 16 and older	2024	66.5	0.6	65.4	0.2		Metopio
Low-income community	% of land area	2025	1		29			Metopio
Poverty rate	% of residents	2024	5.7	0.5	10.3	0.2		Metopio
Below 200% of poverty level	% of residents	2024	12.6	0.9	24.6	0.3		Metopio
Poverty rate for workers	% of employed residents	2024	3.1	0.5	5.1	0.1		Metopio
Median gross rent	$ per month	2024	$1,437	$35	$1,142	$6		Metopio
Residential segregation	Index (0-100)	2019-2023	58		77			Metopio
Social isolation	% of residents	2023	30.5	1.8	31.7	0.5		Metopio
Seniors living alone	% of seniors	2024	25.2	1.2	28.0	0.4		Metopio
Unemployment rate	%	2024	1.8	0.3	3.1	0.1		Metopio
No internet	% of households	2024	2.8	0.4	5.0	0.1		Metopio
Health Equity Index	score	2020-2024	11.2		18.4			Metopio
Average cost per meal	$ cost per meal (avg)	2023	$3.87		$3.52			Metopio
Annual income needed to afford 2 bedroom at fair market rent	$ per year	2025	$49,095		$47,015			Metopio
Deep poverty	% of residents	2024	2.4	0.3	5.1	0.1		Metopio
Below 150% of poverty level	% of residents	2024	8.1	0.6	16.9	0.3		Metopio
Below 300% of poverty level	% of residents	2024	24.9	1.2	41.1	0.4		Metopio

Physical Environment

This category includes indicators related to the natural and built environments in which residents live, work, and play. Measures may include housing, transportation, environmental quality, and other physical conditions that influence health and quality of life.

Topic [Physical Environment]	Units	Time Period	Waukesha County	Waukesha County Margin of Error	WI	WI Margin of Error	WI Time Period	Data Source
Extreme heat days	days per year	2023	16.0		17.2			Heat and Health Tracker CDC
Drinking water non-compliance Environment Justice Index	percentile	2023	49.0		25.5			EJScreen: Environmental Justice Screening
Green space proximity	% of area	2024	72.3		50.8			Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry-EJI
Environmental burden index	Percentile rank (0–100)	2024	59.0		49.0			Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry-EJI
Asthma hospitalization rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	16.6	2.0	18.5	0.6		WHAIC*
Asthma emergency department visit rate	per 100,000 residents	2025	126.2	5.8	264.4	2.1		WHAIC*
Severe housing cost burden	% of occupied housing units	2024	10.7	0.8	11.7	0.2		County health rankings
Housing cost burden	% of occupied housing units	2024	25.5	1.2	26.4	0.3		ACS Survey
Prevalence of Housing Choice Vouchers	% of renter-occupied units	2025	1.6		2.1			Housing Choice Vouchers by Tract
Housing insecurity	% of adults	2023	7.5	0.8	10.7	0.3		CDC Places project
Crowded housing	% of occupied housing units	2024	0.6	0.2	1.7	0.1		ACS Survey
Housing unit density	units/mi^2	2020-2024	319.4		51.3			ACS Survey and U.S. Gazetteer Files
Owner occupied	% of occupied housing units	2024	75.2	0.8	68.0	0.3		County health rankings
Percent of income spent on rent	% of income	2023	27.9		26.7			Black Wealth Data Center
Median monthly housing costs	$ per month	2024	$1,548	$20	$1,175	$5		ACS Survey
Rate of people experiencing homelessness	individuals per 100,000		84.2		195.1		2025	Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)
Severely rent-burdened	% of renter-occupied housing units	2024	20.4	2.6	20.2	0.5		ACS Survey
Rent-burdened	% of renter-occupied housing units	2024	43.7	3.0	42.5	0.7		ACS Survey
Vacant	% of housing units	2024	4.4	0.7	10.1	0.2		ACS Survey

*Wisconsin Hopsital Association Information Center (WHAIC)