



A photograph of the Milwaukee skyline featuring the Pritzker Pavilion in the foreground, with various city buildings in the background under a clear sky.

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**DEMOCRATS**

**MOVING MILWAUKEE FORWARD** 

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"Wishes in the Wind," a painting by David Lenz of children playing in a Milwaukee neighborhood. It represents Milwaukee's great diversity and bright, shared future. It hung in Wisconsin's Executive Residence until 2011.

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# Milwaukee is vibrant and beautiful

## We have everything in our community ...

a diverse people, businesses large and small, historic landmarks and neighborhoods, and Wisconsin's greatest place to live, work, and play.

We, the Democratic State Legislators that represent Wisconsin's greatest city, join together in our advocacy for our neighbors in Milwaukee. In 2015, we total 15. There are four State Senate districts and eleven State Assembly districts that represent the vast majority of the City of Milwaukee and several surrounding communities.

We want you to know the neighborhoods and communities that we have the honor of serving. We want you to get to know us. We want you to know what we stand for, what we are working on, and what we believe the appropriate role and responsibilities of Wisconsin's State Government are within our great city.

Milwaukee is strong. We see positive and exciting change every day. Real problems exist that require hard work. We're up for that challenge.

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. Please feel free to contact our legislative offices with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,



State Representative Evan Goyke  
18th Assembly District,  
Milwaukee Legislative Delegation Chair

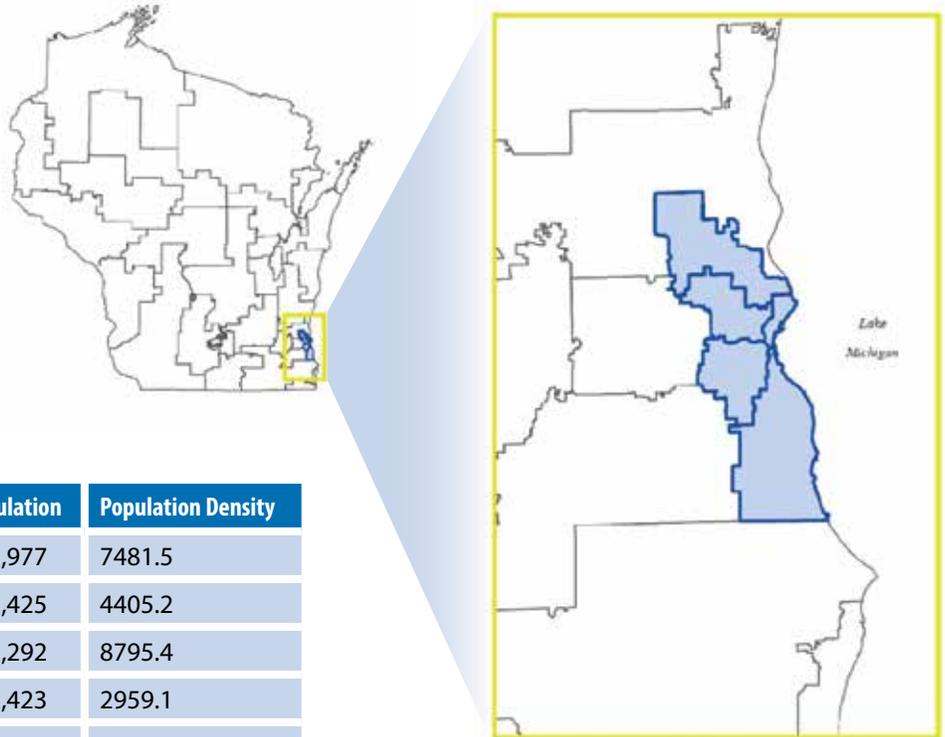
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# Political Power in Milwaukee

Milwaukee State Legislative Democrats represent nearly 700,000 people—more than 10% of Wisconsin’s entire population.

Milwaukee’s dense population gives rise to Wisconsin’s smallest legislative districts by land area. On a map these nearly 700,000 people and thus its political representation may look small. However, when 700,000 people or four State Senate districts represented in Milwaukee are viewed in a different way the map looks much different.



## Milwaukee Senate Districts

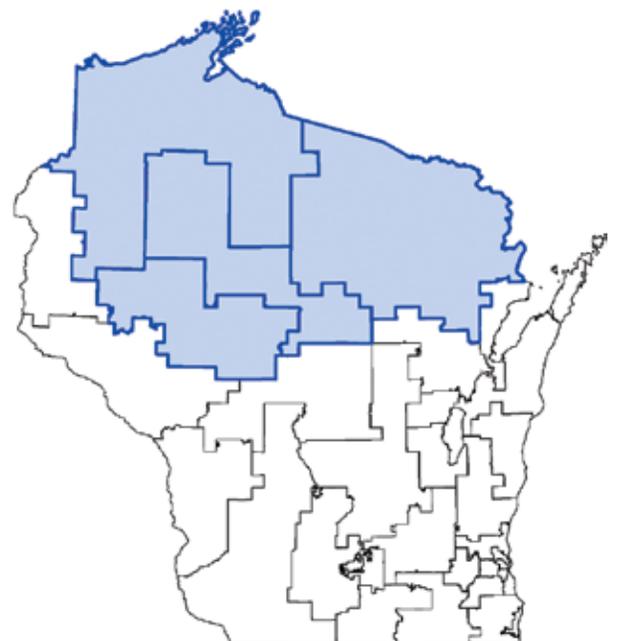
Senate District	Area, Square Miles	Population	Population Density
SD 3	23.0	171,977	7481.5
SD 4	39.1	172,425	4405.2
SD 6	19.6	172,292	8795.4
SD 7	58.3	172,423	2959.1
Totals:	<b>140.0</b>	<b>689,117</b>	<b>4922.3</b>

With the same number of representatives as most of Northern Wisconsin, Milwaukee’s political power in Madison is often overlooked. When viewed in comparison to other Wisconsin legislative seats,

**Milwaukee’s impact on Wisconsin’s politics, though small on a map, is large in reality.**

## Northern Wisconsin Senate Districts

Senate District	Area, Square Miles	Population	Population Density
SD 12	8239.3	172,381	20.9
SD 23	3599.5	172,149	47.8
SD 25	8717.8	172,409	19.8
SD 29	4267.3	172,292	40.4
Totals:	<b>24,823.8</b>	<b>689,231</b>	<b>27.8</b>



Data provided by Legislative Technology Services Bureau

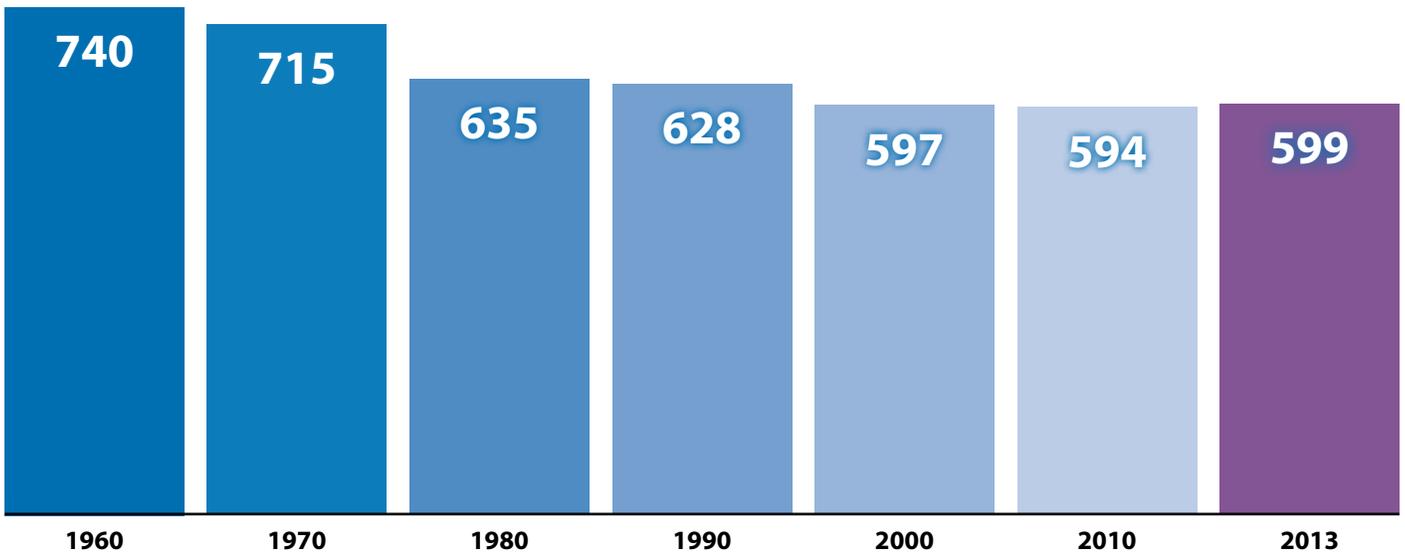
# Population Growth

Milwaukee, like many American cities, has experienced enormous expansion and contraction of its population. For decades, Milwaukee's population fell. That trend slowed and has now reversed. Milwaukee is growing for the first time in 50 years.

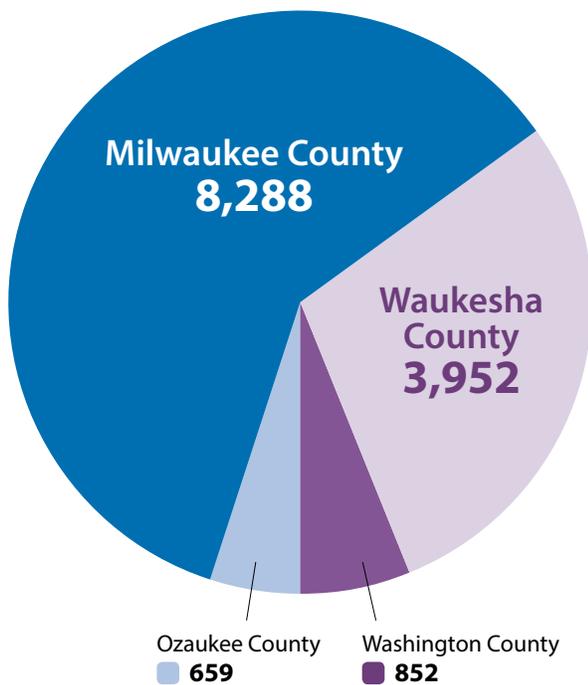
An increasing population brings added commercial and cultural activity, which in turn fuels additional growth. The importance of Milwaukee's recent population growth cannot be understated.

**A negative trend, lasting decades, is reversing—signaling a bright future for the city.**

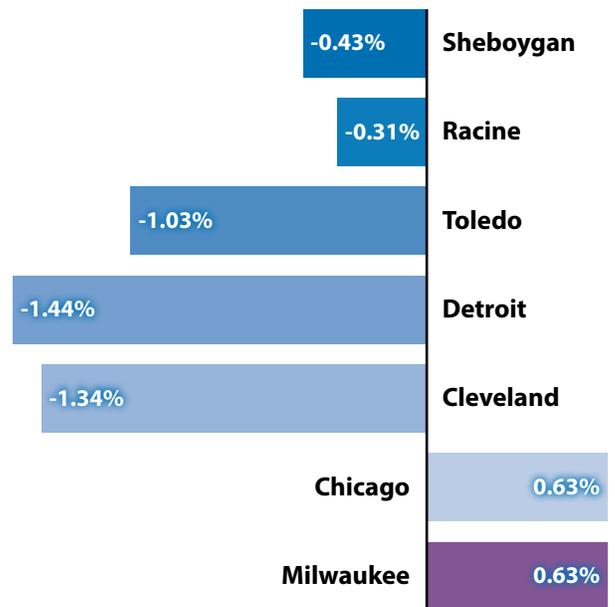
Milwaukee's Population, thousands



Population Growth, 2010–13



Great Lakes Population Growth, 2010–12



Milwaukee's population gains may not seem impressive on their own, but in the context of our Great Lakes neighbors, as well as the Metro area, Milwaukee's recent population growth is substantial.

Population data provided by the United States Census Bureau

# Economics of Metro Milwaukee

Milwaukee is often labeled the economic engine of Wisconsin. That is completely accurate. Milwaukee generates the greatest wealth in Wisconsin. A regional view of where that wealth goes shows Milwaukee's major positive impact on the region and entire state's economy.

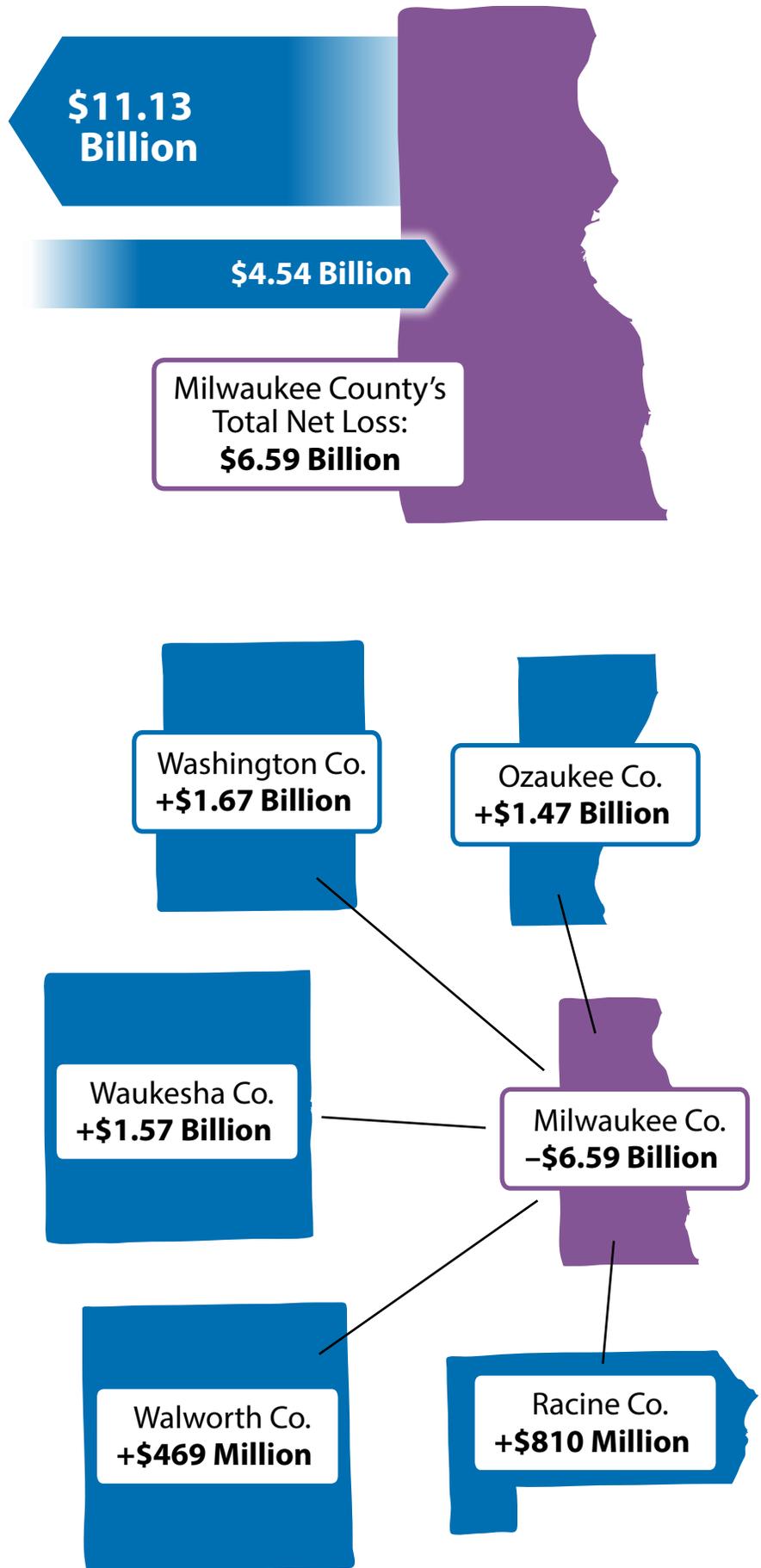
The illustration to the right shows the inflow and outflow of income in Milwaukee County.

Almost three times as much money earned in Milwaukee left compared to money earned and brought in. Milwaukee County saw a negative difference of \$6,586,224,000.

No other county in the region has a net negative outflow of earnings. Income earned in Milwaukee County travels home to other counties, making them wealthier.

This is not an exact dollar for dollar comparison. For example, income flowing into Waukesha County comes from places other than Milwaukee County. The data does illustrate, however, Milwaukee's critical relationship to its neighbors. The greatest wealth is earned in Milwaukee, yet it leaves and largely travels to suburban Counties.

**Milwaukee's wealth is subsidizing its neighboring suburbs, in the billions.**



Data provided by the United States Department of Commerce—2013 data

# Economics of the City of Milwaukee

The outflow of wealth within the Metro area is even more pronounced between the City of Milwaukee and its surrounding communities.

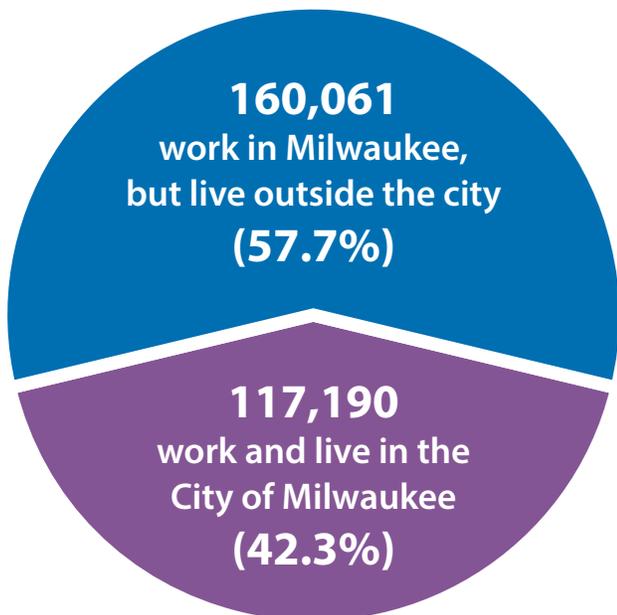
Thousands and thousands of people enter the City of Milwaukee to work, but leave at the end of their day. There is nothing wrong with where people choose to live. We hold nothing against our neighbors. However, to fully understand and appreciate Milwaukee's economic climate, one must understand where money is made and where it goes at the end of the day.

## What has been created over time is an economic segregation that concentrates great wealth and great poverty in neighboring communities.

Communities of concentrated poverty struggle to access the capital needed to create new businesses and to realize the resources to support those businesses that are created. What is left is an economy that cannot jump start itself and a cycle that must be broken.

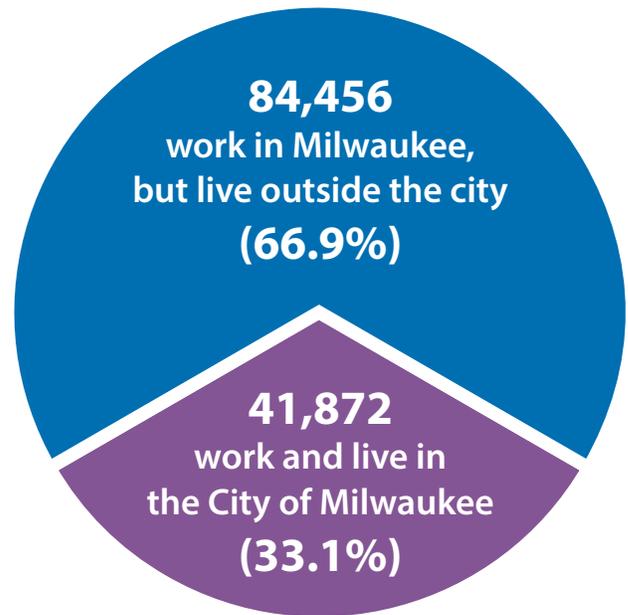
The following data shows how higher income earners largely live outside of the City of Milwaukee, while those earning a lower income are much more likely to live in the city.

### 277,251 total employees work within the City of Milwaukee



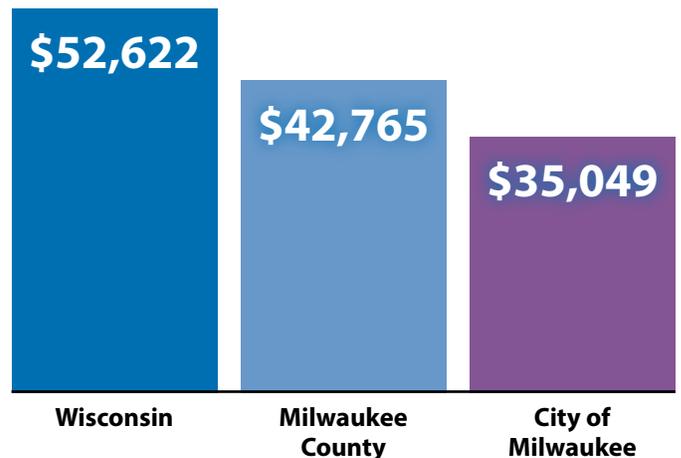
The divide is larger within those earning over \$3,333 a month. Two out of every three high-income earners that make their money in Milwaukee do not live in the city. The city, particularly the neighborhoods throughout the central city, is left with less high-income individuals to foster investment and economic growth.

### 126,278 total employees working within Milwaukee make over \$3,333 a month



The resulting concentration of lower income earners is reflected in a comparison of median household incomes according to the United States Census Bureau.

### Median Household Incomes



# Milwaukee's Skyline

Milwaukee's skyline is iconic, beautiful and changing. Milwaukee's State Legislative Democrats welcome the development of projects that continue to make Milwaukee's downtown and skyline the largest and most diverse in Wisconsin.

**Hundreds of millions of investment dollars are pushing new and growing industry and commercial spaces skyward.**

The economic health of our entire region, as shown in the previous pages, is fueled by the success of downtown Milwaukee.

Like spokes on a tire, the wealth created and growing in downtown Milwaukee ripples throughout Wisconsin. Two major projects are underway, with more in stages of development.



## Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons

The Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons will become Wisconsin's largest office building, preserving 1,200 jobs in downtown Milwaukee and allowing an expansion of up to 1,900 new jobs. To date, the project has exceeded its ambitious goals of hiring local and minority owned businesses in its construction.



## 833 East Michigan

Scheduled to open in 2016, 833 East Michigan will offer 17 stories and over 350,000 square feet of office space, with the law firm of Godfrey & Kahn anchoring the building through lease of the top four floors.



## Couture

The Couture project, if approved, would include a 44-story tower with apartments, retail, and dedicated public space. Access to Milwaukee's Lakefront will also be increased through the possible extension of the Street Car to the Couture.



## Northwestern Mutual Building

Northwestern Mutual is building a 33-story real-estate development adjacent to its downtown Milwaukee campus. The tower will feature high-end residential apartments and retail space, while also addressing the company's workforce parking needs. The project is expected to be completed and occupied by spring 2018.

# Commercial and Industrial Development

Beyond Milwaukee's growing skyline, hundreds of acres of former industrial sites are being redeveloped. The City of Milwaukee has led the charge and partnered with the State of Wisconsin by devoting massive resources to return infrastructure and complete environmental remediation. The following projects are huge in size and scale.

**Factories that once employed thousands and thousands of Milwaukeeans have been resurrected and transformed.**

Milwaukee's State Legislative Democrats will work to ensure the momentum continues through the satisfaction of State Government's commitment and role in these vital redevelopment projects.

## Century City



**BEFORE:** The former A.O. Smith factory site once employed over 10,000 people.



City of Milwaukee

**AFTER:** Today over 45 acres are primed and available for redevelopment, with an anchor building offering over 50,000 square feet for flexible industrial uses broke ground in 2015.

## Menomonee Valley



**BEFORE:** Once a wild rice marsh, this area was established as a trading post in 1795. As more people settled in Milwaukee in the early 1900s, the city was quickly transformed into what was known as the "Machine Shop of the World," with the Valley at the heart of it all. At its height, thousands of Milwaukeeans worked in the Valley.



City of Milwaukee and Menomonee Valley Partners

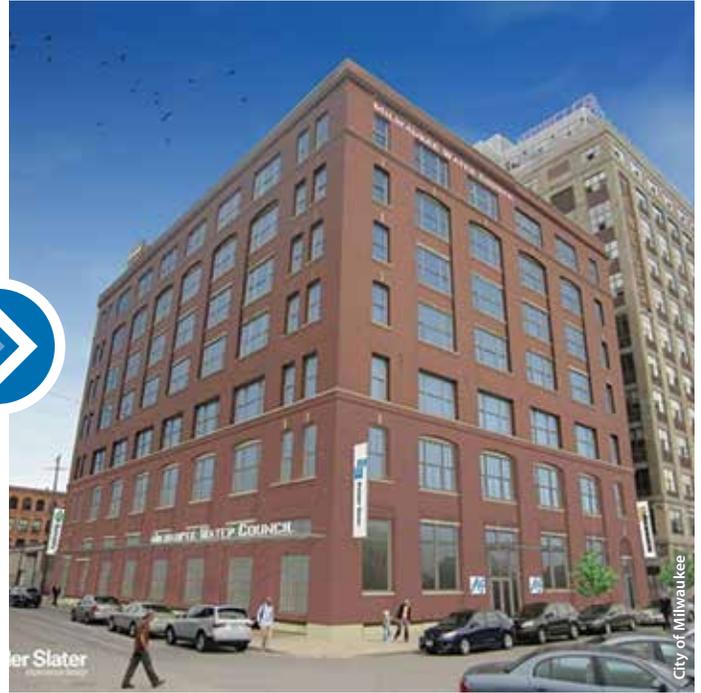
**AFTER:** Menomonee Valley's redevelopment resulted in a staggering addition of 39 businesses and 5,200 employees, with acres of public parks and trails bringing thousands of visitors a year.

## Commercial and Industrial Development continued

### Reed Street Yards



**BEFORE:** 17 acres of former rail yards are being transformed to house a cluster of water technology businesses and institutions.



**AFTER:** Anchored by the Global Water Center, Reed Street Yards will blend industry, technology, and education into the surrounding neighborhoods in the heart of the city.

### The Brewery Project



**BEFORE:** Milwaukee native Joseph Zilber's vision for the formerly abandoned Pabst Brewery has been realized in the creation of an entire Milwaukee neighborhood.



**AFTER:** The Brewery is home to two university centers, housing, business offices, a hotel, and restaurants – and will soon include the return of Pabst beer operations. The Brewery project has literally transformed the west side of Milwaukee's downtown.

## Commercial and Industrial Development continued

### Tomorrow's economy is being created and built in Milwaukee today.

Development is happening throughout Milwaukee. From startups and industry clusters to our higher-education institutions creating new technologies and partnerships, Milwaukee is a hub of development. There are thousands of Milwaukeean working together every day, growing our local and regional economy. The following groups are by no means an exhaustive list. Milwaukee's State Legislative Democrats applaud the hard work of all those growing our economy.



Located on Milwaukee's north side in a previously vacant industrial building, M-WERC (the Midwest Energy Research Consor-

tium) is a collaboration of industry leaders in Energy, Power, and Control. M-WERC's mission is to harness the area's industry leaders and researchers to provide "cutting-edge consulting, research, workforce development and industry expansion."



With locations in both Madison and Milwaukee, gener8tor offers acceleration to Wisconsin entrepreneurs by providing capital, infrastructure and mentorship. With a

growing list of successful companies, gener8tor has helped transform Wisconsin's entrepreneurial landscape.



BizStarts is a non-profit organization located in downtown Milwaukee that provides support to local entrepreneurs,

including "one-on-one meetings, market assessment, team assessment, financial preparation and more."



The Riverworks Center is a business and economic development effort made up of three different

organizations: Riverworks Development Corporation, Business Improvement District #25, and Business Improvement District #36. Together, these groups focus on reviving Milwaukee's northeast industrial corridor and improving the quality of life for the surrounding neighborhoods. [www.riverworksmke.org](http://www.riverworksmke.org)

The heart of Milwaukee is home to a fabric of small businesses. There is a profound need for increased access to capital for these small business owners and entrepreneurs—and Wisconsin's State Government can and should play a larger role. Working throughout Milwaukee, local Chambers of Commerce support our local small businesses, and we salute their important work.



American Indian Chamber of Commerce Wisconsin



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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce WISCONSIN



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Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce



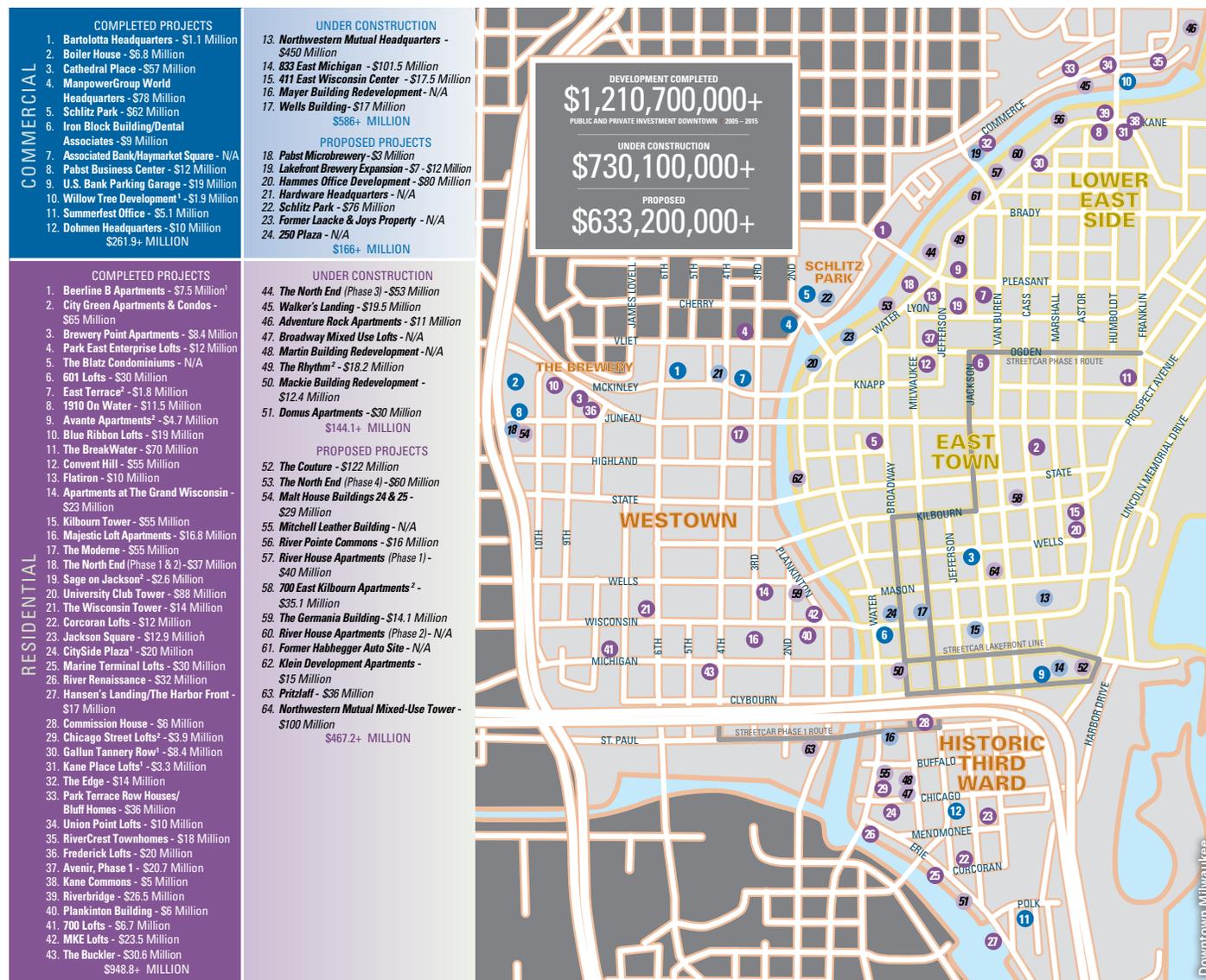
View of the Brady Street business district during their annual Brady Street festival, which draws over 60 local vendors, and crowds from all across the city.

# Residential Development

Milwaukee's growing population has transformed the residential housing market. **Hundreds of new housing units have recently opened, with hundreds more under construction and proposed throughout the city.** The State of Wisconsin can and often does play a role in aiding residential development.

As shown below, the State's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit can be a catalyst for the restoration of historic properties, while several other important State-run programs, like New Market Housing Tax Credits and Low Income Housing Tax Credits, have been used to bring new residential housing options to Milwaukee.

Data provided by Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation



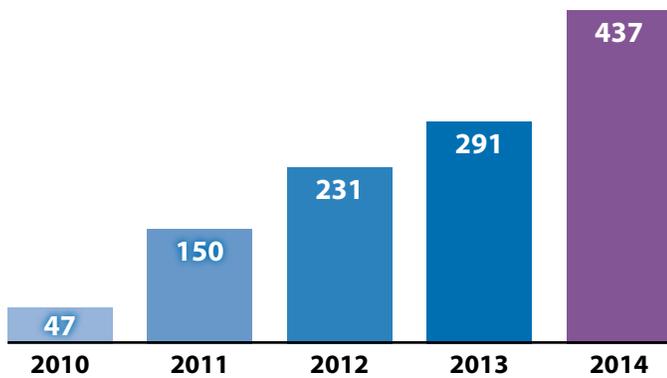
<sup>1</sup> Assessed property value from Map Milwaukee  
<sup>2</sup> Estimated value based on (\$130,000/unit) x number of units

## Residential Development continued

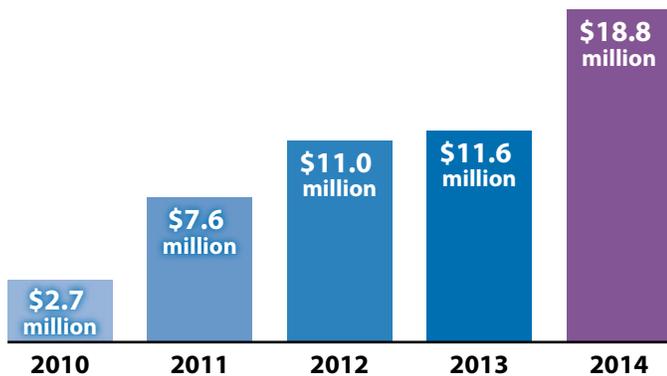
The foreclosure crisis that plunged America into the Great Recession hit Milwaukee as hard as any Midwestern city. Neighborhoods in Milwaukee's central city were hit hardest, have received the least investments, and are among the slowest housing markets to recover. **Thanks to the hard work of city employees and several committed Milwaukee non-profit organizations, foreclosed and empty properties are being restored and sold.** Once boarded and vacant, many of these homes now welcome the return of families.

In 2014, 437 city-owned homes were sold, greatly outpacing the number sold in 2013. These properties were foreclosed and vacant and are now occupied. Our work continues with approximately 2,287 homes still in foreclosure and approximately 4,463 in vacant status.\*

### City-Owned Homes Sold Since 2010



### Recovered Taxable Value: \$51.8M



City-owned homes sold since 2010 represent \$51.8 million on the tax rolls, and will reduce the city's 2015 tax rate by \$0.02, or \$2 on the average homeowner's tax bill.

(Vacant home before)



(After)



Reclaiming an abandoned home increases the value of the entire block and helps stabilize the neighborhood.

\*Data provided by City of Milwaukee, December 10, 2015

## Residential Development continued

(Ezekiel Gillespie Park before)



(After)

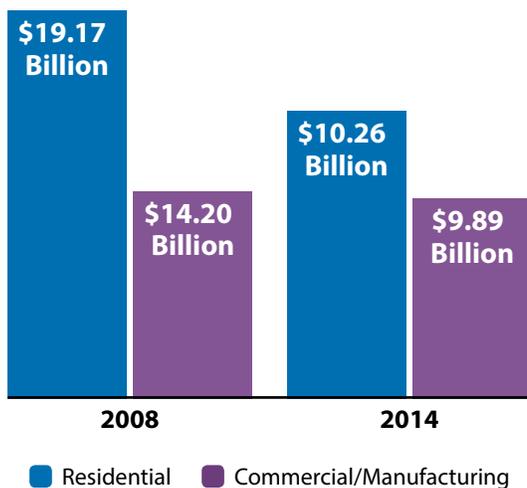


Some homes can't be saved. Vacant lots challenge neighborhood stability just like vacant homes. **Home owners and entire neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee have joined together to repurpose vacant land into neighborhood assets.**

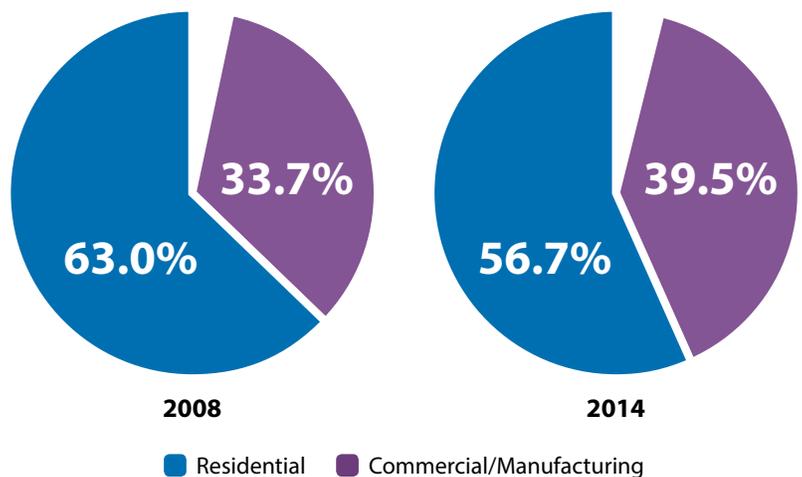
It is vital that we continue this momentum throughout Milwaukee's neighborhoods. Property values matter. Prior to the Great Recession, Milwaukee's residential properties provided 63.0% of the city's tax levy, while in 2014

decreased values resulted in 56.7% of the city's tax levy coming from residential properties. Restoring homes and neighborhoods greatly increases property values and offers a path to restore balance to the city's tax levy.

Property Values



City of Milwaukee Tax Levy Sources



Data provided by City of Milwaukee

# Community Development

Exciting developments are taking place beyond downtown. Anchor institutions, local business owners, and community members are collaborating throughout the city to revitalize neighborhoods. **From commercial corridors to residential neighborhoods, local leaders in Milwaukee are coming together and making a difference.** Large or small, these efforts make Milwaukee a better place and we salute our neighbors hard work.

We recognize that these achievements are the product of hard work by so many unsung heroes in our community. We salute all of those that give their time and talent to making our community a better place.



## Layton Boulevard West Neighbors

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors encompasses the Layton Park, Burnham Park, and Silver City neighborhoods on Milwaukee's near south side. LBWN's mission is to stabilize and revitalize their community. Through investments in homes and businesses, LBWN's tireless advocacy in their community has resulted in massive positive change and serves as a model for many of Milwaukee's neighboring communities.

## Lindsay Heights Neighborhood

The Lindsay Heights Neighborhood has seen a rebirth from the ground up. Crime is down. Homes have been restored and new homes built. Anchoring the growth in Lindsay Heights is the Walnut Way Conservation Corps, a nonprofit focusing on a community-driven, sustainable revitalization of the neighborhood. Walnut Way has helped expand urban agriculture in Milwaukee, transformed a vacant lot into Sunshine Park, and partnered with a local grocery chain to provide access to healthy food.



## Near West Side Partners

Marquette University, MillerCoors, Harley-Davidson, Aurora Sinai Hospital, and the Forest County Potawatomi have united their efforts to continue the revitalization of Milwaukee's west side neighborhoods by forming the Near West Side Partners. Including the Avenues West, Concordia, Cold Spring Park, Merrill Park, Martin Drive, and Valley Park neighborhoods, the Near West Side Partners has dedicated private and publicly matched resources to promote the community's assets, while developing commercial corridors, improving housing options for residents, and reducing crime.



## Havenwoods Economic Development Corp.

Several of Milwaukee's northwest side neighborhoods have joined forces to develop and enrich their community. Anchored by the Agape Community Center and the Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation, these neighborhoods include Thurston Woods, Old North Milwaukee, Havenwoods, Graceland, and Wyrick Park. From home repairs to increasing economic opportunities for local businesses, these community partners are making a positive impact on Milwaukee's northwest side.



## Bay View Neighborhood Association

One of Milwaukee's most vibrant neighborhoods, Bay View is led in part by its active, community-driven neighborhood association. The mission of the neighbors is to promote economic development, which can be seen through the health of Kinnickinnic Avenue. They also promote activities that 'facilitate an attractive, safe, and diverse neighborhood.' Bringing Milwaukeeans together beyond Bay View, the Chill on the Hill summer events serve as just one example of the way Bay View neighbors have come together to enrich their community.

# Education

No city in America has as diverse an educational landscape as Milwaukee. Important, positive trends exist within Milwaukee schools, yet we acknowledge that there is major work to be done. We applaud our educators, parents and students for their hard work and progress in creating better schools and brighter futures.

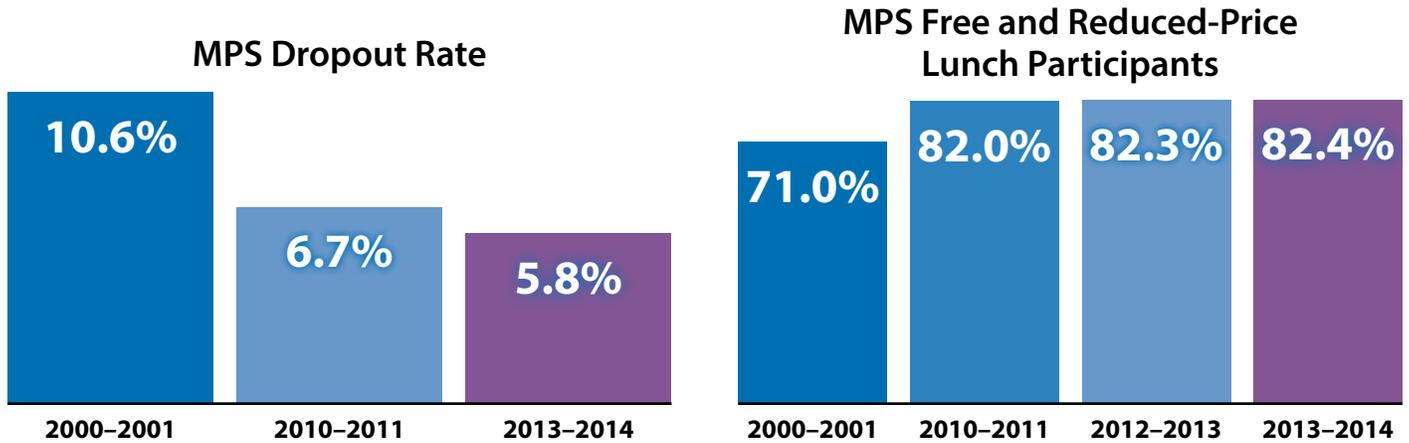
The Milwaukee School Board of Directors has identified 14 MPS schools to be transformed through the district's

new Commitment Schools' effort. Milwaukee Public Schools' vision is to transform the 14 underperforming schools into high-performing schools through the implementation of rigorous academic and behavioral interventions with increased resources to achieve greater college and career readiness.

MPS' Commitment Schools will have the flexibility to use innovative approaches independent of district initiatives that are still aligned with the district's goals of academic achievement, effective and efficient operations and community engagement.

The high school dropout rate has been cut nearly in half over the last decade. More work needs to be done, but great progress is being made and deserves recognition.

**On a school day in Milwaukee, 82.4% of the students who walk through the schoolhouse door qualify for reduced or free lunch programs.** Concentrated poverty has increased in Milwaukee and in our schools.



Data provided by Milwaukee Public Schools and Department of Public Education

## Milwaukee is home to 13 four-year colleges and universities and educates more than 56,000 people a year.

Milwaukee is also home to Milwaukee Area Technical College, Wisconsin's largest technical school, with an enrollment of over 40,000 (over 12,000 full-time equivalent).

Together, these institutions make Milwaukee Wisconsin's number-one destination for higher education.



# Public Safety

There is too much crime in Milwaukee. As residents, we experience this reality in a personal and intimate way. We know crime can be traced to the concentration of poverty, though it is no excuse. **There is no better crime prevention strategy than a job, and we believe the economic growth and opportunities in Milwaukee can lead to the sustained reduction of crime.**

We recognize, even with the progress that has been made, that Milwaukee's crime rate is far above the national average and must be reduced. We send our condolences and our prayers to the families and loved ones that have lost lives to violence. We have experienced too much violence and death, and we must come together to stop it.

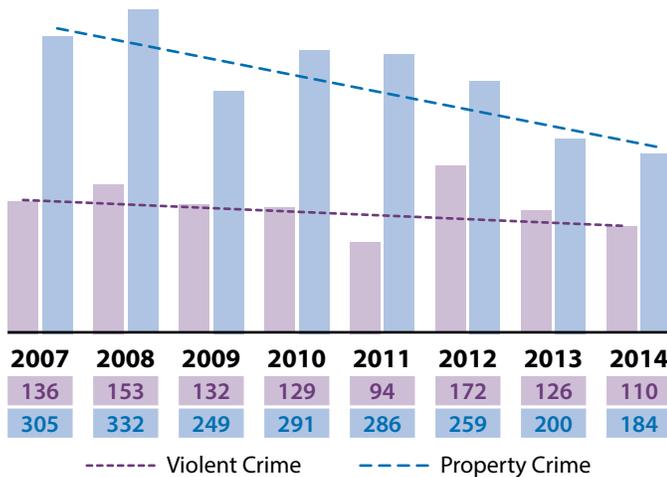
There are crime reduction strategies working in neighborhoods plagued by crime. Neighborhood and community-based policing strategies are making Milwaukee safer. These strategies involve bringing residents, law enforcement, private sector stakeholders, and faith communities together to address the issue of crime by targeting places that contribute to crime, like abandoned homes, and empowering neighbors to make their own home, block, and neighborhood a safer place.

	2008	2010	2012	2014
Homicides	71	95	91	86
Property Crimes	37,006	32,016	30,750	24,875

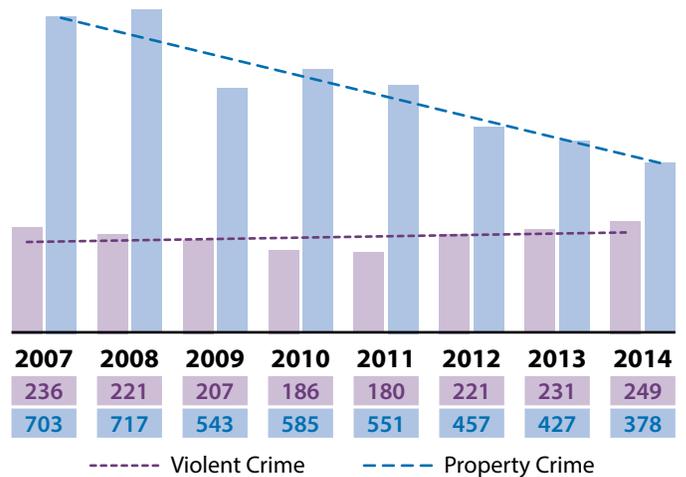
Though there have been increases and decreases over the past few years, the violent crime rate remains far too high. Most crime in Milwaukee (both violent and property) is concentrated within the same neighborhoods struggling economically. Data from Milwaukee Police Department

## Two powerful examples of crime reduction in Milwaukee—the Amani and Washington Park neighborhoods—can be replicated throughout Wisconsin.

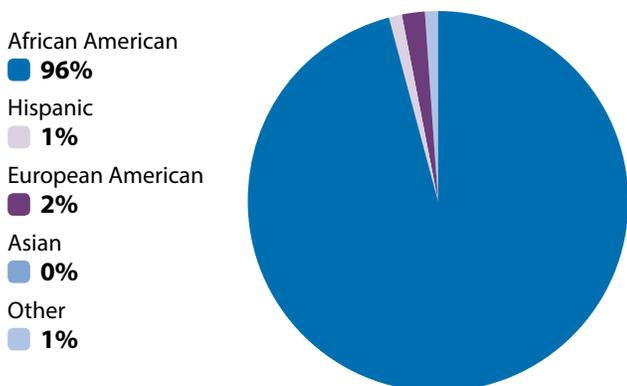
Amani Neighborhood Crime Rates



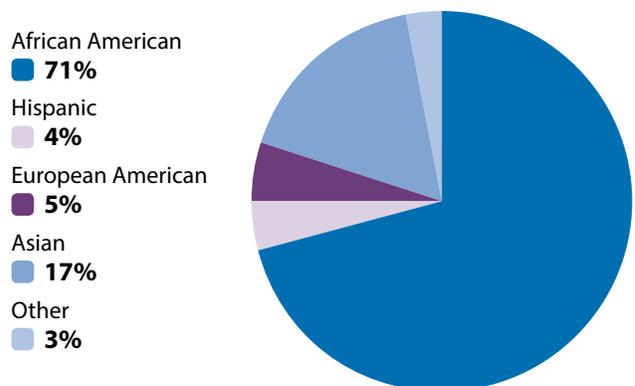
Washington Park Neighborhood Crime Rates



Amani Neighborhood Demographics



Washington Park Neighborhood Demographics



Data from U.S. Census Bureau

Amani Neighborhood



Amani residents play chess at a block party on Chambers between 23rd and 24th streets.

## Neighborhood begins to rebound

Historically, the Amani area has been one of Milwaukee's most challenged neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and crime. But in recent years, more residents and nonprofit and government agencies are collaborating, and data shows crime is dropping.

**A: Goldin Center**, 2320 W. Burleigh St.  
**B: Moody Park**, 2200 W. Burleigh St.  
**C: Dominican Center for Women**, 2470 W. Locust St.

 A composite image featuring a map of Milwaukee with a red square indicating the Amani neighborhood, a street grid map showing streets like W. KEEFE AVE., W. TOWNSEND ST., W. BURLEIGH ST., W. LOCUST ST., W. HADLEY ST., W. CENTER ST., W. CLARKE ST., N. HOPKINS ST., N. TELEPHONE AVE., N. 20TH ST., N. 27TH ST., W. FOND DU LAC AVE., and W. AJER ST., and a detailed site plan of Moody Park (B) showing features like PARKING LOT, MULTI-USE FACILITY, SPLASH PAD AREA, PLAY FIELD, PICNIC TABLES, PLAY LAWN, ALLEY, OPEN AIR PAVILION, BASKETBALL COURTS, and GARDEN.
 

Source: Milwaukee County Parks Department  
 Journal Sentinel

In the heart of Wisconsin's most economically depressed zip code, together, Amani neighbors reduced overall crime by 30%

Washington Park Neighborhood



The Washington Park Partners, anchored by United Methodist Children's Services Inc., received a federal Byrne Initiative Grant to target crime reduction through community based strategies. It is working in Washington Park.



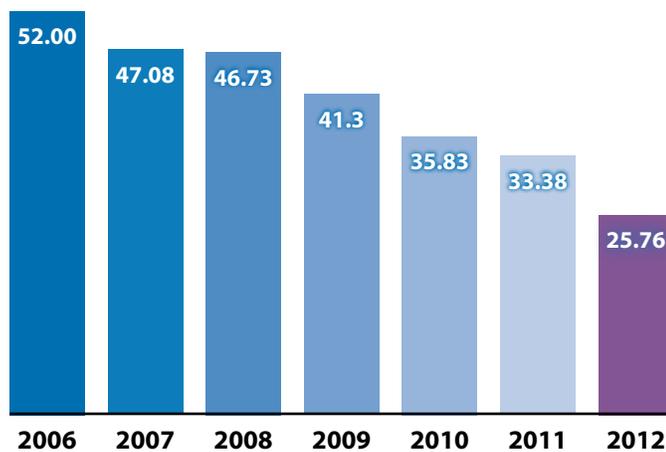
Children participate in Washington Parks Community Pie making.

# Public Health

No community can thrive unless it's healthy. Old legacies remain in far too many Milwaukee neighborhoods, while the modern challenges of obesity and diabetes are growing trends which our community has rallied together to address.

A major effort and success has been the reduction of Milwaukee's teen pregnancy rate. Beginning in 2006, a community wide effort has seen a major reduction in teen pregnancy throughout the city.

## Milwaukee Teen Birthrates: Number of Births per 1,000 Citywide



In 2006, Milwaukee had America's second highest teen pregnancy rate. That year, city and community partners engaged in a goal to cut the rate in half by 2015. That goal was met two years early in 2013, and the rate continues to drop. Data provided by Milwaukee County Health Department.

The reduction of Milwaukee's infant mortality rate is another community wide effort yielding positive results. **Since 2000, Milwaukee's infant mortality rate has decreased, with the lowest rate and fewest infant deaths in recent history in 2014.** The overall rate remains too high and continued work is needed.

### Healthy Babies Initiative

Year	2000	2011–2013	2012–2014
Percentage	11.5%	10.2%	9.9%

Data provided by Milwaukee County Health Department

Several neighborhoods, organizations, and the city government have come together to develop and execute a city-wide sustainability plan. **Ranging from urban gardens to green infrastructure, these initiatives help make our community cleaner and healthier.**



Alice's Garden



Growing Power

Access to fresh produce is a major obstacle in too many neighborhoods, so several organizations have begun to grow their own healthy food. Will Allen, lower left, has helped lead the way through his organization "Growing Power."



Before

Removing miles of non-natural concrete river bed, the Kinnickinnick River is being restored to its natural state. Not only is this healthier for the surrounding neighbors, but signals a return of natural fish and wildlife that previously could not access the river. Projects like this are underway in all three of Milwaukee's rivers.



After

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

# New and Coming Soon to Milwaukee

City life is exciting and constantly changing. In 2014, Milwaukee welcomed several new, fun and low-cost or free activities. Milwaukee offers countless opportunities to gather, celebrate, eat, drink, and have fun. **The next few years will see major changes in Milwaukee, continued positive growth and development, with several iconic projects on the horizon.**



Modernizing Milwaukee's public transportation system, the Street Car offers the beginning route of a network connecting Milwaukee by rail.



The Milwaukee Bucks will call Milwaukee home for a long time to come and their new address will serve as a catalyst for downtown Milwaukee's continued growth.

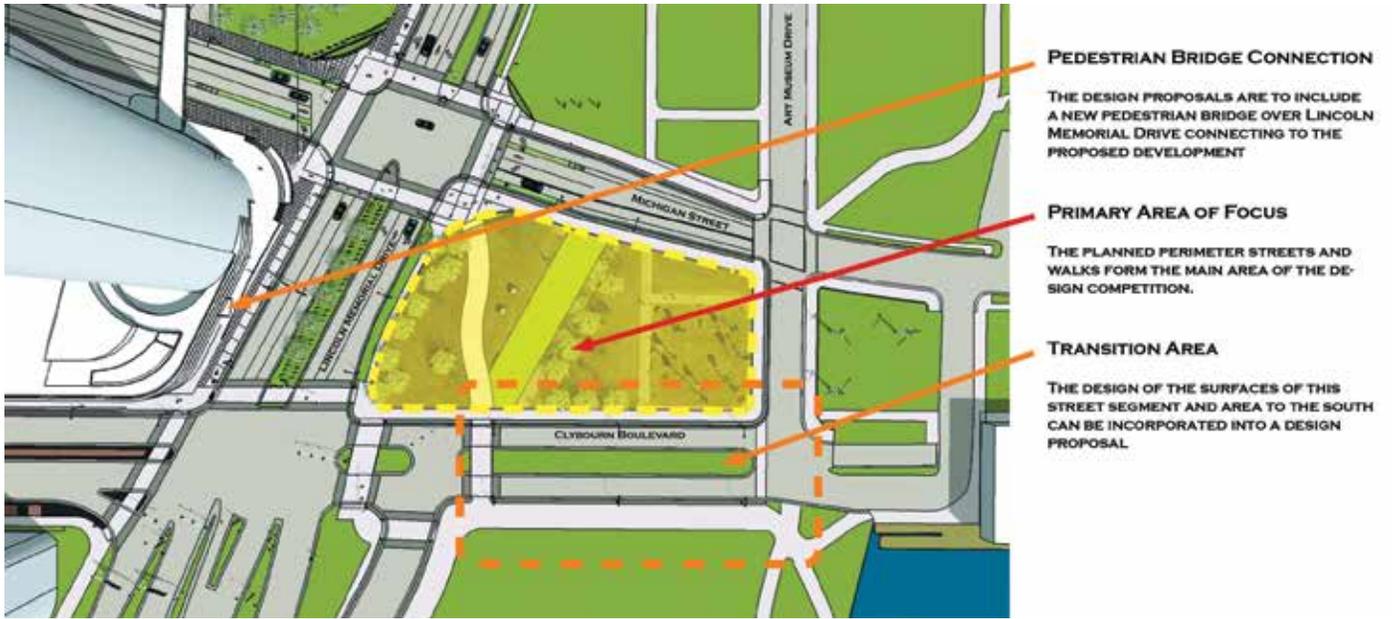


Milwaukee is now connected by bike. With stations throughout the city, and more to come, Milwaukee's Bublr bike program offers a ride for both visitors and residents to enjoy.

*New and Coming Soon to Milwaukee continued*



City of Milwaukee



A collaboration between city, county, and state governments, the Lakefront Gateway Project is a modern vision for Milwaukee's downtown freeway network to maximize land use and improve access to Lake Michigan.

## New and Coming Soon to Milwaukee continued



Anchoring Milwaukee's new gateway to Lake Michigan, the proposed Couture project would redefine Milwaukee's skyline.



Created by the young professional group Newaukee, the Night Market repurposes Wisconsin Avenue into a community-wide celebration



Leading two exciting projects, the Milwaukee Public Library is bringing new life and new energy to Milwaukee through increased access and opportunity. The mobile 'express' library is one of only a few of these cutting edge options in the country.



# Our Vision for Milwaukee

We believe that with the State's commitment we can cut Milwaukee's poverty rate in half in ten years.

Milwaukee's future is bright, but for all Milwaukeean's to realize this vision, there is no greater priority for State Government and our community than to reduce poverty.

Nothing defeats poverty better than a good job. We believe in the dignity and power of work and that hard work should provide a path to the middle class. Tying our efforts to the importance of work, we believe that State Government should expand the following opportunities:

## Dignity at Work

A full time job should provide a path to upward mobility and middle class stability. To get there, Wisconsin workers need a raise. We support raising Wisconsin's minimum wage and recognize that workers have earned it. Beyond wages, we believe that Wisconsin workers should have added protections at work, especially for young and growing families. All workers also deserve equal opportunities to save and plan for a dignified retirement, whether publicly or privately employed.

## Workforce Development

Access to training and job skills is essential. We support our strong technical and vocational schools and the important work they do to prepare workers to work. In addition, we support job subsidies like the successful Transitional Jobs program, which provide an entrance to the workplace for those out of work while benefiting the employer. These programs should be strengthened and expanded.

## Racial Equity

Wisconsin unacceptably leads the nation in the racial disparity of many critical areas. Most troubling is the divide in the unemployment rate between whites and African Americans – the largest in America. Similarly: reading proficiency, graduation, and incarceration rates rank among the nation's most disparate. We believe all are born with equal rights and deserve equal access to success. Addressing racial disparities must be a priority for Wisconsin and our State Government.

## Quality Education

Early childhood education offers the largest return on investment for Wisconsin taxpayers and helps place young minds on a path to success as they enter school. As we work to build upon and complement the progress made in our public schools, we recognize that excellent early education and strong technical schools are also essential for Milwaukee's success.

## Student Loan Refinancing

Wisconsin students shouldn't face a lifetime of debt for making the decision to pursue higher education. Milwaukee is home to Wisconsin's largest population of students seeking higher education as well as young professionals and recent graduates. Allowing student loans to be refinanced would free millions of dollars in Milwaukee and boost our economy, while incentivizing college and beyond.

# Our Commitment to Milwaukee

Realizing our vision for Milwaukee requires more than the State Government's commitment—it takes our own. Together, as legislators and neighbors in Milwaukee, we can be a part of positive change by rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. We commit to doing just that.

**As a delegation, we promise to serve 500 hours of volunteerism in 2016.**

We commit to making a difference. We challenge and encourage our neighbors and our community to join us in this task—together, we can build on the momentum and move Milwaukee forward.

# Milwaukee's State Democratic Legislators

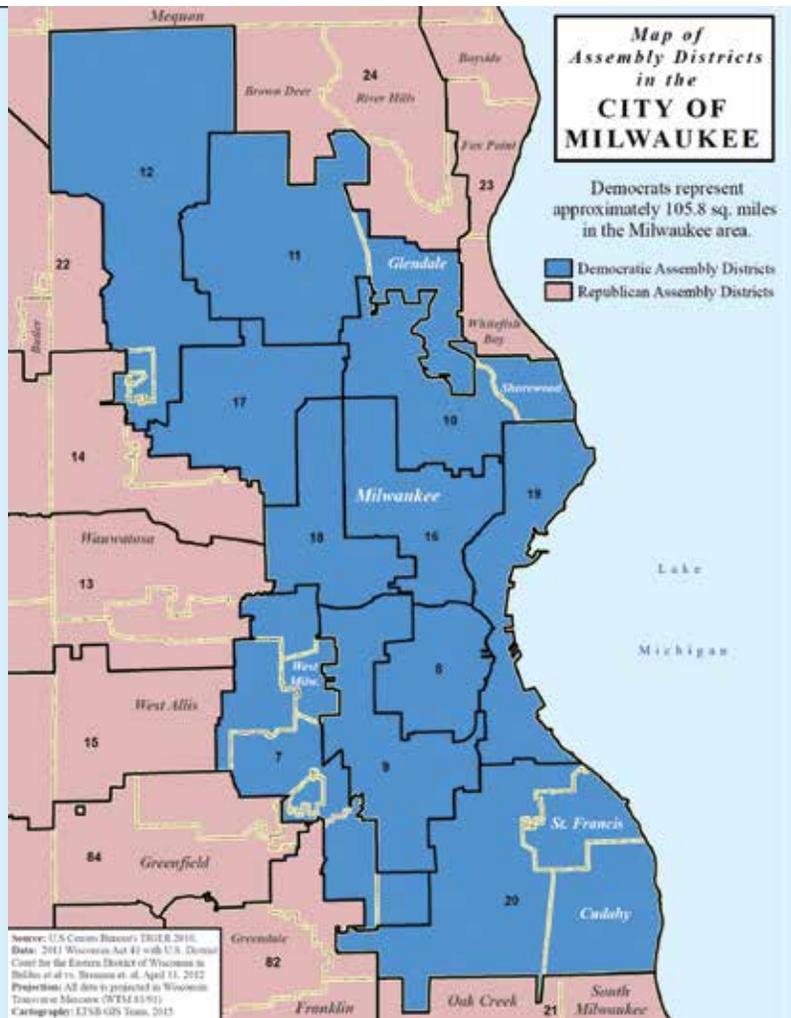
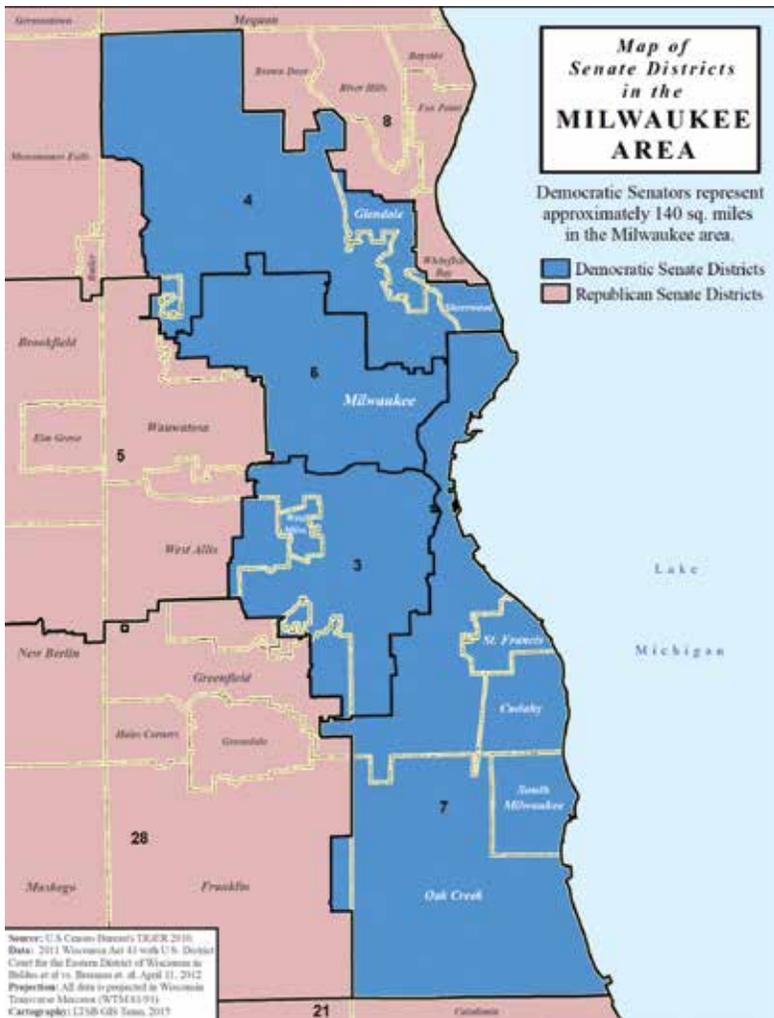
Each legislator has a unique background and expertise, and represents a district with distinct priorities. Nowhere in Wisconsin is such diversity represented. We don't always agree on every issue, and we shouldn't. Our unique, diverse, and ever-changing community shapes our priorities as we serve our constituents.

We do share a passion for what we do and whom we represent. We love Milwaukee and are grateful for the honor to represent our city and stand with our hard working neighbors.

The following pages allow each legislator to introduce themselves, their communities, and to discuss their legislative priorities. We invite you to take a moment to get to know us. We welcome any feedback, comments or questions you may have.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our delegation and our great city.

## Milwaukee Legislative District Maps





## SENATOR 3RD SENATE DISTRICT **Tim Carpenter**

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## **Biography**

Senator Carpenter has called Milwaukee's south side his home his entire life. He attended Milwaukee Public Schools within the district, graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and holds a masters degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison's LaFollette Institute.

Senator Carpenter has served in the Senate since 2002. He served 9 terms in the State Assembly prior to his election to the Senate. He is a longtime home owner and resident on Milwaukee's south side.

Senator Carpenter serves on the following Committees: Health and Human Services, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, and the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions. Senator Carpenter also serves as a member of the Transportation Projects Commission.



Senator Carpenter speaking with a colleague



Senator Carpenter speaking on the Senate floor

## **Legislative Priorities**

- **Lower residential property taxes**  
Senator Carpenter has, for his entire career, prioritized keeping property taxes as low as possible.
- **Protecting Senior Citizens**  
State run programs like SeniorCare and FamilyCare are critical to the support of many of Senator Carpenter's neighbors and sees maintaining the quality and capacity of these programs as a priority.
- **Local Road Aid**  
Fixing potholes on your block should be prioritized over building new, hugely expensive highway expansions.



# REPRESENTATIVE 7TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Daniel Riemer

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## Biography

Representative Riemer was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin–Madison’s Law School. Representative Riemer worked his way through college at the University of Chicago as a youth sports coach, a café clerk, and a house painter—among other things.

Representative Riemer is a home owner in Milwaukee’s Jackson Park neighborhood.

Representative Riemer serves on the following Committees: Health, Workforce Development, Ways and Means, Veterans and Military Affairs, and Mental Health Reform. Representative Riemer is also a member of the Uniform Law Commission and State Fair Park Board of Directors.



Above: Rep. Riemer on Inauguration Day; Below: Rep. Riemer and colleagues at Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee



Rep. Riemer visiting with a school group at the State Capitol

## Legislative Priorities

### • **Strengthening Health Care**

Representative Riemer is the author of legislation that would accept federal money for BadgerCare expansion. This expansion would save at least \$240 Million over the next two years, while providing health care to 81,000 Wisconsinites.

### • **Tax Relief for Working Families**

Representative Riemer is the author of legislation to restore Wisconsin’s Earned Income Tax Credit, which ties the tax credit to work and bolsters the wages of Wisconsin’s middle-class workers.

### • **Strong Public Schools**

Representative Riemer understands that investments in public education pay long term dividends—this is especially true of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, which offers one of the nation’s most cost-efficient higher educations while fueling Milwaukee’s economy.





# REPRESENTATIVE 8TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT JoCasta Zamarripa

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## Biography

Representative Zamarripa was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Prior to her election to the Assembly, Representative Zamarripa served as a community organizer for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin.

Representative Zamarripa lives on Milwaukee’s south side. In 2010, Representative Zamarripa became Wisconsin’s first Latina elected to the Wisconsin Legislature.

Representative Zamarripa serves on the following committees: Campaigns and Elections, State Affairs and Government Operations, Jobs and the Economy, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Health, and Rules. Representative Zamarripa also serves as the Minority Caucus Vice-Chair.



Rep. Zamarripa speaking on the Assembly floor

## Legislative Priorities

- Safety and Equality on our Roads**

Representing the largest Latino constituency in the State of Wisconsin, Representative Zamarripa has championed legislation that would allow undocumented immigrants in Wisconsin the opportunity to obtain a valid state-issued driver’s license. With the failure of the US Congress to pass any meaningful immigration reform, Rep. Zamarripa has taken this issue on at the state level in an attempt to make our communities safer. Allowing equal access to a driver’s card, regardless of citizenship status, makes our roads safer by ensuring all drivers are properly qualified, documented and insured.
- Access to Capital for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs**

Representative Zamarripa is currently working on legislation that is modeled after the Seed Chicago program, which creates public-private nonprofits that create resources and training for small businesses to use the internet to raise capital through crowdfunding.
- Being a Champion for Milwaukee’s Near South Side**

Representative Zamarripa has successfully worked on a bipartisan level to shepherd multiple pieces of legislation. These bills will have an immediate and measurable impact on businesses and organizations in Representative Zamarripa’s legislative district. The first bill that was signed into law was the distilled spirits tasting bill, allowing distillers to market their product in stores on an equitable playing field with wine and beer producers. Representative Zamarripa is proud to have two craft distilleries in her district, Great Lakes Distillery and Central Standard Distillery.



Rep. Zamarripa speaking in support of marriage equality and the middle class



# REPRESENTATIVE 9TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Josh Zepnick

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## Biography

Representative Zepnick was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a proud graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Representative Zepnick worked within his Milwaukee community to co-found the Public Allies program.

Representative Zepnick lives in the Silver City neighborhood on Milwaukee’s south side.

Representative Zepnick serves as the Minority Caucus Sergeant at Arms and on the following committees: Energy and Utilities, Financial Institutions, Interstate Affairs, and Ways and Means.

## Legislative Priorities

### • Fair Treatment of Workers

Representative Zepnick supports workplace protections that allow paid family sick leave for all workers. Representative Zepnick supports increasing Wisconsin’s minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour.

### • Community Safety

Representative Zepnick was part of a bi-partisan coalition to preserve critical state funding for a south-side expansion of the “Shotspotter” program, which aids police in the detection and prevention of gun violence.

### • Energy Efficiency

As the ranking Democrat on the Energy and Utilities Committee, Representative Zepnick has helped direct state funding to the Layton Blvd. West Neighborhood Association for energy efficiency. Rep. Zepnick also secured funding for the National Ave. streetscaping on S. 35th St., Layton Blvd. harp lighting and streetscaping, and rebuilding S. 27th St.



Representative Zepnick visits the Urban Ecology Center working hard for the south side



Representative Zepnick meeting with leaders from the Zilber Family’s Clarke Square Initiative to discuss neighborhood revitalization



# SENATOR 7TH SENATE DISTRICT Chris Larson

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## Biography

Senator Larson is a Milwaukee County native and graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Prior to his election to the State Senate, Senator Larson served as an elected member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Senator Larson was first elected in 2010 and served as the Senate Minority Leader for the 2012–13 legislative session.

Senator Larson lives on Milwaukee’s south side with his wife and two young children.

Senator Larson serves on the following committees: Education; Labor and Government Reform; Workforce Development, Public Works, and Military Affairs.



Sen. Larson welcomes students from St. Thomas Aquinas to the State Capitol



Sen. Larson advocating for a Children’s Outdoors Bill of Rights



Sen. Larson is joined by other Senators and workers at a press conference discussing the so-called “right-to-work” legislation

## Legislative Priorities

### • Strengthening Public Education

Senator Larson supports maintaining Wisconsin’s commitment to adequately funding public schools and is the author of legislation to ensure fair funding, especially for children with special needs. Senator Larson supports efforts to reduce Wisconsin’s classroom sizes through the investment in the S.A.G.E program (Student Achievement Guarantee in Education). An outspoken critic of the failed voucher program, Senator Larson has fought to ensure that these schools are accountable and transparent.

### • Environmental Protection

Senator Larson is the co-author of the Wisconsin Renewable Energy Act, which puts Wisconsin on course to achieve 30% renewable energy by 2030. By increasing Wisconsin’s renewable energy sources, Wisconsin would decrease the \$12 billion each year sent out of state to meet our energy needs. Senator Larson is the author of the Wisconsin Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which is a bipartisan resolution making a generational promise to preserve Wisconsin’s natural beauty for future generations to enjoy and explore.

### • Transportation

Senator Larson is currently working on a proposal that would direct local tax dollars back to local communities to repair local roads and infrastructure before funding new highway expansion projects.



# REPRESENTATIVE 19TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Jonathan Brostoff

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## Biography

Representative Brostoff was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Prior to his election to the Assembly in 2014, Representative Brostoff served in the office of State Senator Chris Larson and as a volunteer in numerous organizations helping the most in need.

He lives on Milwaukee’s east side with his wife Diana.

Representative Brostoff serves on the following committees: Mental Health, Aging and Long Term Care, State Affairs and Government Operations, and Ways and Means.



Rep. Brostoff fighting to save SeniorCare



Rep. Brostoff speaking on the Assembly floor

## Legislative Priorities

- Quality Public Education**  
 Representative Brostoff believes that reducing class sizes and protecting programs like art and music are essential to continuing Wisconsin’s promise of providing quality public education to all children.
- Ensuring a Healthy Safety Net**  
 Representative Brostoff co-authored, with Representative Bowen, legislation that would preserve food stamp benefits for those in need, particularly children and the elderly. Representative Brostoff is committed to ensuring that those in our community suffering from a mental health disorder and their families have quality care and services.
- Protecting our Public Servants**  
 Representative Brostoff stands with our community’s social workers by providing additional protections during their visits to the homes of families in crisis.



Rep. Brostoff speaking out on UW cuts to constituents at UWM



# REPRESENTATIVE 20TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Christine Sinicki

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## Biography

Representative Sinicki was born and raised in the Bay View neighborhood in Milwaukee and is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools. Prior to her election in 1998, Representative Sinicki owned a small business, and prior to her election to the State Assembly, she served as an elected member of the Milwaukee Public Schools Board.

Representative Sinicki still lives in the Bay View neighborhood with her husband and is the proud mother of two grown children.

Representative Sinicki serves on the following committees: Labor and Workforce Development, Labor, Veteran and Military Affairs, Education, and Consumer Protection.



Rep. Sinicki speaking to constituents



Above: Rep. Sinicki meets with constituents at the State Capitol;  
Below: Rep. Sinicki welcomes a student from Milwaukee's International Learning Center



## Legislative Priorities

### • Workplace Protection

Representative Sinicki continues her dedication to fighting for the rights of workers by advocating in the legislature to increase workplace safety and fair wages through workplace representation. Representative Sinicki is also the author of Wisconsin's Equal Pay for Equal Work, which guaranteed equal wages for Wisconsin women in the workplace. That law was repealed in 2011, but Representative Sinicki remains committed to its restoration.

### • Public Education

Representative Sinicki believes the proper public investment in Wisconsin is in our public schools, not unaccountable voucher schools.

### • Veteran Protections

Representative Sinicki believes that those who serve our country have earned quality care, access to education, and priority in employment opportunities in public works projects.



# SENATOR 4TH SENATE DISTRICT Lena C. Taylor

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## Biography

Lena C. Taylor is a lifelong Milwaukee resident, proud graduate of MPS, UW–Milwaukee and Southern Illinois University–Carbondale. Taylor is an attorney with PKSD law firm. Taylor previously served as a State Assembly representative and a public defender. Taylor is the proud mother to her son, Isaiah.

For a full biography and updated committee list, visit [www.legis.wi.gov](http://www.legis.wi.gov).

## Legislative Priorities

### • Ensuring Quality Education

Whether fixing the MPS funding flaw, standardizing educator credentials, or promoting wraparound services to better assist families focus on education, Taylor continues to advance strategies to improve the academic outcomes for the state’s children.



Above: Sen. Taylor gets love from kids after reading to them;  
Below: Sen. Taylor speaks to a crowd of protestors in the Capitol during Act 10 in 2011



Sen. Taylor touring the capitol with Milwaukee area school kids

### • Wraparound MKE

Wraparound MKE uses the LOVE and FAITH approach to integrate federal, state, local, and philanthropic programs to provide neighborhood safety, enhanced community health, enriched public art, and expanded employment opportunities for residents in targeted challenged neighborhoods. Concentrating on education and health, this initiative will train and employ local residents as neighborhood ambassadors for public safety, health care liaisons, and neighborhood beautification. This initiative will provide local workers job training and hands-on work experience in innovative industries like urban forestry, urban agriculture, health care, biomass, and many others. The initiative’s intent is to reduce crime and poverty in targeted challenged neighborhoods by providing productive positive roles for citizens in Milwaukee’s neighborhoods.

### • Justice Reform

Committed to correction reform and proven justice reinvestment strategies, having previously chaired the Judiciary Committee, Taylor completed the first-ever State of the Justice System tour, visiting correction facilities, meeting with stakeholders, and formulating a report with recommendations from the tour. She put forth legislation to reduce recidivism, address racial disparities in incarceration, improve re-entry policies, increase public safety, and reinvest in data-driven justice reforms.



# REPRESENTATIVE 10TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT David Bowen

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## Biography

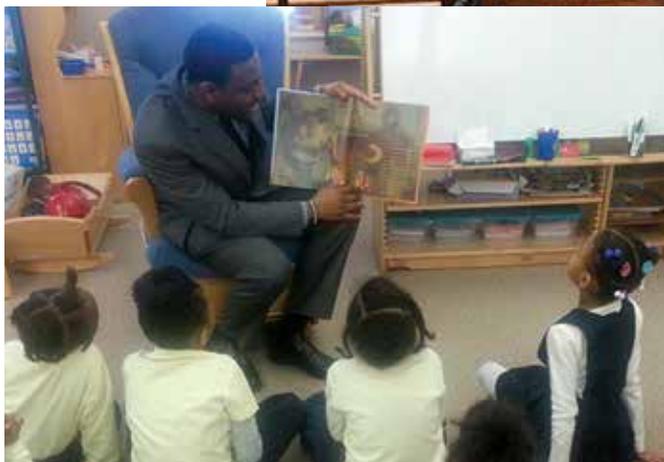
Representative Bowen is a first generation American and son of Jamaican immigrants. He is the graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to his election in 2014, Representative Bowen served as an elected member of the Milwaukee County Board and one of the youngest African American elected officials in Milwaukee's history.

Representative Bowen lives on Milwaukee's north side.

Representative Bowen serves on the following committees: Small Business Development, Workforce Development, Transportation, and Corrections.



Right: Rep. Bowen speaking to his Democratic colleagues; Below: Rep. Bowen reading to school children



Rep. Bowen speaking at a rally for raising workers' wages

## Legislative Priorities

- A Raise for Wisconsin Workers**  
 Representative Bowen authored Milwaukee County's successful Living Wage ordinance and supports giving Wisconsin workers a raise in the minimum wage.
- Reducing Incarceration**  
 Representative Bowen supports efforts to increase Treatment Alternatives and Diversions over increased incarceration. Representative Bowen is committed to working toward the mutually achievable goals of lowering Wisconsin's incarceration rate and increasing our community's safety.
- Ensuring a Healthy Safety Net**  
 Representative Bowen co-authored, with Representative Brostoff, legislation that would preserve food stamp benefits for those in need, particularly children and the elderly. Representative Bowen is also committed to increasing access to healthy food and has joined his constituents in the summer working outside promoting community wellness through urban agriculture and gardening.



## REPRESENTATIVE 11TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT **Mandela Barnes**

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### **Biography**

Representative Barnes was born and raised in Milwaukee and is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools. After graduating from Alabama A&M University, Representative Barnes returned to Milwaukee as an organizer for the Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH).

Representative Barnes lives on Milwaukee's north side and is serving his second term in the Assembly.

Representative Barnes serves on the following committees: Corrections, Small Business Development, Jobs and Economy, and Education. Representative Barnes is also the chair of the Legislature's Black and Latino Caucus.



Above: Rep. Barnes installing community gardens with the Victory Gardens Initiative; Below: Rep. Barnes speaking to local students



Rep. Barnes speaking on Assembly floor

### **Legislative Priorities**

#### • **Public Education**

Representative Barnes is committed to ensuring quality, access, and equity for public students across the state and has authored legislation that would require compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act at all schools receiving state funds. Representative Barnes is also the author of legislation that would appropriate grant funds to school districts to establish community schools, which use holistic, innovative strategies to improve educational outcomes for students in underperforming schools and community members alike.

#### • **Corrections Reform**

Representative Barnes is a leader within the legislature promoting the use of evidence-based practices that keep people from entering prison, and reduce recidivism and racial disparities. In addition, Representative Barnes supports increased use of effective alternatives to incarceration and providing support and services to crime victims, which together make our communities safer.



## REPRESENTATIVE 12TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT **Frederick Kessler**

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### **Biography**

Representative Kessler is a Milwaukee native and graduate. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Representative Kessler has had a distinguished career in public service. First elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1960 at age 20, Representative Kessler has also served as a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge for 11 years, and has served in the Assembly during his third stint since 2004.

Representative Kessler is married with two children. He lives on Milwaukee's northwest side.

Representative Kessler serves on the following committees: Constitution and Ethics, Campaigns and Elections, Agriculture, and Criminal Justice and Public Safety.



Rep. Kessler speaking on Assembly floor

### **Legislative Priorities**

#### • **Criminal Justice Reform**

Representative Kessler has championed juvenile justice reform, including legislation that would raise the age of juveniles to 18. Representative Kessler served on the 1978 Court Reorganization Committee and was instrumental in its major reforms. He also led the effort to abolish bail bonds in Wisconsin.

#### • **Redistricting Reform**

Representative Kessler is a national expert on redistricting and has fought for years to overhaul the manner in which Wisconsin conducts its redistricting process. Representative Kessler is a co-author of legislation to establish standards to ensure fair redistricting of the legislature.

#### • **Protection of Civil Liberties**

In one of the first bills in the country restricting the use of drones, Representative Kessler led the fight to protect personal privacy by preventing law enforcement from using drone video recordings without first obtaining a search warrant. Rep. Kessler is a leader in protecting civil rights and liberties.



Above: Rep. Kessler meeting with constituents; Below: Rep. Kessler meeting with the French Immersion School





## SENATOR 6TH SENATE DISTRICT **Nikiya Harris Dodd**

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## Biography

Senator Harris Dodd was born and raised in Milwaukee. She is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Prior to her election in 2012, she served as an elected member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Senator Harris Dodd is married and recently celebrated the birth of her first son, Anthony.

Senator Harris Dodd serves as a board member of both the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, and the Educational Communications Board. She also serves on the following committees: Insurance, Housing and Trade; Government Operations and Consumer Protection; Education Reform; and the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.



Above: Senator Harris Dodd with advocates for Disability Advocacy Day, March 2015; Below: Senator Nikiya Harris Dodd and her family



Press conference to raise Wisconsin's minimum wage to \$10.10/hour

## Legislative Priorities

### • Public Safety

In partnership with community organizations, police, media, and neighborhood leaders, Senator Harris Dodd annually hosts the Unite Milwaukee Summit, which connects community members to empower neighborhoods to organize themselves to prevent violence and crime. Senator Harris Dodd is also the author of legislation to require universal background checks on the sale of all firearms.

### • Public Education

Senator Harris Dodd strongly opposes the historic cuts to public schools over the past several years and continues to fight for fair funding for our schools. Senator Harris Dodd has authored legislation to ensure that all taxpayer-funded voucher schools have the academic standards and safety measures needed to guarantee that our children are receiving a quality education.

### • Criminal Justice Reform

Senator Harris Dodd has authored legislation that would require the use of racial impact statements, which would examine the impact any proposed criminal law changes have on certain racial groups. Senator Harris Dodd is an advocate for increased support of treatment alternatives and diversion programming.



# REPRESENTATIVE 16TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Leon D. Young

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## Biography

Representative Young is a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to his election to the Assembly in 1992, Representative Young served as an officer within the Milwaukee Police Department.

Representative Young lives on Milwaukee’s north side and is active in numerous community and neighborhood organizations.

Representative Young serves on the following Committees: Housing and Real Estate; Consumer Protection; Insurance; Interstate Affairs; and Urban and Local Affairs. Representative Young is also a board member of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA).



Rep. Young speaking at a Black History Month celebration



Above: Rep. Young presenting Youth of the Year Award to a constituent; Below: Rep. Young welcoming Milwaukee students to the State Capitol



## Legislative Priorities

### • Housing and Economic Development

Representative Young continues to prioritize bringing home state resources to Milwaukee through his position on the WHEDA board. Over his tenure, Representative Young has secured numerous projects within the 16th Assembly District, which have resulted in millions of dollars in economic and housing development. Representative Young understands that our neighborhoods are strengthened when homes are occupied and foreclosed properties aren’t allowed to sit vacant and abandoned. Representative Young has worked to ensure home buyers have access to mortgages and fair refinancing to purchase and remain in their homes.

### • Access to a Driver’s License

Representative Young recognizes the connection between a valid driver’s license and maintaining fulltime employment. Representative Young is working on a legislative initiative, alongside community stakeholders, that will assist Milwaukeeans to obtain or recover their driver’s license.



# REPRESENTATIVE 17TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT **LaTonya Johnson**

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## Biography

Representative Johnson moved to Milwaukee with her family as a child seeking a better life. She has called Milwaukee home most of her adult life and prior to her election in 2012, ran a small business out of her home providing day care services to families in need.

Representative Johnson is the proud mother of one daughter, who recently started college as a freshman at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Representative Johnson serves on the following Committees: Children and Families, Family Law, Financial Institutions, and Criminal Justice and Public Safety. In addition, Representative Johnson co-chairs the Democratic Women’s Legislative Caucus.



Girls’ Day at City Hall, Milwaukee 2015

## Legislative Priorities

### • **Ending Human Trafficking**

Representative Johnson has authored legislation that would help heal child victims through participation in services through the child welfare system instead of the criminal justice system. Representative Johnson has led the way in the Legislature by increasing the amount of public education, training, and awareness of the problem.

### • **Improved Care for Children**

Representative Johnson recently introduced legislation to address chronic underfunding of the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. Representative Johnson is a strong supporter of paid family sick leave, which ensures that families do not have to choose between caring for a sick loved one or earning enough to pay the family bills.

### • **Criminal Justice Reform**

Representative Johnson supports important justice system reforms, including returning non-violent 17-year-old offenders back to the juvenile justice system, reducing the number of crimeless revocations, and decriminalizing marijuana. Representative Johnson has led efforts to reduce gun violence in Milwaukee and has authored legislation to prohibit the possession of firearms by violent misdemeanants and create a 3-year mandatory minimum sentence for violent felons caught in possession of a firearm.



Rep. Johnson speaking at the Capitol



# REPRESENTATIVE 18TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT Evan Goyke

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## Biography

Representative Goyke grew up in Madison, moving to Milwaukee to attend Marquette University Law School. Prior to his election in 2012, Representative Goyke served as an attorney in the Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Marquette.

Representative Goyke lives on the near west side in the Historic Concordia Neighborhood.

Representative Goyke serves on the following Committees: Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Judiciary; Public Benefits Reform; Veteran and Military Affairs; and Agriculture.



Rep. Goyke speaking to students at the State Capitol



Above: Rep. Goyke meeting with constituents; Below: Rep. Goyke volunteering in Milwaukee with Habitat for Humanity



## Legislative Priorities

### • Criminal Justice Reform

Representative Goyke believes the justice system only works when its just – and eliminating racial disparities in incarceration should be a daily focus. Changing the incarceration practices for non-violent offenders is a key starting point. Individuals that made mistakes must also have a better path to rehabilitation that includes a better ability to expunge outdated nonviolent offenses. Victims of crime in Wisconsin deserve a more effective and responsive system, including ensuring that victim restitution is paid first and recovery services are available to those in need.

### • Foreclosure Relief

Representative Goyke has worked to reform Wisconsin’s foreclosure laws to ensure that the process moves quickly, that neighborhoods are protected from devaluation, and that foreclosed homes are protected from vandalism, fire, and deterioration. Representative Goyke is currently working on solutions to the Zombie Foreclosure crisis, where homes are in legal-limbo with no clear owner.

### • Fresh and Healthy Food

Representative Goyke has worked on opportunities to expand urban agriculture and ensure every citizen has access to healthy and affordable food.