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The 2009 edition of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 28th production of the print directory and the 9th year of the online version (www.wifoundations.org). The directory is designed as a research tool for grantseekers interested in locating information on private, corporate, and community foundations registered in Wisconsin. Each entry in this new edition has been updated or reviewed to provide the most current information available. Most of the data was drawn from IRS 990-PF tax returns filed by the foundations. However, additional information was obtained from surveys, foundation Web sites, annual reports, and newsletters.

Wisconsin foundations have continued to grow in key areas even with the economic downturn. Active grantmaking foundations now number 1,286, with 54 new foundations identified. Total grants increased to an all-time high of \$507 million, a 7% increase over last year. Not surprisingly though, the depressed economy did affect the total assets which decreased by 6% to \$6.8 billion. The following table illustrates the 10-year financial pattern as documented in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

Directory Edition	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
2009	1286	\$507,979,753	\$6,871,185,363
2008	1275	\$475,341,193	\$7,271,381,937
2007	1251	\$478,950,513	\$6,241,323,582
2006	1227	\$452,791,755	\$5,549,409,967
2005	1213	\$395,089,700	\$5,254,012,485
2004	1184	\$387,572,449	\$4,772,292,891
2003	1160	\$386,684,708	\$4,700,316,614
2002	1151	\$389,009,152	\$5,018,788,836
2001	1100	\$361,133,037	\$5,005,239,842
2000	1065	\$298,408,284	\$4,533,619,026

The 10 counties listed below account for 86% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County once again tops the list with 27% of the total number of foundations and 52% of the total grantmaking.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	346	\$263,076,078	\$2,917,663,197
Waukesha	113	\$43,751,113	\$854,977,636
Dane	124	\$42,828,029	\$599,705,147
Outagamie	31	\$18,844,563	\$230,852,882
Brown	79	\$18,157,638	\$219,208,771
Racine	26	\$11,714,291	\$79,654,152
Rock	29	\$11,042,000	\$171,938,131
Ozaukee	45	\$9,258,366	\$105,190,365
Marathon	40	\$8,890,748	\$155,123,223
Wood	14	\$7,614,908	\$106,776,688
Total	847	\$435,177,734	\$5,441,090,192

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$323,245,348 in total giving or 64% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vi.

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