

❖ INTRODUCTION ❖

The 2014 release of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 33rd edition of the print directory and the 14th year of the online version. 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. Additional information was obtained from surveys, foundation websites, annual reports, and newsletters.

The past year documents the significant economic rebound and growth of Wisconsin foundations. Not only did the grant and asset totals increase beyond the pre-recession numbers, but they also rose to all-time highs. Total grants increased by 13% to \$551 million and assets by 15% to \$8.1 million. Active foundations increased from last year to 1276 and 63 new foundations were identified. The following table illustrates the 10-year financial pattern as in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

| Directory Edition | Active Foundations | Total Grants Paid | Total Assets |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2014 | 1276 | \$551,306,717 | \$8,147,400,419 |
| 2013 | 1264 | \$487,953,327 | \$7,068,417,918 |
| 2012 | 1301 | \$490,683,280 | \$7,022,030,971 |
| 2011 | 1324 | \$458,107,578 | \$6,260,367,106 |
| 2010 | 1314 | \$473,144,467 | \$5,623,975,366 |
| 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 |

The 10 counties listed below account for 83% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County once again tops the list with 24% of the total number of foundations and 42% of the total grantmaking.

| Foundations by County | Active Foundations | Total Grants Paid | Total Assets |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Milwaukee | 301 | \$234,059,729 | \$3,022,159,202 |
| Waukesha | 115 | \$55,768,088 | \$1,141,402,858 |
| Dane | 140 | \$44,450,475 | \$676,491,905 |
| Outagamie | 31 | \$36,119,949 | \$389,167,954 |
| Brown | 80 | \$19,824,144 | \$339,241,835 |
| La Crosse | 29 | \$18,593,188 | \$144,252,481 |
| Rock | 31 | \$13,061,575 | \$166,325,761 |
| Sheboygan | 43 | \$12,081,011 | \$262,726,808 |
| Winnebago | 27 | \$11,185,670 | \$220,825,028 |
| Racine | 27 | \$9,905,309 | \$113,396,015 |
| Total | 824 | \$455,049,138 | \$6,475,989,847 |

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$341,782,299 in total giving or 62% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vii.

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