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The 2015 release of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 34th production of the print directory and the 15th 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.

Wisconsin foundations have shown significant growth in two key areas. Grant and asset totals have risen to their highest recorded levels. Total grants increased by 5% to \$579 million and assets by 17% to \$9.5 billion. Additionally, 58 new foundations have been identified this edition. (See page 271 for the complete list.) The following table illustrates the 10-year financial pattern as documented in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

Directory Edition	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
2015	1256	\$579,703,766	\$9,532,780,829
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

The 10 counties listed below account for 84% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County once again tops the list with 23% of the total number of foundations and 42% of the total grantmaking.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	285	\$241,376,745	\$3,697,099,687
Waukesha	112	\$61,748,325	\$1,240,510,293
Dane	147	\$56,441,697	\$785,540,160
Outagamie	30	\$42,154,317	\$450,787,165
Brown	80	\$23,099,130	\$390,970,773
Trempealeau	5	\$17,670,113	\$79,564,874
Winnebago	25	\$14,112,819	\$252,952,622
Rock	31	\$10,207,307	\$188,167,939
Marathon	33	\$8,889,600	\$236,276,735
La Crosse	31	\$8,881,859	\$159,163,186
Total	779	\$484,581,912	\$7,481,033,434

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$362,816,247 in total giving or 63% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vii.

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