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The 2018 edition of *Foundations in Wisconsin* is the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the print directory and the 18<sup>th</sup> 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, and annual reports.

Wisconsin foundations have grown considerably in two key areas: grants and assets. Total grants increased by 7.6% to \$755 million and total assets increased by 9% to 10.5 billion, both all-time highs. Additionally, 60 new foundations have been identified this year. (See page 269 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
2018	1239	\$755,072,560	\$10,502,179,880
2017	1225	\$701,607,377	\$9,635,262,424
2016	1241	\$623,668,784	\$9,638,306,941
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

The 10 counties listed below account for 81% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County again tops the list with 22% of the total foundations and 42% of the total grantmaking.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	275	\$316,811,042	\$4,067,394,750
Waukesha	115	\$103,894,490	\$1,185,313,472
Dane	154	\$52,915,417	\$843,249,420
Outagamie	29	\$34,602,001	\$374,717,402
Brown	74	\$30,277,714	\$416,736,290
Winnebago	24	\$17,596,860	\$254,888,919
Wood	14	\$16,953,480	\$284,734,105
Ozaukee	52	\$13,705,515	\$212,605,231
Racine	28	\$12,778,121	\$120,423,639
Rock	32	\$12,172,959	\$211,267,389
<b>Total</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>\$611,707,599</b>	<b>\$7,971,330,617</b>

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$483,304,589 or 64% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vii.

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