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The 2007 edition of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 26th release of the print directory and the 7th 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 continue to grow in the following key areas: number, grants, and particularly assets. Active grantmaking foundations now number 1,251, with 73 new foundations identified since last year's publication, resulting in a 25% increase over the past 10 years. Over the past year, total grants increased by 5.8% to a total of almost \$479 million, while assets increased by 12.5% to \$6.2 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
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
1999	1048	\$270,535,600	\$3,902,154,919
1998	1002	\$214,924,544	\$3,220,532,662

The 10 counties listed below account for 88% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County once again tops the list with 28% of the total number of foundations and 45% of the total grantmaking.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	353	\$214,517,253	\$2,885,809,697
Dane	122	\$86,028,814	\$517,479,416
Waukesha	107	\$35,942,731	\$583,741,545
Brown	74	\$15,317,529	\$223,485,973
Outagamie	32	\$14,840,984	\$220,395,494
Racine	26	\$14,008,053	\$72,267,539
Sheboygan	46	\$11,776,259	\$257,975,226
Rock	29	\$9,654,726	\$163,825,288
Wood	14	\$9,123,075	\$127,060,514
Winnebago	30	\$8,624,958	\$87,519,047
Total	833	\$419,834,382	\$5,139,559,739

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$320,668,772 in total giving or 67% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vi.

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