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This 2004 edition of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 23rd release of the print directory and the 4th 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 extracted from IRS 990-PF tax returns filed by the foundations. However, additional information was obtained from surveys, annual reports, and foundation Web sites.

Wisconsin foundations have shown small increases as compared to the 2003 edition. The number of active foundations has grown to an all-time high of 1184. Both total assets and grants for the state's foundations increased from 2003, albeit not to the heights documented in the 2002 edition. Total assets grew by 1.53% and total grants by .23%. The following table details the financial pattern over the 10 years.

Directory Edition	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
1995	909	\$144,085,594	\$2,020,822,167
1996	909	\$160,462,349	\$2,239,817,977
1997	950	\$182,967,421	\$2,708,661,013
1998	1002	\$214,924,544	\$3,220,532,662
1999	1048	\$270,535,600	\$3,902,154,919
2000	1065	\$298,408,284	\$4,533,619,026
2001	1100	\$361,133,037	\$5,005,239,842
2002	1151	\$389,009,152	\$5,018,788,836
2003	1160	\$386,684,708	\$4,700,316,614
2004	1184	\$387,572,449	\$4,772,292,891

Foundations residing in 10 counties account for 86% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Those counties are listed below in rank order by grants paid. Milwaukee County tops the list with about one third of the foundations in the state and 53% of the total grants. Notably, St. Croix County is new to the list of top 10 with just 5 foundations.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	352	\$205,455,490.00	\$2,251,846,790.00
Dane	108	\$36,916,301.00	\$439,667,443.00
Waukesha	85	\$20,497,776.00	\$335,560,458.00
Outagamie	37	\$12,803,690.00	\$133,726,393.00
Racine	27	\$12,613,420.00	\$84,316,501.00
Brown	68	\$9,901,930.00	\$158,497,284.00
Rock	28	\$9,697,809.00	\$136,134,112.00
Wood	13	\$9,365,657.00	\$122,209,775.00
Sheboygan	43	\$8,447,288.00	\$200,553,758.00
St. Croix	5	\$7,697,785.00	\$54,507,846.00

The fifty largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$255,238,315 in total giving, or 66% of total grants paid reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vi.

Foundations in Wisconsin is produced by the staff of the Funding Information Center, located in Marquette University's John P. Raynor, S.J., Library. The Center's mission is to serve the research needs of grantseekers from around the state. We welcomed nearly 650 visitors and received over 700 phone calls this past year. Among other resources, the Center's collection includes copies of both the print and online versions of the directory, which are available for public use. For more information about the Center, please turn to page vii or visit online at www.Marquette.edu/library/fic.

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