

HIGHLIGHTS OF EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN

Universities and Colleges — A total of 175,056 students enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System for the 2008 fall semester. The system's 2008 summer school enrollment was 49,910, and the enrollments in UW-Extension's credit outreach enrolled 40,649 in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Wisconsin's private institutions of higher education encompass a broad range of schools, including 7 universities, 11 colleges, 6 technical and professional schools, 3 theological seminaries, and 2 tribal colleges. Over the past five years, enrollments in private institutions have grown from 60,985 in the 2004-05 school year to 64,632 in 2008-09.

Technical Colleges — Wisconsin's Technical College System had a total enrollment of 390,272 students in the 2007-08 school year. Enrollments for individual institutions that year ranged from 8,898 at Nicolet Technical College in Rhinelander to 47,100 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

Elementary and Secondary Schools — Following a peak enrollment of 999,921 for the 1971-72 school year, public school registrations declined to a low of 767,542 in 1984-85. In the last 10 years, enrollments have remained midway between those levels, with a total of 873,586 for 2008-09.

In the 2008-09 school year, 130,800 students, or 13% of Wisconsin's more than 1 million elementary and secondary pupils, were enrolled in private schools. Over the last 10 years, private school enrollments have steadily decreased by more than 16,000 students.

Teachers — Of Wisconsin's 59,309 public school teachers employed in the 2008-09 school year, 40,508 taught in elementary grades and 18,801 were secondary teachers. In the 2008-09 school year, Wisconsin's average salary for all teachers was \$50,424. Nationally, Wisconsin ranked 21st for the 2007-08 school year. California had the highest average salary that year at an estimated \$64,424. South Dakota's average salary was the lowest at \$36,674.

Educational Alternatives — In the past 10 years, reported enrollment in Wisconsin home-based private education programs increased from 18,503 in the 1998-99 school year to a peak of 21,288 students during 2002-03, and has since steadily declined to 19,725 in 2007-08. In the 2007-08 school year, Wisconsin charter school enrollments totaled 35,572 students with 232 charter schools operating in 47 counties.

Educational Expenditures — State and local expenditures for education in Wisconsin for the 2007-08 fiscal year totaled \$15.4 billion, or \$2,719 per capita, based on Wisconsin's estimated population. Wisconsin ranked 15th in the nation with total expenditures per pupil of \$10,367 in the 2006-07 fiscal year, while New Jersey was first (\$16,163) and Utah was 50th (\$5,706). In fiscal year 2008-09, school costs in Wisconsin totaled \$10.7 billion (\$5.5 billion in state school aid and \$4.3 billion from the gross school levy). The 2008-09 cost per pupil was \$12,471.

Educational Attainment — In the 2006-07 school year, Wisconsin schools conferred 1,113 doctoral degrees, 8,686 master's degrees, and 32,646 bachelor's degrees. In the same year, it awarded 64,120 public high school diplomas.

The following tables present selected data. Consult footnoted sources for more detailed information about education.

$\$12,471 \times 12 \text{ yrs of K-12 Education} = \$149,652 \text{ per student on Public Education}$

$\times \$12,471 = \$1.63 \text{ Billion - Taxpayers Savings}$

$19,725 \times \$12,471 = \$246 \text{ Million Tax Savings}$