

# The Wisconsin Scorecard

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The people of Wisconsin are relatively older than most other states.

In median age, Wisconsin ranked 16 of the 50 states.

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Wisconsin ranks very high in both eighth grade test scores and in high school graduation rates—12 in both categories.

We rank only 28 in college degree holders.

My conclusion: we produce a lot of smart kids, but we don't keep as many as we should.

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Wisconsin ranks 26 in personal income, which does not seem too bad a first glance.

We rank 8 in percentage of adults in the workforce.

My conclusion: We have lots of people working long hours to produce only a modest amount of income.

Our income growth from 2000 to 2010 was much slower than other states.

# WEDC Study, June 2013

Wisconsin in 2011 had gross productivity of \$89,242 per employee.

The US average in gross productivity was \$111,366 per employee.

Our productivity in 2011 was \$22,124 per employee below the national average, or about 20%.

My conclusion: We have lots of people working in low wage jobs.

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Wisconsin ranked last among the 50 states in total state and local revenue per capita in 2009.

We ranked 39 in the same category in 2008, which is probably a more accurate comparison.

My conclusion: we don't have much money to spend on government services.

# Questions and Comments

