

Wisconsin Works (W-2) Critical Indicators



**April
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Wisconsin W-2 Participants in Paid Placements*

Number of Participants in Paid Placements

	One Year Ago	Last Month	This Month	Change in Most Recent Two Months	
	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Number	Percent
Paid Participants:					
Milwaukee County	4,454	4,905	5,083	178	3.6%
Balance of State	1,876	2,179	2,250	71	3.3%
Statewide Caseload	6,330	7,084	7,333	249	3.5%
Milwaukee County Regions:	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Number	Percent
Milwaukee NE YWCA	535	619	607	-12	-1.9%
Milwaukee SE UMOS	768	912	917	5	0.5%
Milwaukee Central UMOS	1,180	1,314	1,384	70	5.3%
Milwaukee NW MAXIMUS	928	974	1,019	45	4.6%
Milwaukee SW MAXIMUS	638	813	890	77	9.5%
Milwaukee SSI-Adv UMOS	399	268	257	-11	-4.1%
Milwaukee County Total*:	4,454	4,905	5,083	178	3.6%

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families

*Note: Milwaukee County total includes a small number of cases served by Milwaukee County Department of Social Services.

Note: The paid caseload includes the following categories of placements:

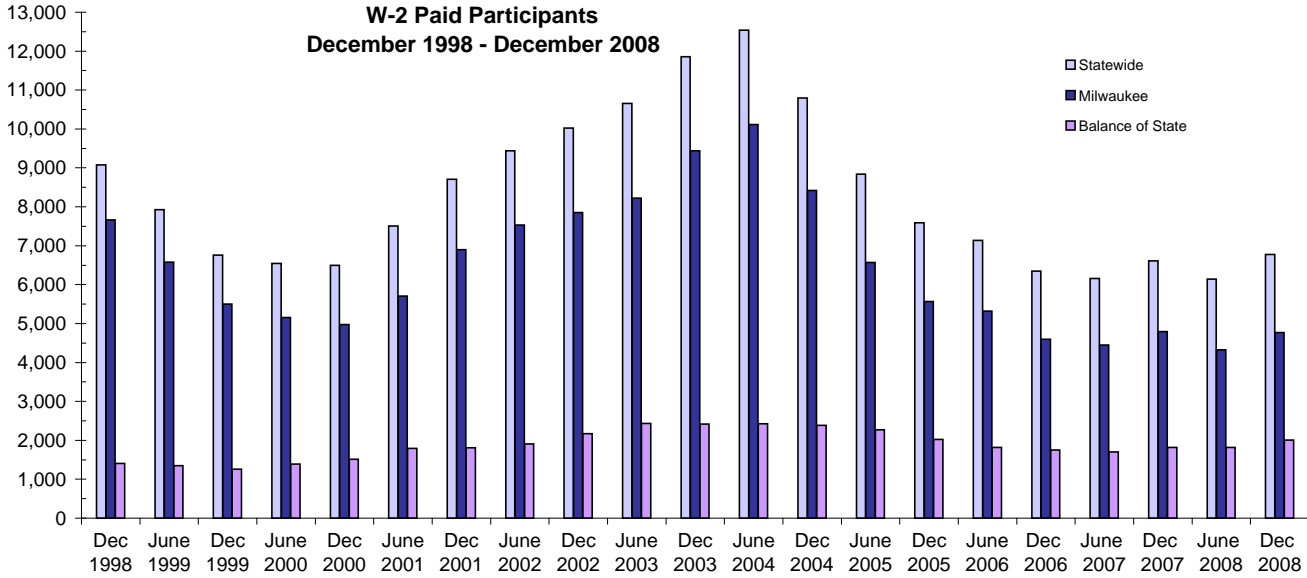
W-2 Transition (W-2T)..... A W-2 work-readiness practice placement for individuals who are unable to perform independent, self-sustaining work, but who are able to participate in work practice or other developmental activities and training up to their abilities.

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Trial Job (TJB)..... A W-2 subsidized employment position that provides work experience and training which may become permanent, unsubsidized employment. Paid directly to the employer.

Caretaker of Newborn (CMC)..... A custodial parent of a child who is 12 weeks old or less and who meets the financial and non-financial eligibility requirements for W-2 employment positions.

W-2 Paid Participants and Benefits Paid

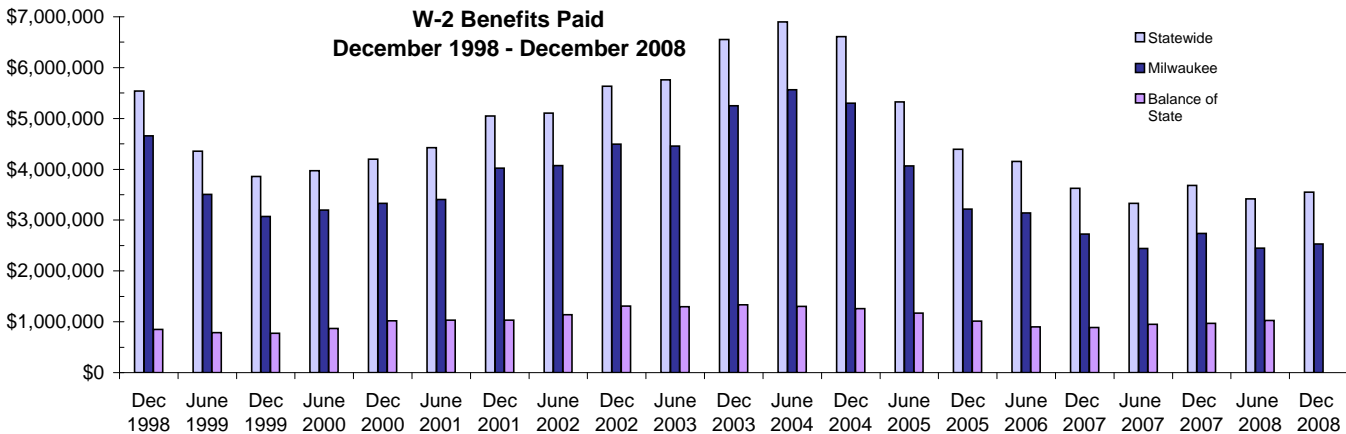


W-2 Paid Participants - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	4,574	4,769	4,793	4,845	4,905	5,083
Balance of State	1,961	2,010	2,060	2,104	2,179	2,250
Statewide	6,535	6,779	6,853	6,949	7,084	7,333

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families

Note: The paid participants included in this count are participants who were in a paid placement during the report month.



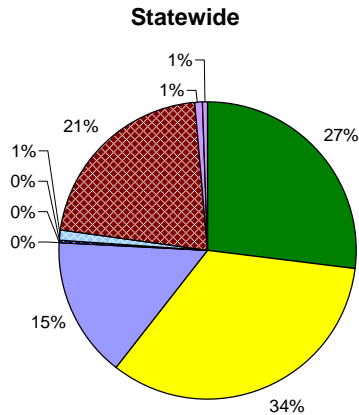
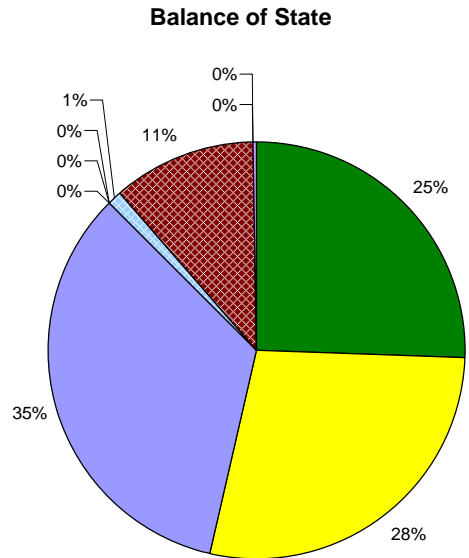
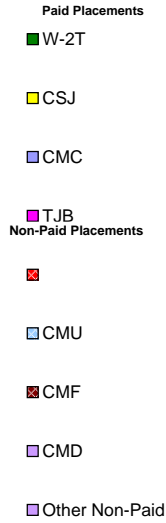
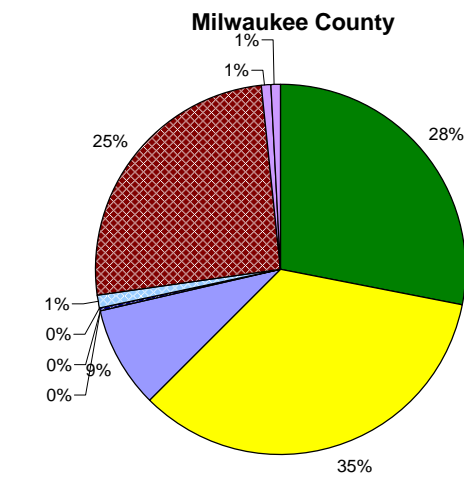
W-2 Benefits Paid - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	\$2,441,698	\$2,529,398	\$2,598,664	\$2,632,886	\$2,660,090	\$2,697,505
Balance of State	\$1,011,636	\$1,023,535	\$1,013,001	\$1,033,298	\$1,053,180	\$1,101,809
Statewide	\$3,453,334	\$3,552,933	\$3,611,665	\$3,666,184	\$3,713,270	\$3,799,314

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families

Note: The benefits paid are the total monthly net benefits after sanctions and recoupments are applied.

Placement of W-2 Participants, April 2009



Number and Percent of W-2 Participants in Placements

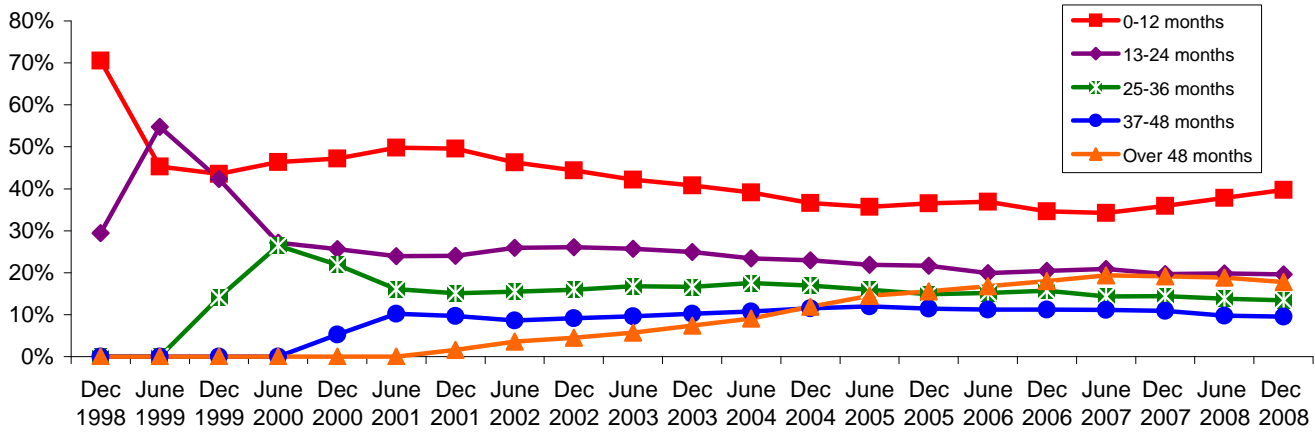
	Milwaukee County		BOS		Statewide	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
W-2T	1,960	39	636	28	2,596	35
CSJ	2,474	49	768	34	3,242	44
CMC	629	12	843	37	1,472	20
TJB	9	0	0	0	9	0
RWJ	11	0	3	0	14	0
Paid Total	5,083	100%	2,250	100%	7,333	100%
CMU	82	4	27	9	109	5
CMF	1,788	90	275	89	2,063	90
CMD	72	4	2	1	74	3
Other Non-Paid	50	3	6	2	56	2
Non-Paid Total	1,992	100%	310	100%	2,302	100%
Grand Total	7,075		2,560		9,635	

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- Case Mgmt - Caretaker of a Newborn (CMC)..... A custodial parent of a child who is 12 weeks old or less and who meets the financial and non-financial eligibility requirements for W-2 employment positions.
- Case Mgmt - Pregnancy (CMP)..... A participant with a medically verified pregnancy.
- Case Mgmt - Follow - Up (CMF)..... Used for Placement for Individuals who move from a W-2 benefit Placement to unsubsidized employment.
Case Mgmt- Denied Extension CMD)..... Participants who exhausted time-limited benefits but are receiving services.
- Case Mgmt - Service for Working (CMU)..... Used for individuals working in unsubsidized employment who are without barriers to full-time employment.
- Case Mgmt - Non-Custodial Parent (CMN)..... Used for case management services for non-custodial parents.
- Case Mgmt - Minor Parent (CMM)..... Used for case management services for a custodial minor parent.

Number of Months Served in W-2 *

Percentage Distribution- Statewide December 1998- December 2008

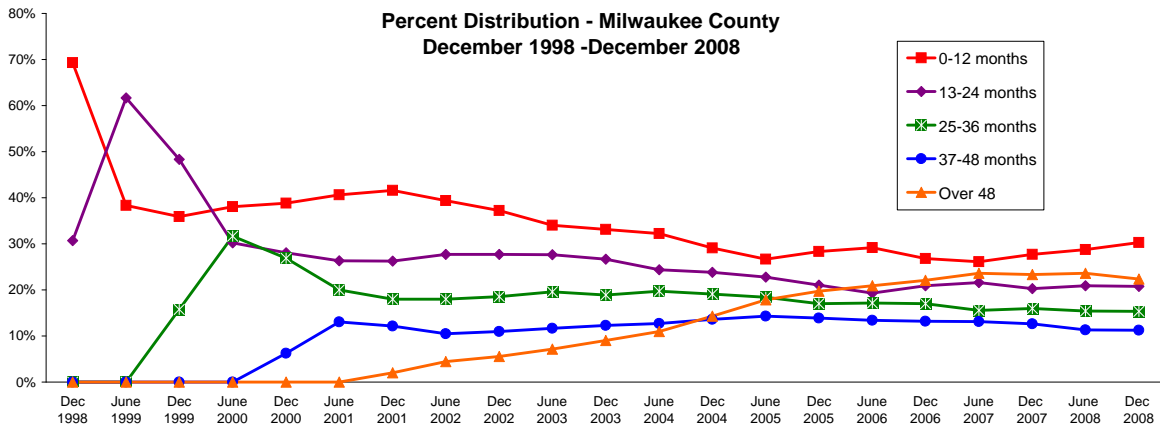


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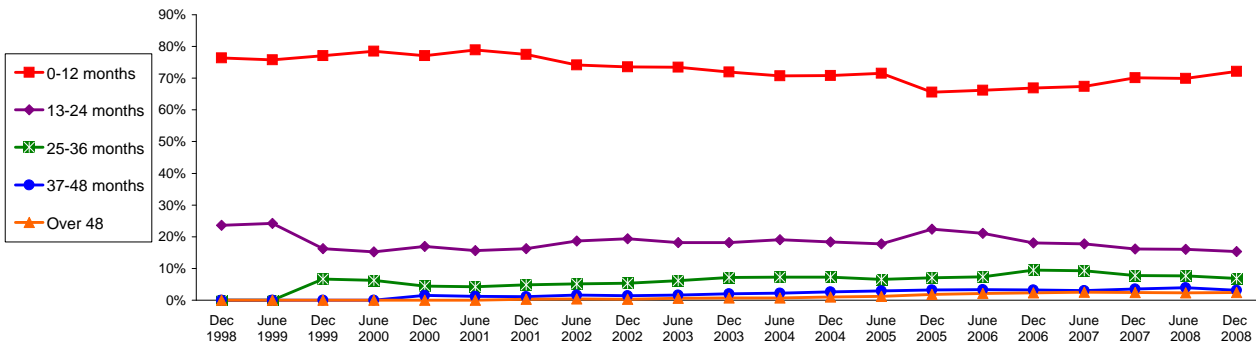
Number of Months Served in W-2 - Most Recent Six Months

	Months	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	0-12	2,081	2,144	2,178	2,214	2,240	2,364
	13-24	1,464	1,469	1,432	1,410	1,445	1,473
	25-36	1,086	1,087	1,047	1,073	1,053	1,061
	37-48	802	798	753	770	785	786
	Over 48	1,569	1,584	1,502	1,477	1,487	1,486
Balance of State	0-12	1,792	1,812	1,823	1,875	1,925	1,987
	13-24	374	386	390	394	425	426
	25-36	165	172	176	165	164	157
	37-48	86	78	78	74	71	72
	Over 48	57	62	59	64	65	70
Statewide	0-12	3,640	3,708	3,768	3,851	3,919	4,103
	13-24	1,809	1,832	1,796	1,777	1,849	1,880
	25-36	1,246	1,250	1,218	1,237	1,216	1,211
	37-48	898	888	839	851	859	867
	Over 48	1,641	1,661	1,578	1,556	1,572	1,574

Number of Months Served in W-2* , Continued



**Percent Distribution - Balance of State
December 1998 - December 2008**

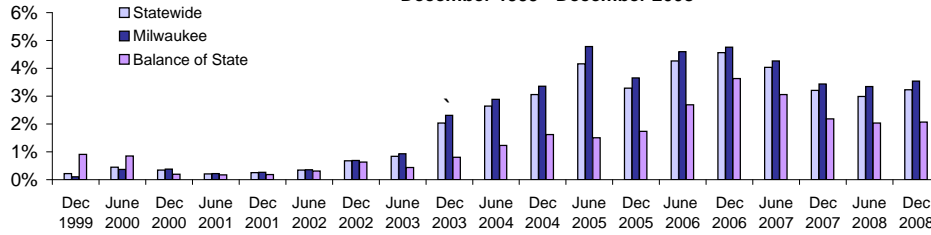


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Extensions Granted for 24 - Month Clocks*

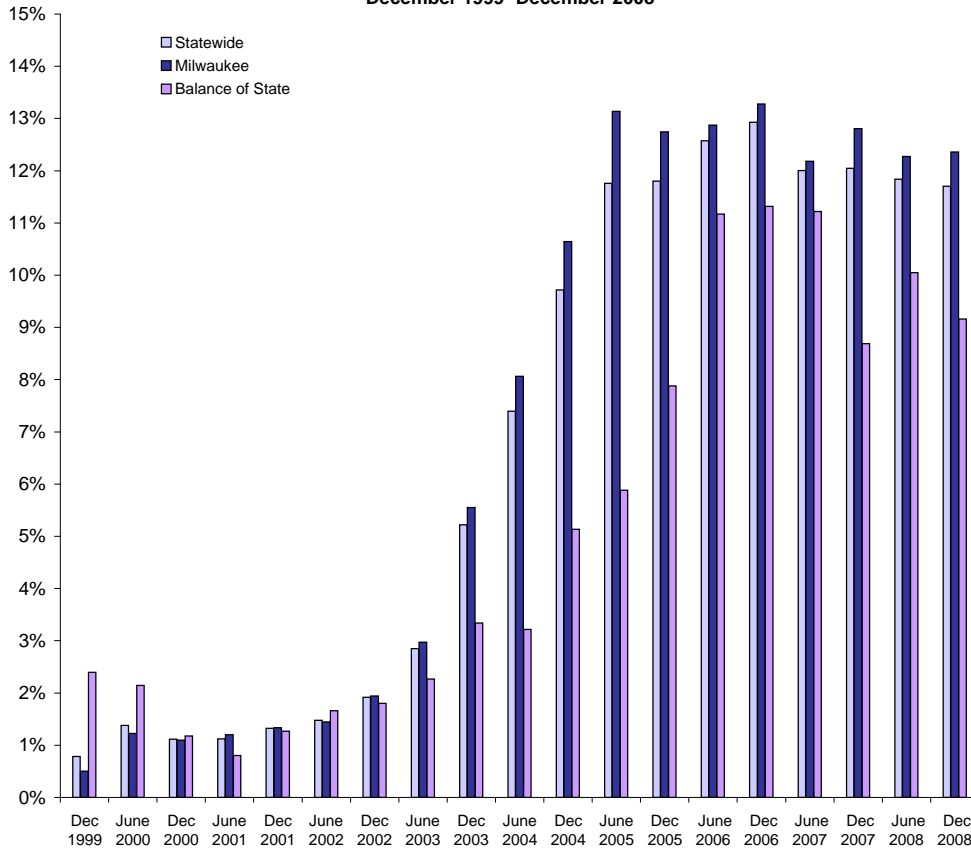
**Percent of W-2T & CSJ Participants with Beginning Extensions
December 1999 - December 2008**



Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	154	146	149	135	145	159
Balance of State	30	23	33	15	18	23
Statewide	184	169	182	150	163	182

**Percent of W-2T & CSJ Participants with Ongoing Extensions
December 1999 - December 2008**



Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

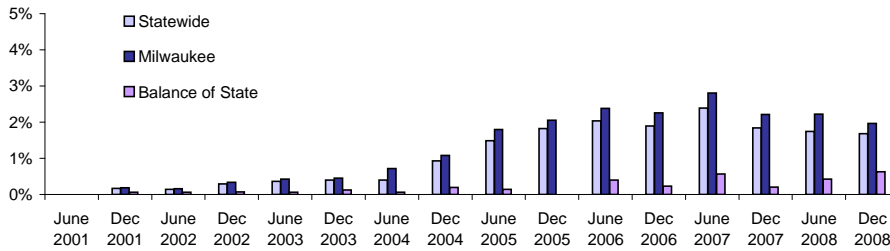
	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	476	486	492	488	497	514
Balance of State	97	93	98	92	91	91
Statewide	573	579	590	580	588	605

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families.

* Extensions can be granted after 24 months of participation in a W-2T or CSJ placement. Extensions are granted when the participant is nearing the 24th month of their placement clock and they qualify for extended eligibility by meeting specific required criteria. Participants may be counted more than once if the participant's extension lasts longer than six months. Ongoing extensions are an end of the month count.

Extensions Granted for 60- Month Clocks*

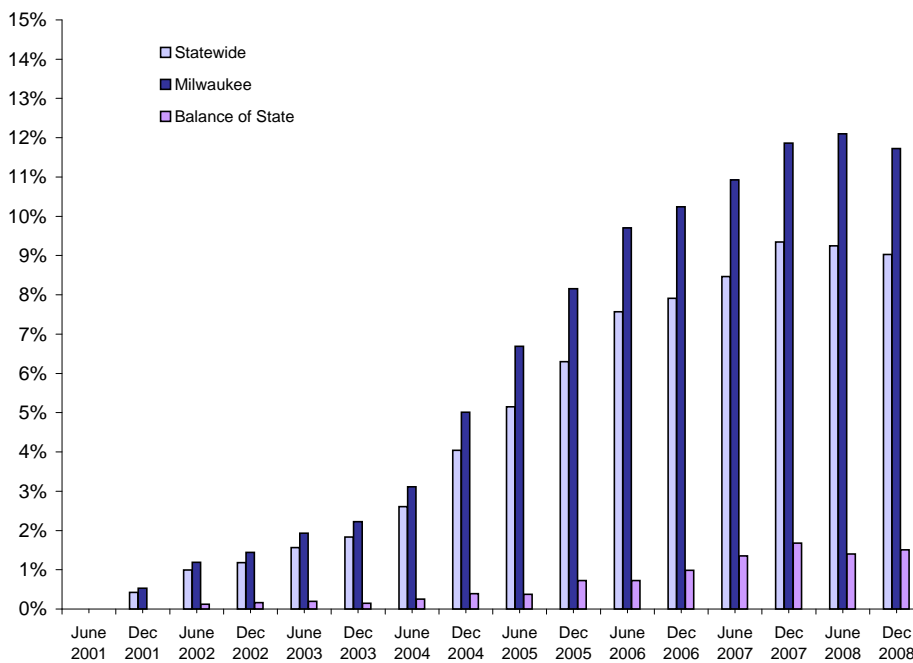
**Percent of Participants with Beginning Extensions
June 2001 - December 2008**



Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	95	81	86	96	91	103
Balance of State	8	7	7	7	6	7
Statewide	103	88	93	103	97	110

**Percent of Participants with Ongoing Extensions
June 2001 -December 2008**



Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

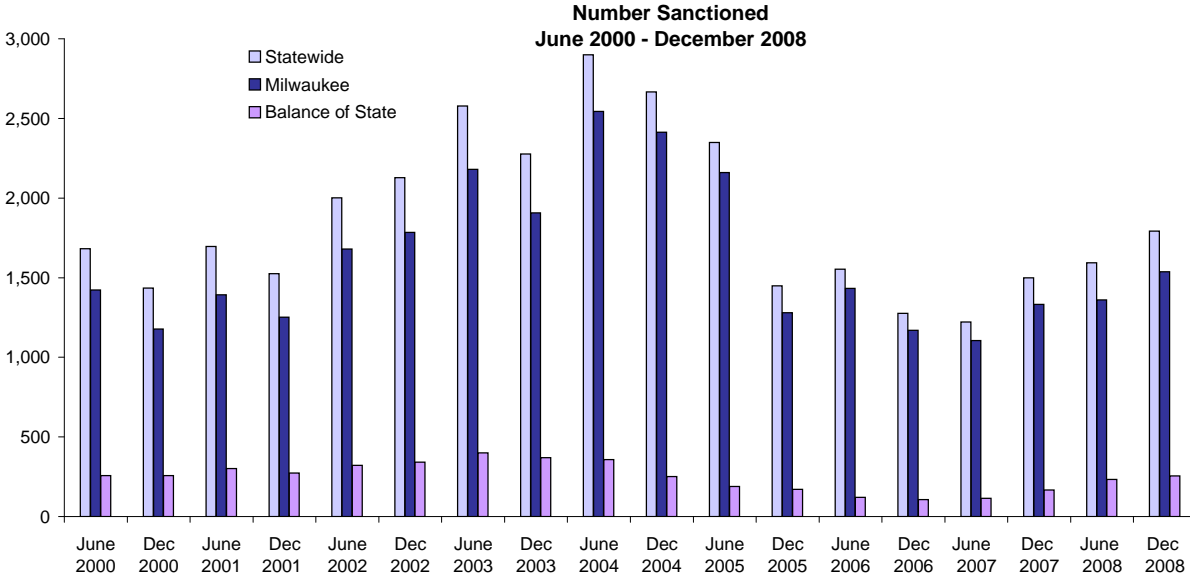
	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	533	519	508	506	512	514
Balance of State	21	24	27	28	28	31
Statewide	554	543	535	534	540	545

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families.

Note: Extensions can be granted after 60 months of lifetime participation. Extensions are granted when the participant is nearing the 60th month of their lifetime clock and they qualify for extended eligibility by meeting specific required criteria. The 60- month extensions first became relevant as of September 2001.

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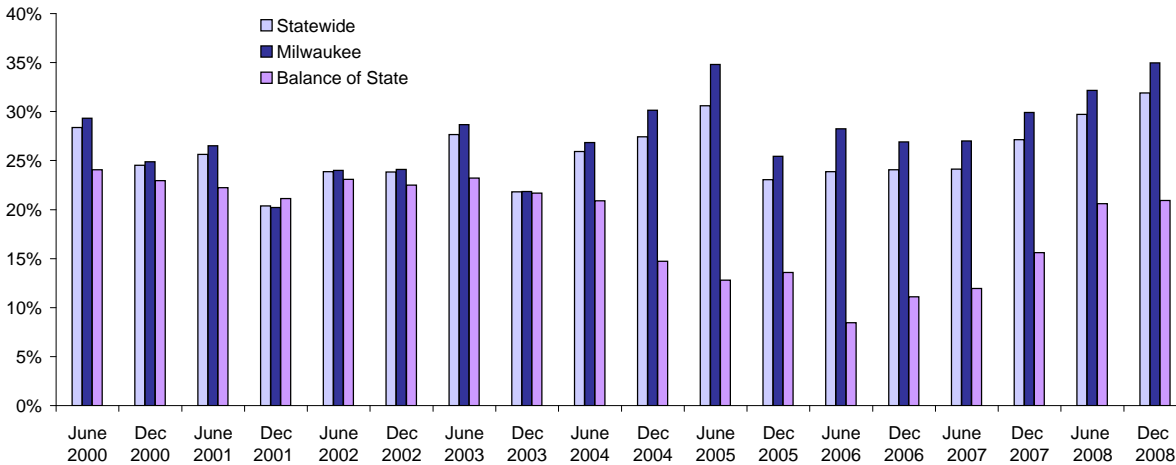
W-2T and CSJ Participants Who Were Sanctioned



Number Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	1,470	1,537	1,597	1,715	1,687	1,819
Balance of State	258	256	286	342	374	415
Statewide	1,728	1,793	1,883	2,057	2,061	2,234

Percent Sanctioned June 2000 - December 2008



Percent Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months

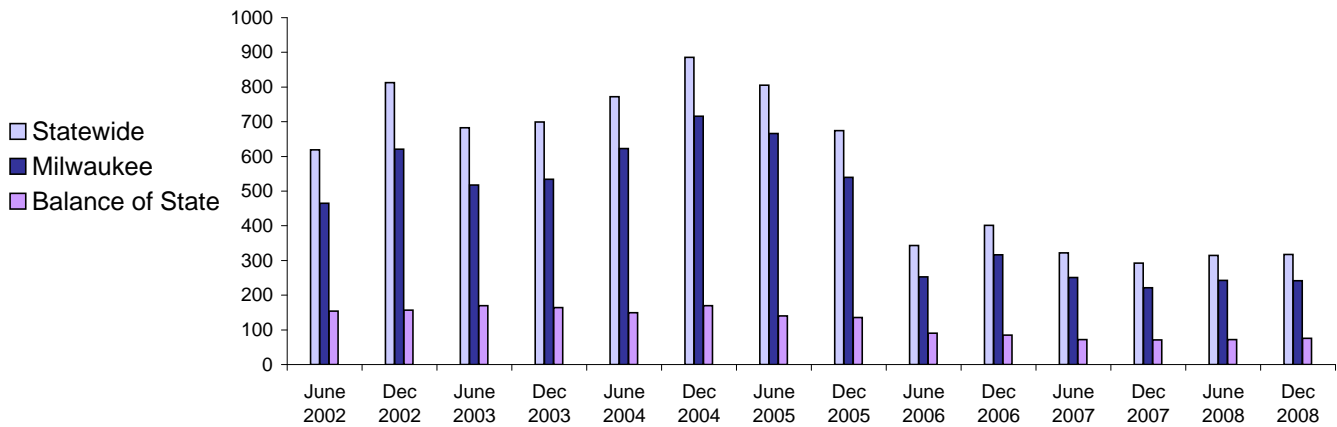
	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	34%	35%	36%	38%	37%	39%
Balance of State	22%	21%	22%	25%	25%	27%
Statewide	31%	32%	33%	35%	34%	36%

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families.

Note: Because sanction counts prior to September 1999 were counted differently they are not included in these graphs. The graphs on this page report information on the sanctionable population (W-2T and CSJ placements only). The data represented here are point in time during a month.

Entered Employments of W-2 Participants

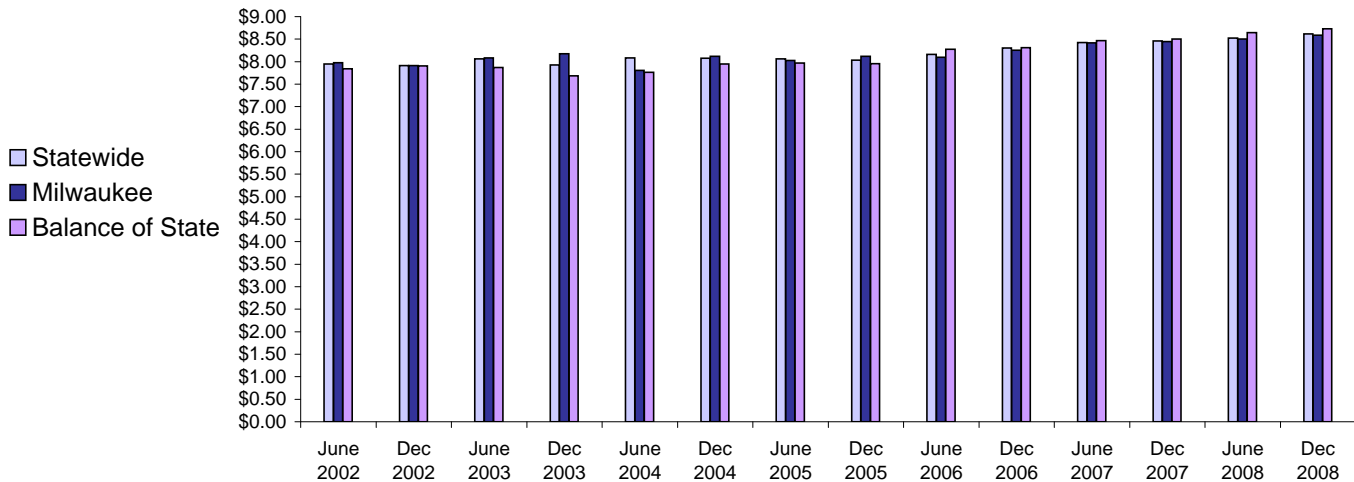
Six Month Average Number Entered Employment*
June 2002-December 2008



Total Number Of Entered Employments - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	201	196	183	174	203	196
Balance of State	82	37	51	70	91	91
Statewide	283	233	234	244	294	287

Six Month Average Hourly Wage*
June 2002 - December 2008



Average Hourly Wage - Most Recent Six Months

	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Milwaukee County	\$8.74	\$8.47	\$8.85	\$8.67	\$8.76	\$8.51
Balance of State	\$8.61	\$8.79	\$8.65	\$9.60	\$8.10	\$8.66
Statewide	\$8.70	\$8.52	\$8.81	\$8.92	\$8.67	\$8.56

Source: CARES, Bureau of Working Families, Division of Family and Economic Security, Department of Children & Families.

Note: Entered Employment is a W-2 program performance measure counted when a participant obtains or increases wages in a new job.

Entered Employment of less than 30 days are excluded. Wage data are reported for jobs with hourly wages

*Average number entered employment per month for the six month period ending in June or December.