

# Wisconsin Works (W-2) Critical Indicators



**May  
2009**

Bureau of Working Families  
Division of Family and Economic Security  
Department of Children and Families

**DCF**  
State of Wisconsin



## 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	
	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009	Number	Percent
<b>Paid Participants:</b>					
Milwaukee County	4,402	5,083	5,169	86	1.7%
Balance of State	1,845	2,250	2,269	19	0.8%
Statewide Caseload	6,247	7,333	7,438	105	1.4%
<b>Milwaukee County Regions:</b>	<b>May 2008</b>	<b>Apr 2009</b>	<b>May 2009</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Milwaukee NE YWCA	525	607	612	5	0.8%
Milwaukee SE UMOS	750	917	933	16	1.7%
Milwaukee Central UMOS	1,223	1,384	1,420	36	2.6%
Milwaukee NW MAXIMUS	885	1,019	1,039	20	2.0%
Milwaukee SW MAXIMUS	627	890	914	24	2.7%
Milwaukee SSI-Adv UMOS	388	257	247	-10	-3.9%
<b>Milwaukee County Total*:</b>	<b>4,402</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

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:

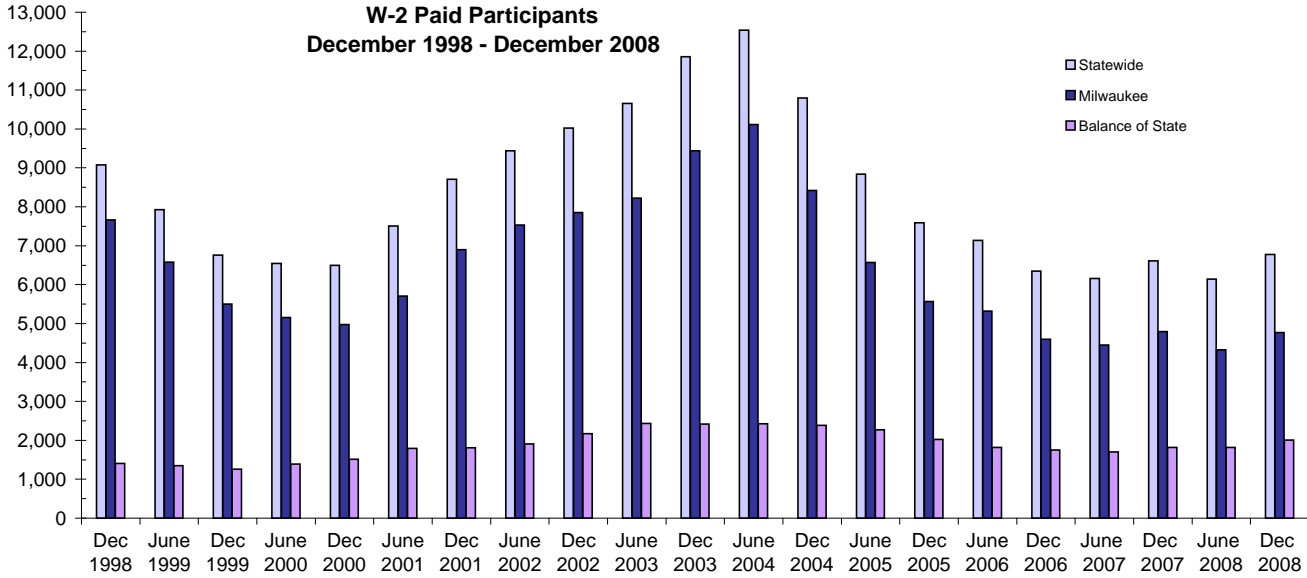
W-2 Transition (W-2T)..... A W-2 work-readiness practice placement for individuals who are unable to perform independent, self-sustaining work, but who are able to participate in work practice or other developmental activities and training up to their abilities.

Community Service Job (CSJ)..... A W-2 work-readiness practice placement designed to improve the employability of participants by providing work experience and training in the public and private sectors.

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

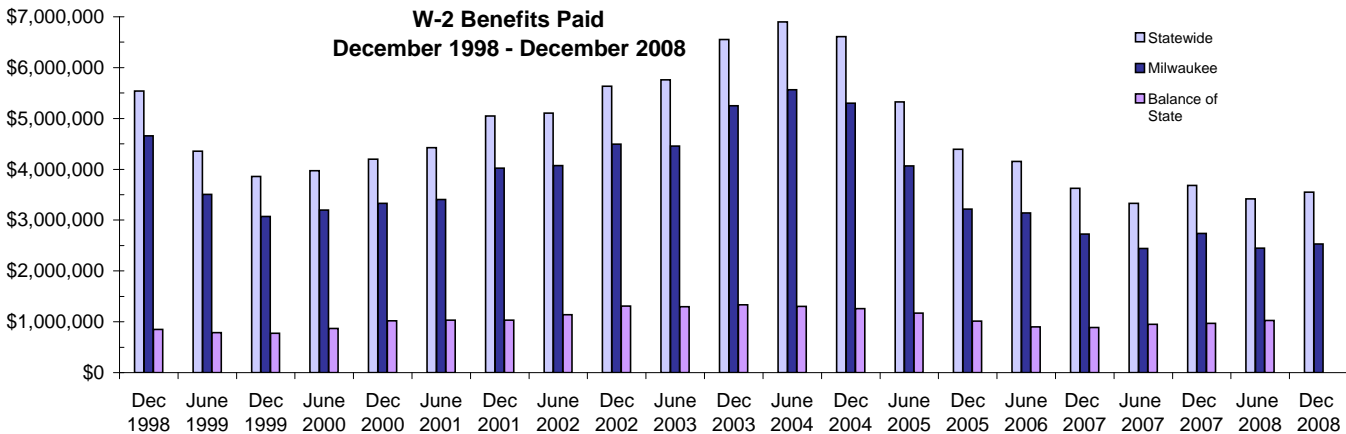


### W-2 Paid Participants - Most Recent Six Months

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	4,769	4,793	4,845	4,905	5,083	5,169
<b>Balance of State</b>	2,010	2,060	2,104	2,179	2,250	2,269
<b>Statewide</b>	6,779	6,853	6,949	7,084	7,333	7,438

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



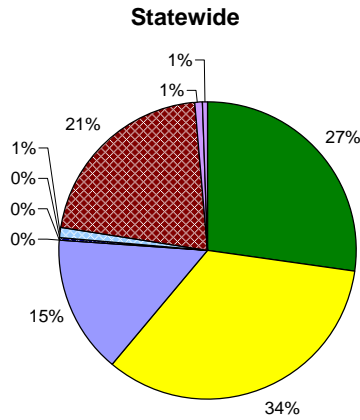
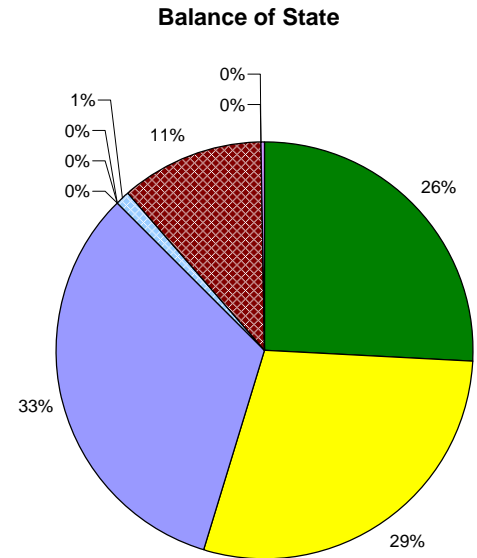
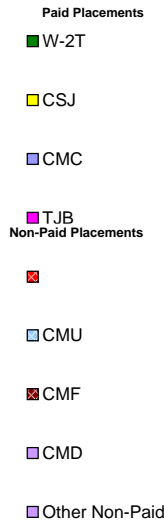
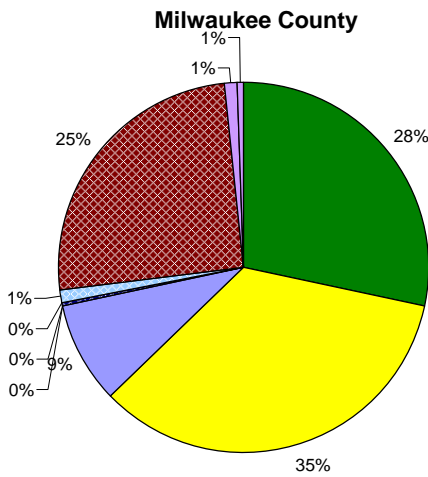
### W-2 Benefits Paid - Most Recent Six Months

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	\$2,529,398	\$2,598,664	\$2,632,886	\$2,660,090	\$2,697,505	\$2,680,179
<b>Balance of State</b>	\$1,023,535	\$1,013,001	\$1,033,298	\$1,053,180	\$1,101,809	\$1,074,785
<b>Statewide</b>	\$3,552,933	\$3,611,665	\$3,666,184	\$3,713,270	\$3,799,314	\$3,754,964

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, May 2009



**Number and Percent of W-2 Participants in Placements**

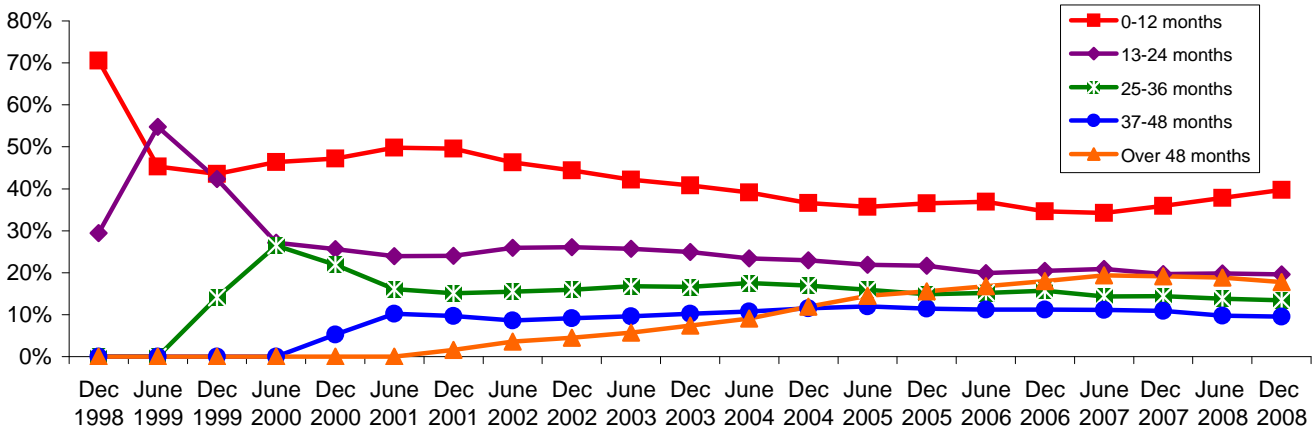
	Milwaukee County		BOS		Statewide	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
W-2T	2,010	39	649	29	2,659	36
CSJ	2,515	49	789	35	3,304	44
CMC	618	12	826	36	1,444	19
TJB	7	0	0	0	7	0
RWJ	19	0	5	0	24	0
<b>Paid Total</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,438</b>	<b>100%</b>
CMU	82	4	25	8	107	5
CMF	1,795	90	277	89	2,072	90
CMD	69	3	1	0	70	3
Other Non-Paid	48	2	8	3	56	2
<b>Non-Paid Total</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,163</b>		<b>2,580</b>		<b>9,743</b>	

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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

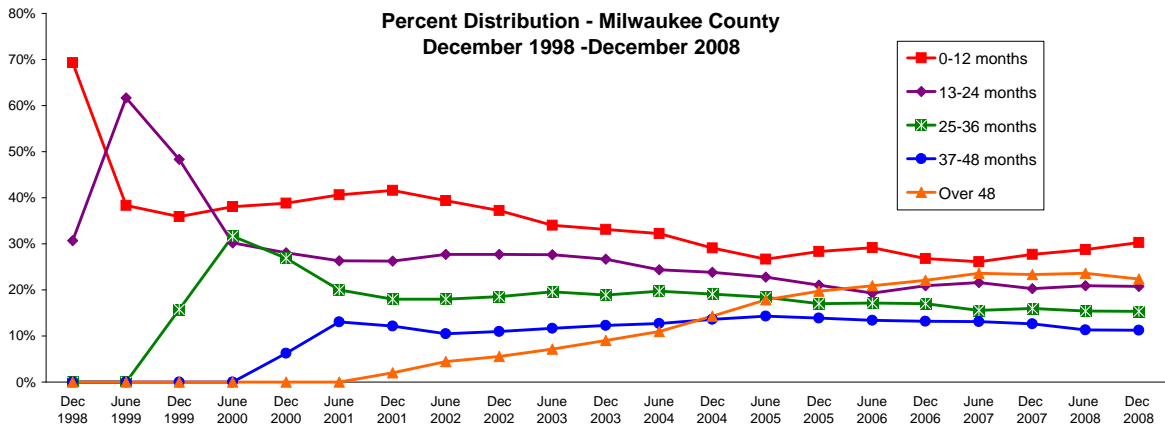


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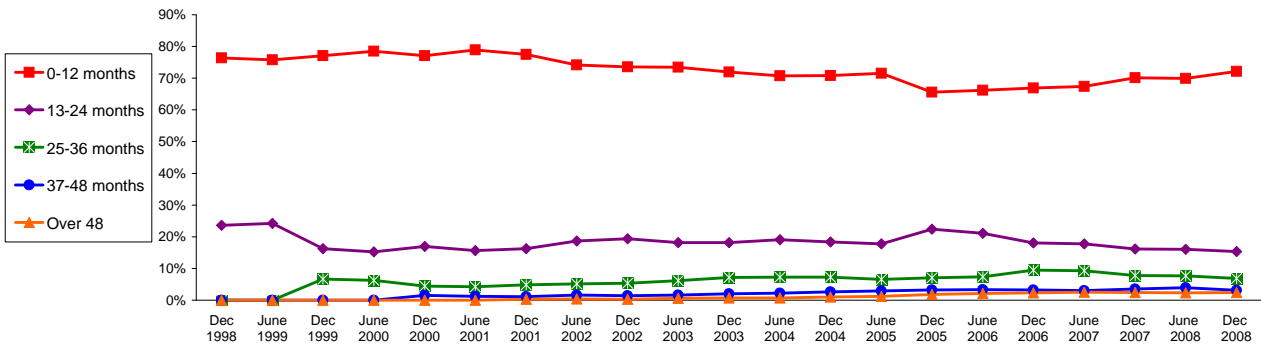
### Number of Months Served in W-2 - Most Recent Six Months

	Months	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	0-12	2,144	2,178	2,214	2,240	2,364	2,419
	13-24	1,469	1,432	1,410	1,445	1,473	1,489
	25-36	1,087	1,047	1,073	1,053	1,061	1,052
	37-48	798	753	770	785	786	811
	Over 48	1,584	1,502	1,477	1,487	1,486	1,495
<b>Balance of State</b>	0-12	1,812	1,823	1,875	1,925	1,987	1,995
	13-24	386	390	394	425	426	434
	25-36	172	176	165	164	157	173
	37-48	78	78	74	71	72	64
	Over 48	62	59	64	65	70	73
<b>Statewide</b>	0-12	3,708	3,768	3,851	3,919	4,103	4,153
	13-24	1,832	1,796	1,777	1,849	1,880	1,900
	25-36	1,250	1,218	1,237	1,216	1,211	1,221
	37-48	888	839	851	859	867	886
	Over 48	1,661	1,578	1,556	1,572	1,574	1,583

## Number of Months Served in W-2\* , Continued



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

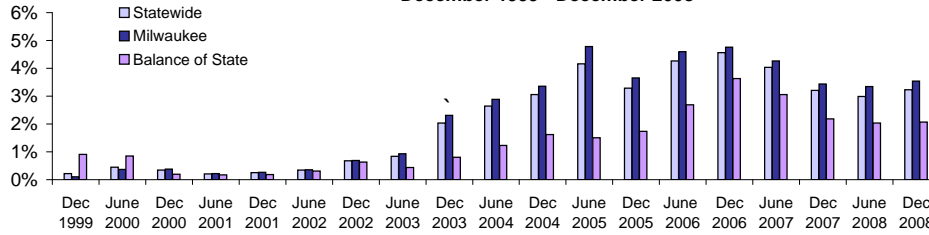


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## Extensions Granted for 24 - Month Clocks\*

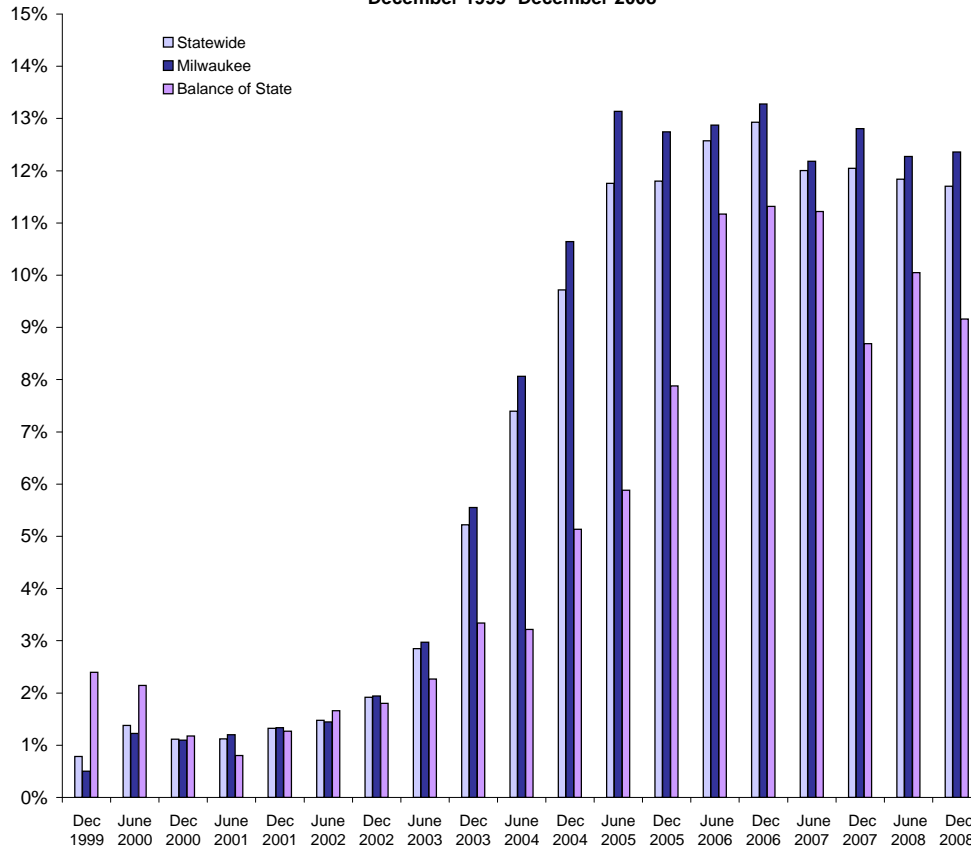
**Percent of W-2T & CSJ Participants with Beginning Extensions  
December 1999 - December 2008**



**Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months**

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	146	149	135	145	159	150
<b>Balance of State</b>	23	33	15	18	23	25
<b>Statewide</b>	169	182	150	163	182	175

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



**Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months**

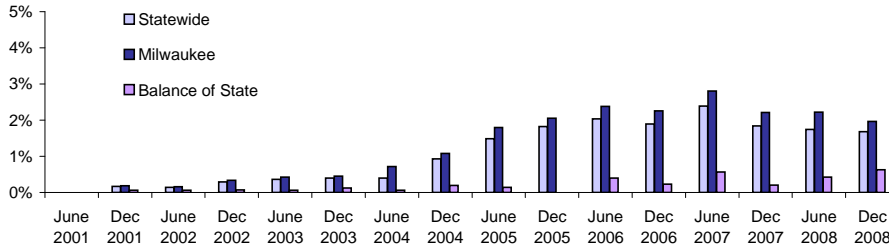
	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	486	492	488	497	514	490
<b>Balance of State</b>	93	98	92	91	91	91
<b>Statewide</b>	579	590	580	588	605	581

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\*

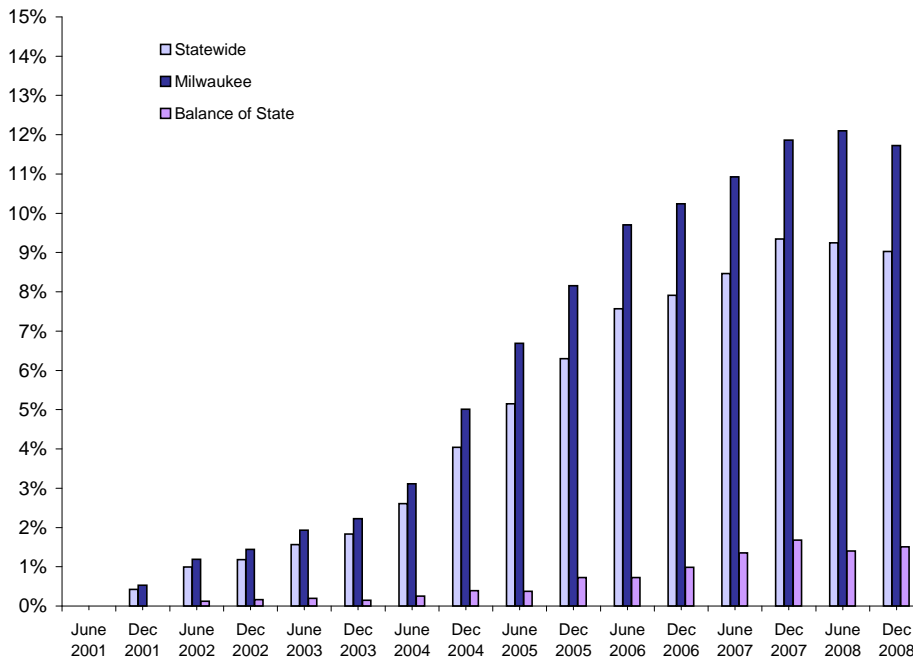
**Percent of Participants with Beginning Extensions  
June 2001 - December 2008**



**Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months**

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	81	86	96	91	103	94
<b>Balance of State</b>	7	7	7	6	7	3
<b>Statewide</b>	88	93	103	97	110	97

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



**Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months**

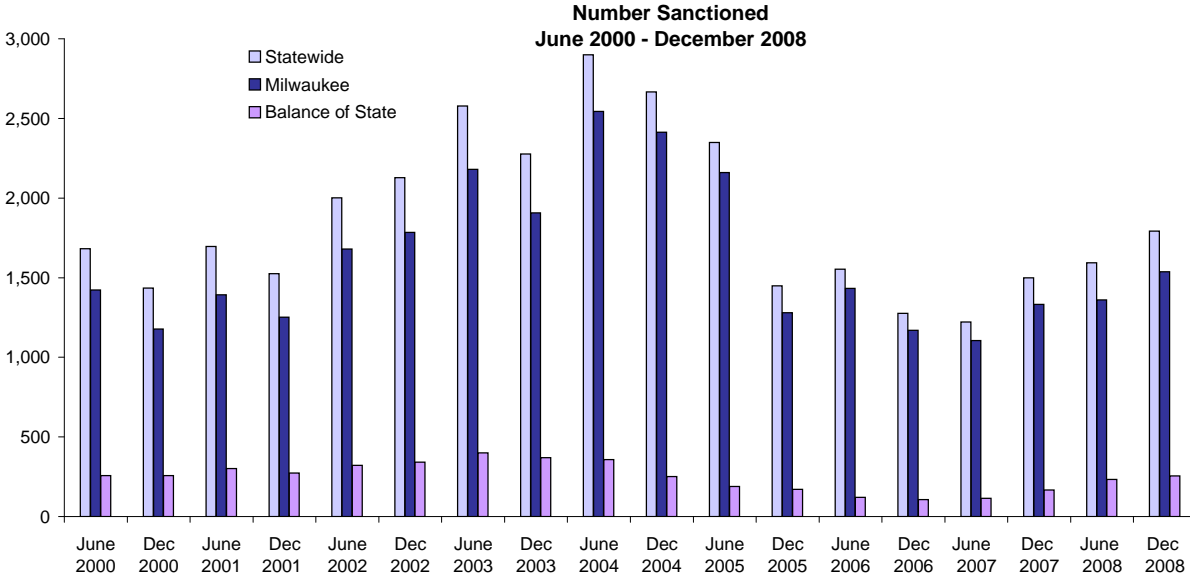
	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	519	508	506	512	514	514
<b>Balance of State</b>	24	27	28	28	31	33
<b>Statewide</b>	543	535	534	540	545	547

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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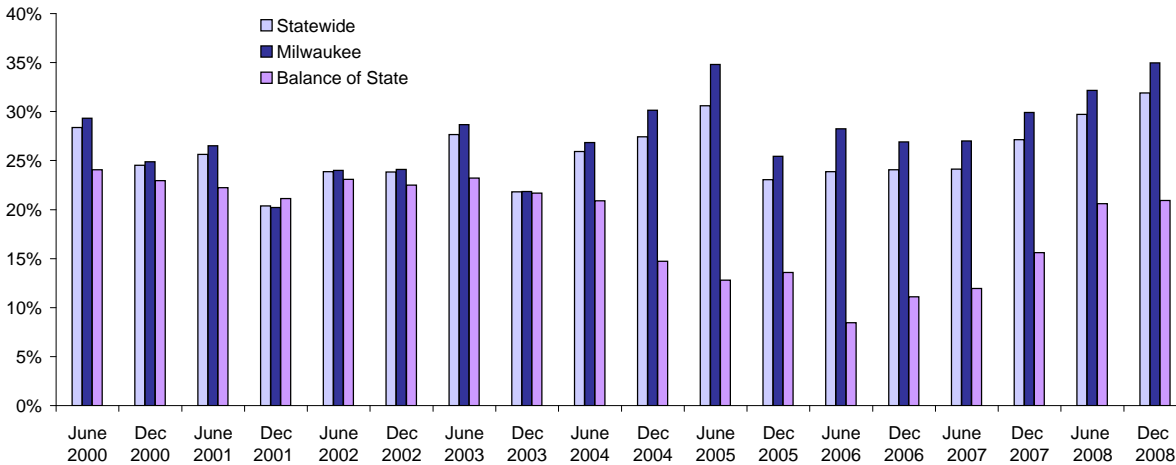
## W-2T and CSJ Participants Who Were Sanctioned



**Number Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months**

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	1,537	1,597	1,715	1,687	1,819	1,797
<b>Balance of State</b>	256	286	342	374	415	457
<b>Statewide</b>	1,793	1,883	2,057	2,061	2,234	2,254

**Percent Sanctioned  
June 2000 - December 2008**



**Percent Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months**

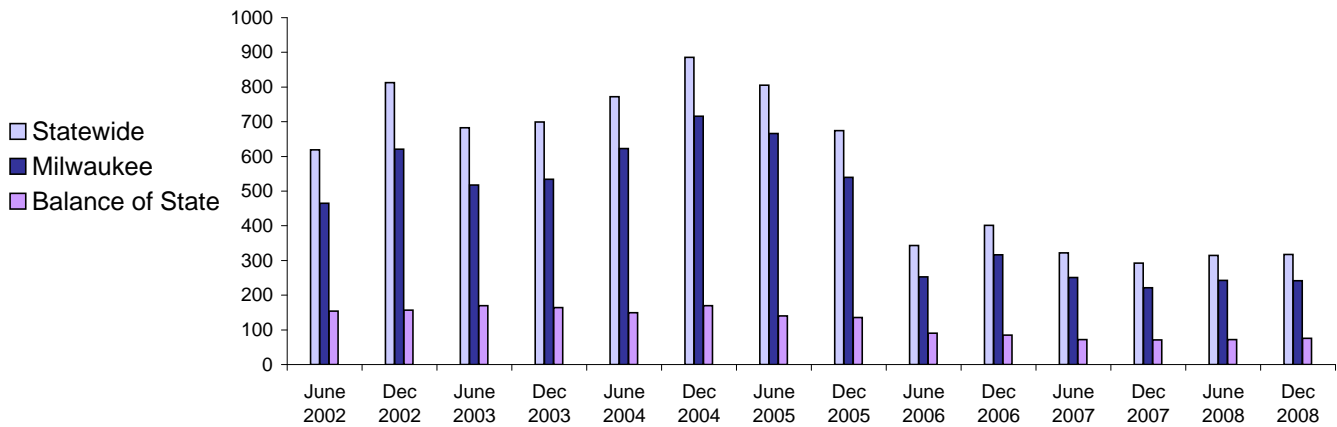
	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	35%	36%	38%	37%	39%	37%
<b>Balance of State</b>	21%	22%	25%	25%	27%	29%
<b>Statewide</b>	32%	33%	35%	34%	36%	35%

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

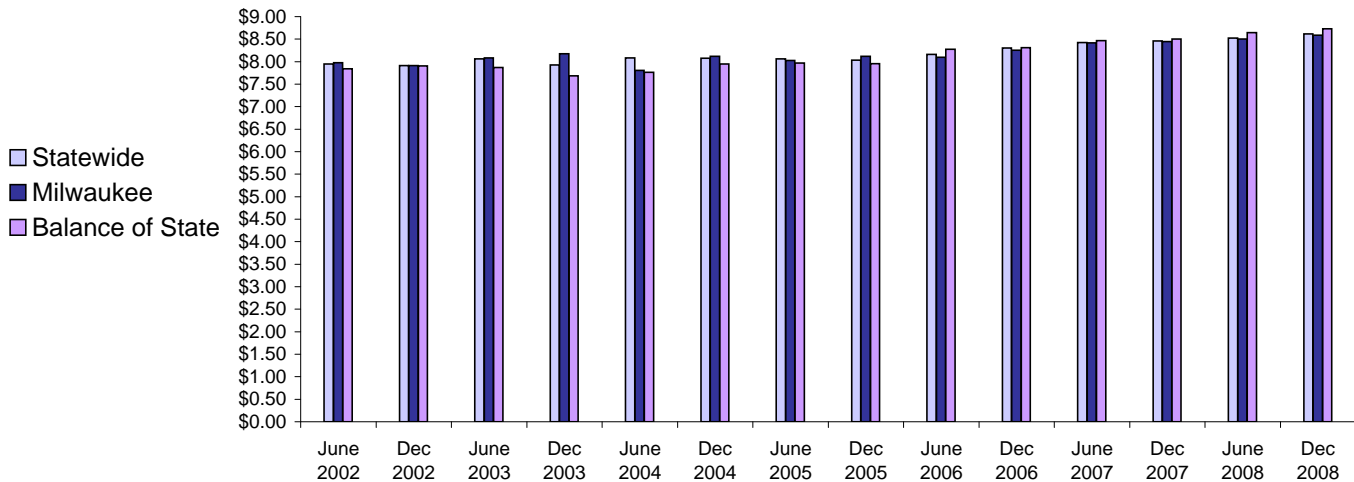
**Six Month Average Number Entered Employment\***  
June 2002-December 2008



**Total Number Of Entered Employments - Most Recent Six Months**

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	196	183	174	203	196	364
<b>Balance of State</b>	37	51	70	91	91	146
<b>Statewide</b>	233	234	244	294	287	510

**Six Month Average Hourly Wage\***  
June 2002 - December 2008



**Average Hourly Wage - Most Recent Six Months**

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	\$8.47	\$8.85	\$8.67	\$8.76	\$8.51	\$8.73
<b>Balance of State</b>	\$8.79	\$8.65	\$9.60	\$8.10	\$8.66	\$9.09
<b>Statewide</b>	\$8.52	\$8.81	\$8.92	\$8.67	\$8.56	\$8.83

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

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