

# Landscapes in Poverty



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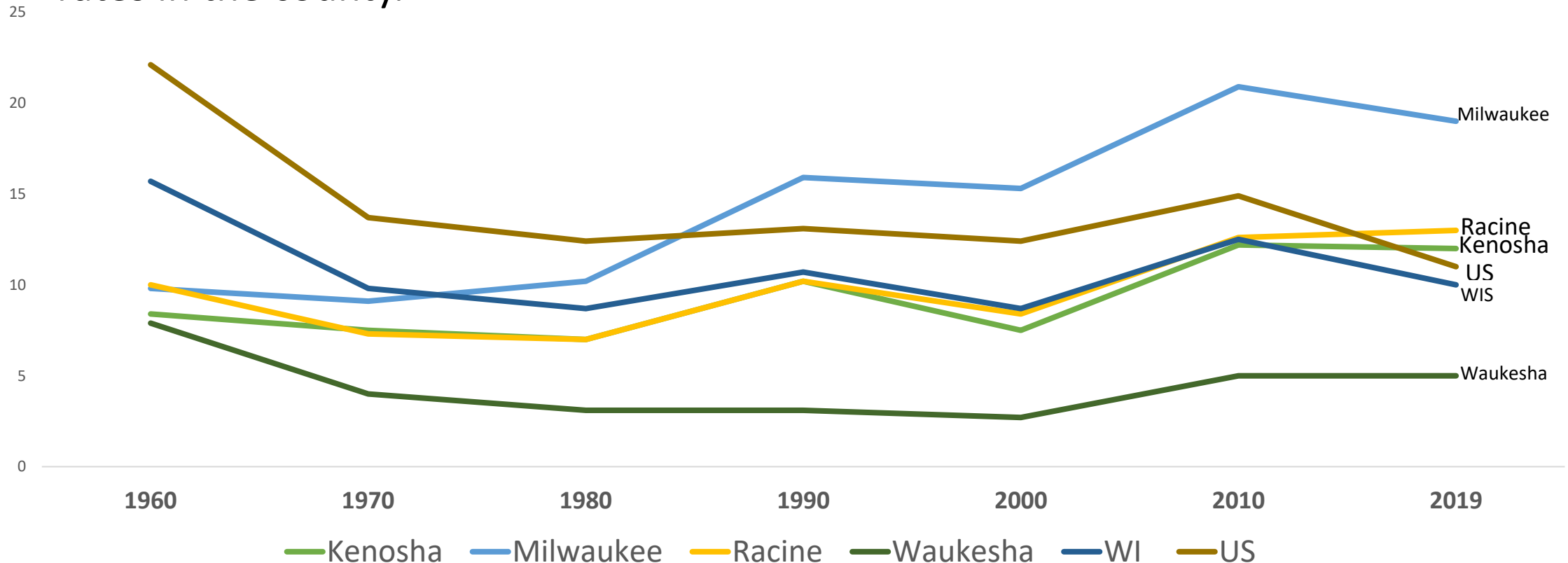
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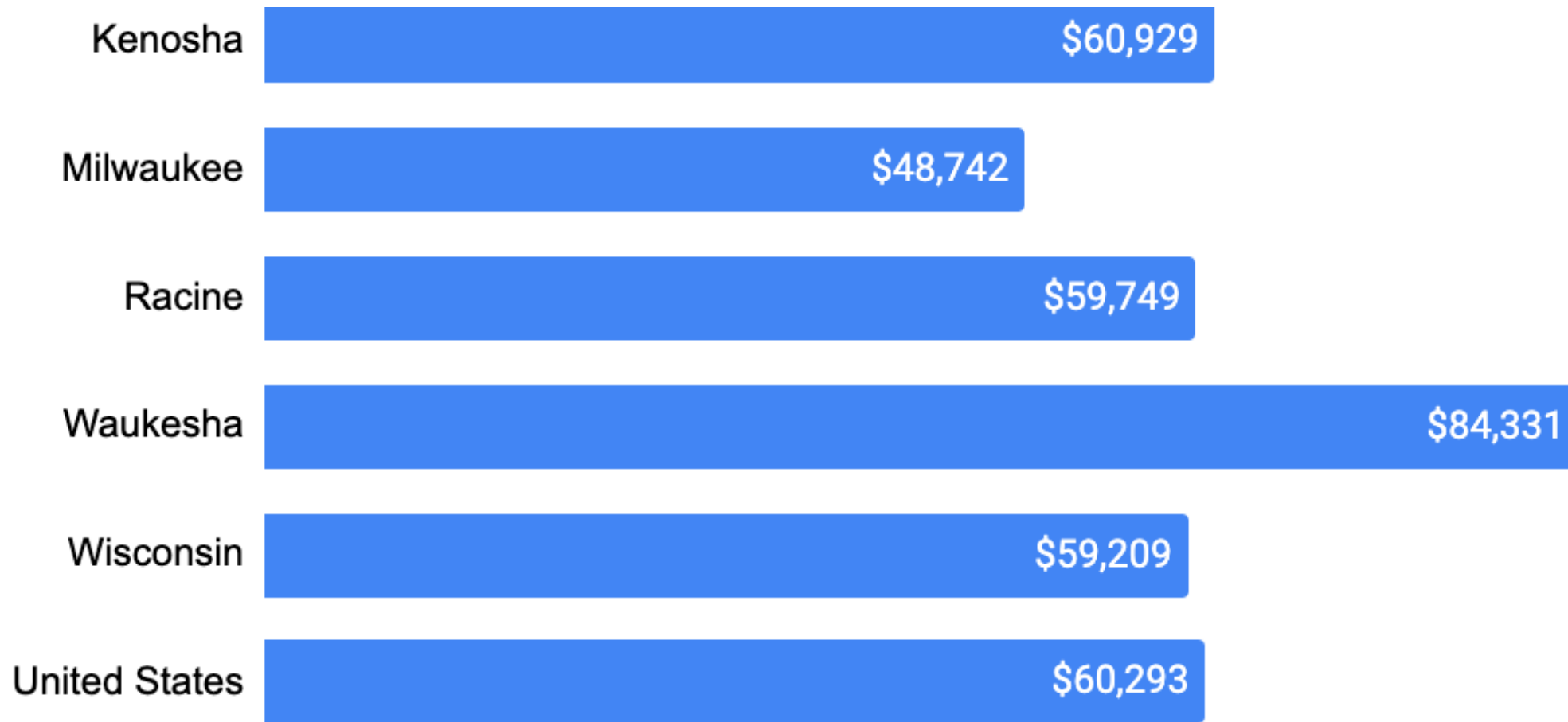
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# Poverty Over Time

Since the War on Poverty, the percent of people living in poverty has declined in the US and in Wisconsin. The trend lines in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha have gone in the other direction. Waukesha has one of the lowest rates in the county.



Historic county level poverty estimates, <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/time-series/demo/census-poverty-tool.html> county-level poverty rates from the 1960-2000 Decennial Census as well as estimates from 2010 based on 5-year data from the ACS and 2019 from *US Census 2019 QuickFacts*

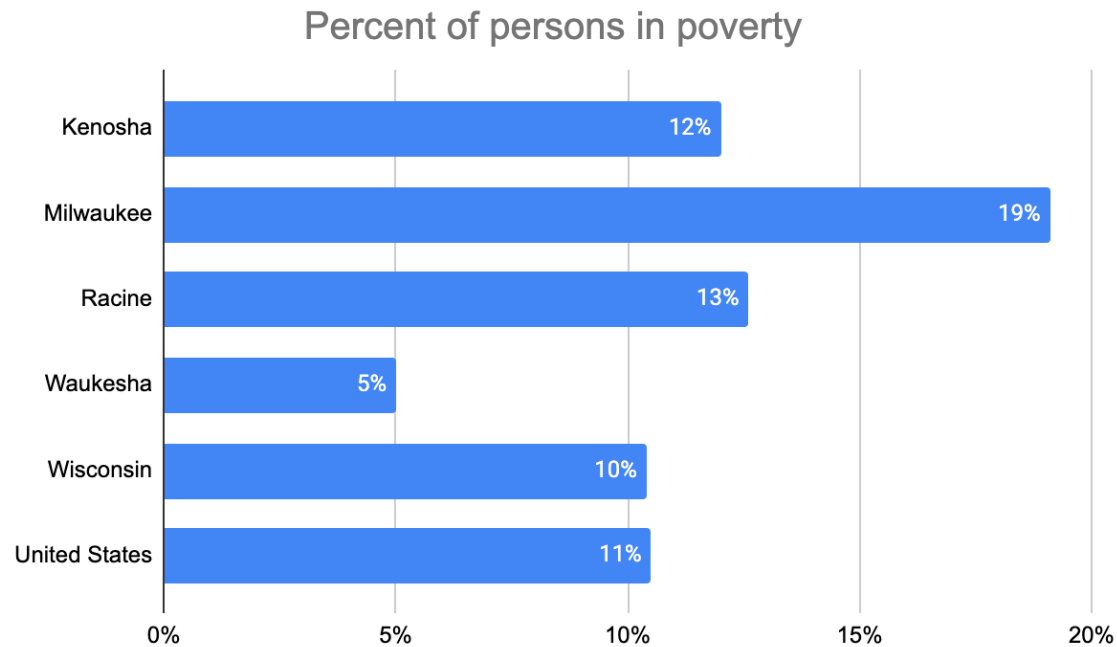


**Income:** The median household income in the US is **\$60,300**. This is similar in Kenosha, Racine, and the State of Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, it is more than \$11,000 less while in Waukesha it is \$24,000 more.

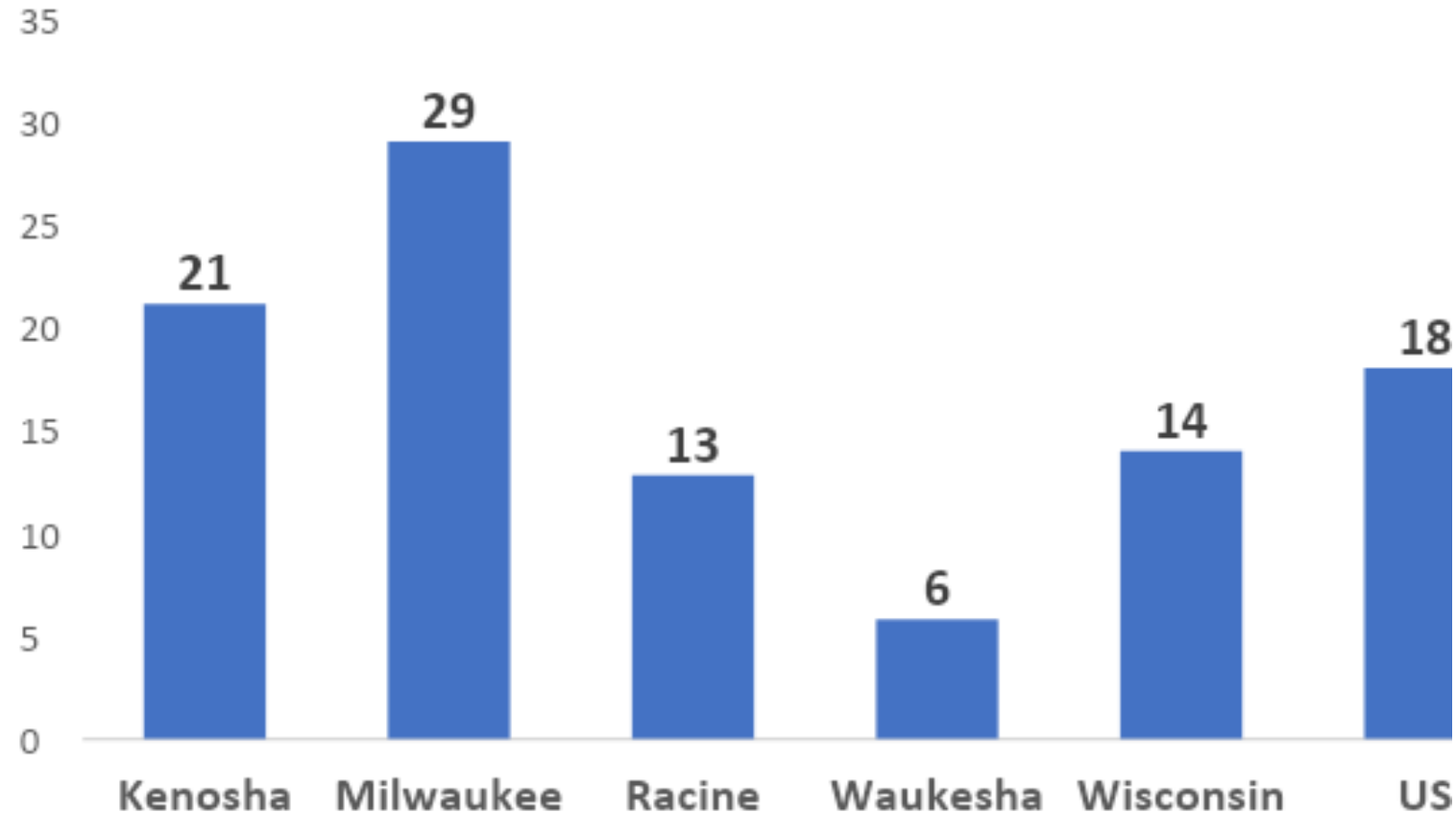
*US Census 2019 QuickFacts*

Poverty Rate- The percent of the population in poverty in Milwaukee is nearly twice the state rate. The rate in Waukesha is half the state rate.

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## Percent of Children Living in Poverty



## Children Living in Poverty:

Nearly 1 in 5 children are living in poverty in the US. Kenosha is higher than the nation and in Milwaukee, it's nearly 1 in 3.

Derived from Annie E Casey 2020 Kids Count profile, 2018 data

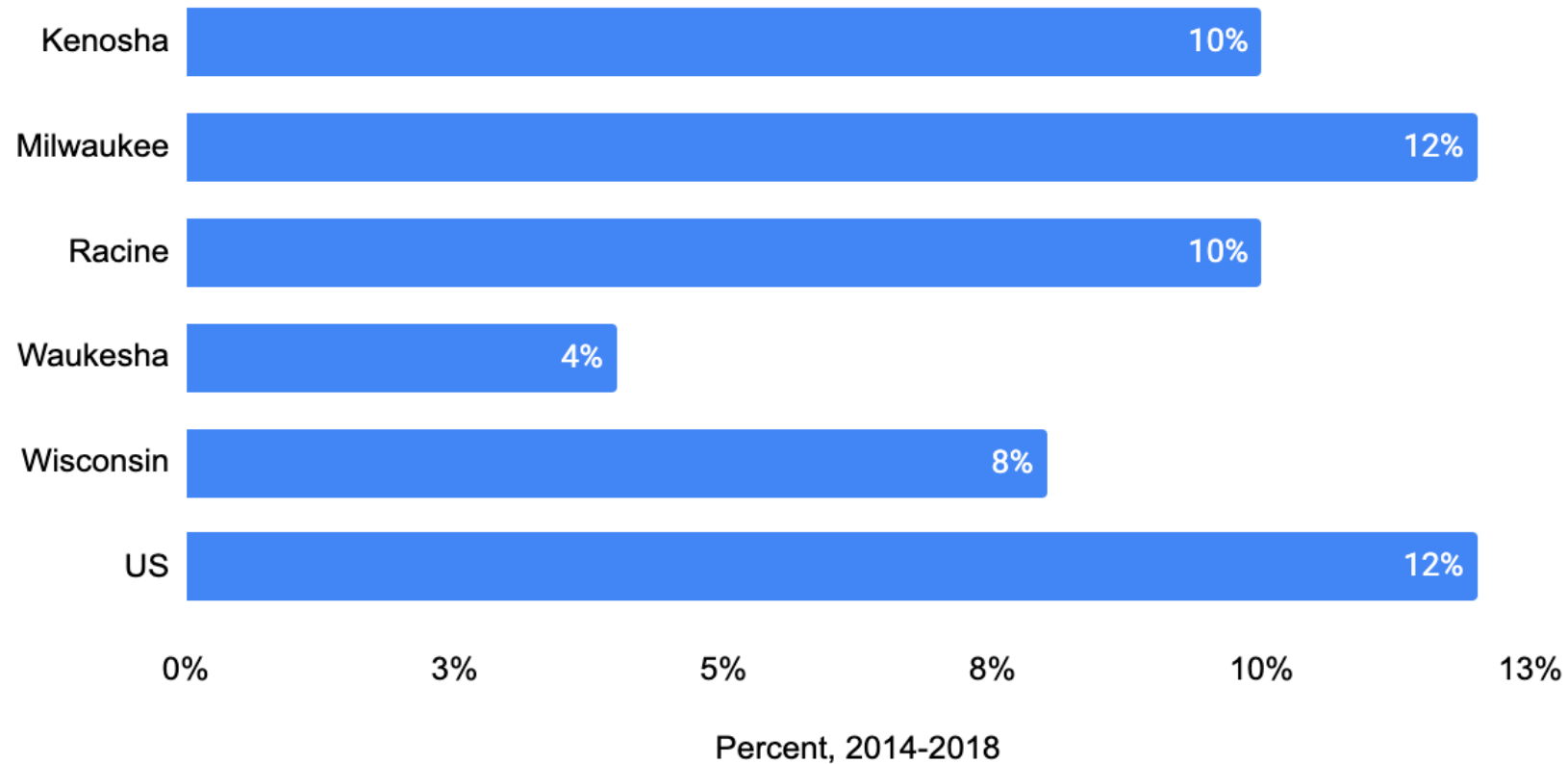
# 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	Gross Annual Income	Gross Monthly Income	Approximate Hourly Wage
1	\$12,490	\$1,041	\$6.00
2	\$16,910	\$1,409	\$8.13
3	\$21,330	\$1,778	\$10.25
4	\$25,750	\$2,146	\$12.38
5	\$30,170	\$2,514	\$14.50
6	\$34,590	\$2,883	\$16.63
7	\$39,010	\$3,251	\$18.75
8	\$43,430	\$3,619	\$20.88
Over 8 add per person:	\$4,420	\$368.33	\$2.13

Source: Federal Register vol. 84, No. 22, February 1, 2019 pp. 1167-68. Monthly and hourly income calculated by OCPP and rounded to the nearest dollar and cent, respectively. The hourly rate is based on 40 hours of work per week for a full year (2080 hours). These guidelines are for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia.

Current Wis Minimum Wage: \$7.25

## Percent of persons age 25 or over without high school diploma

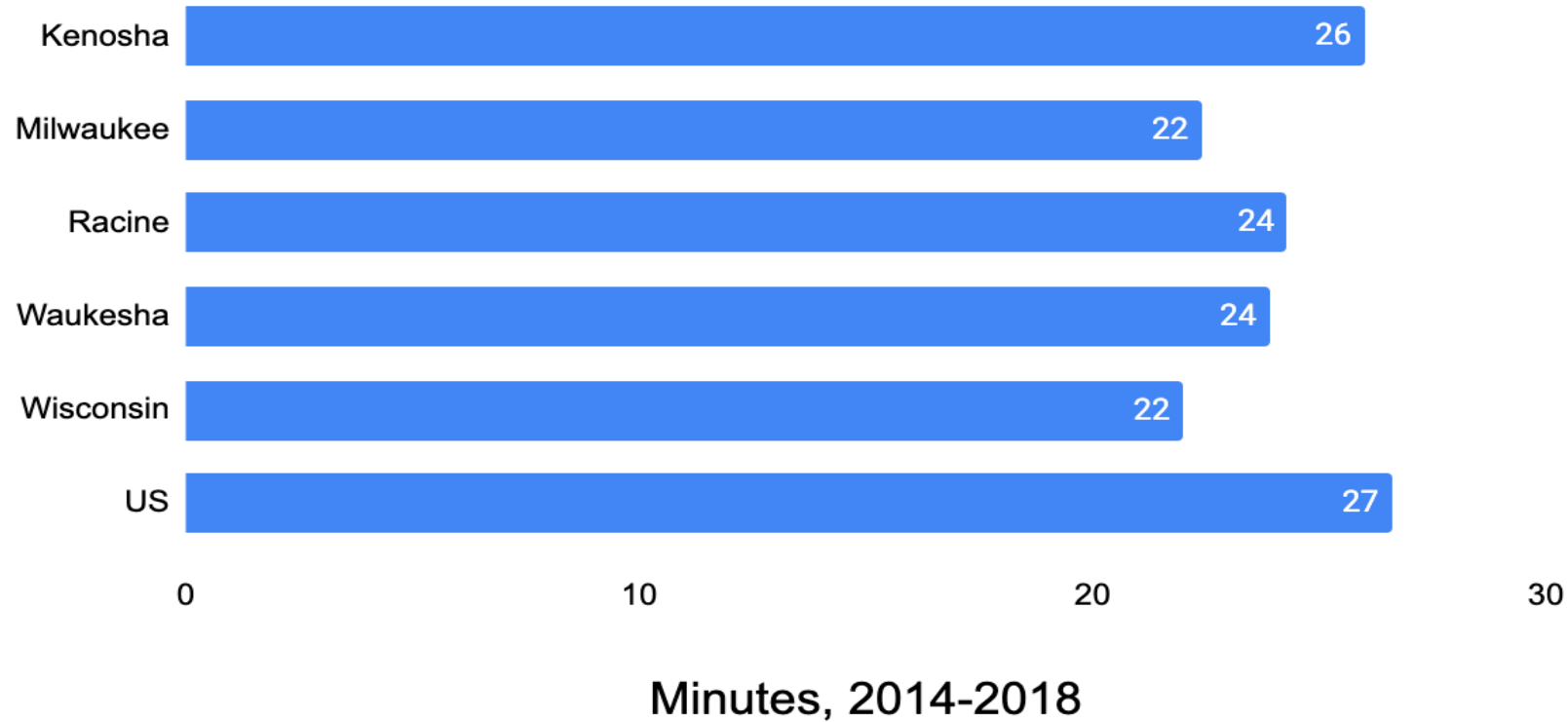


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## No High School Diploma:

Nationally and in Milwaukee County, 12% of the those over age 25 do not have a high school diploma or GED. One out of ten in Racine and Kenosha Counties are in this category.

## Mean travel time for workers age 16 or over



## Travel Time to Work:

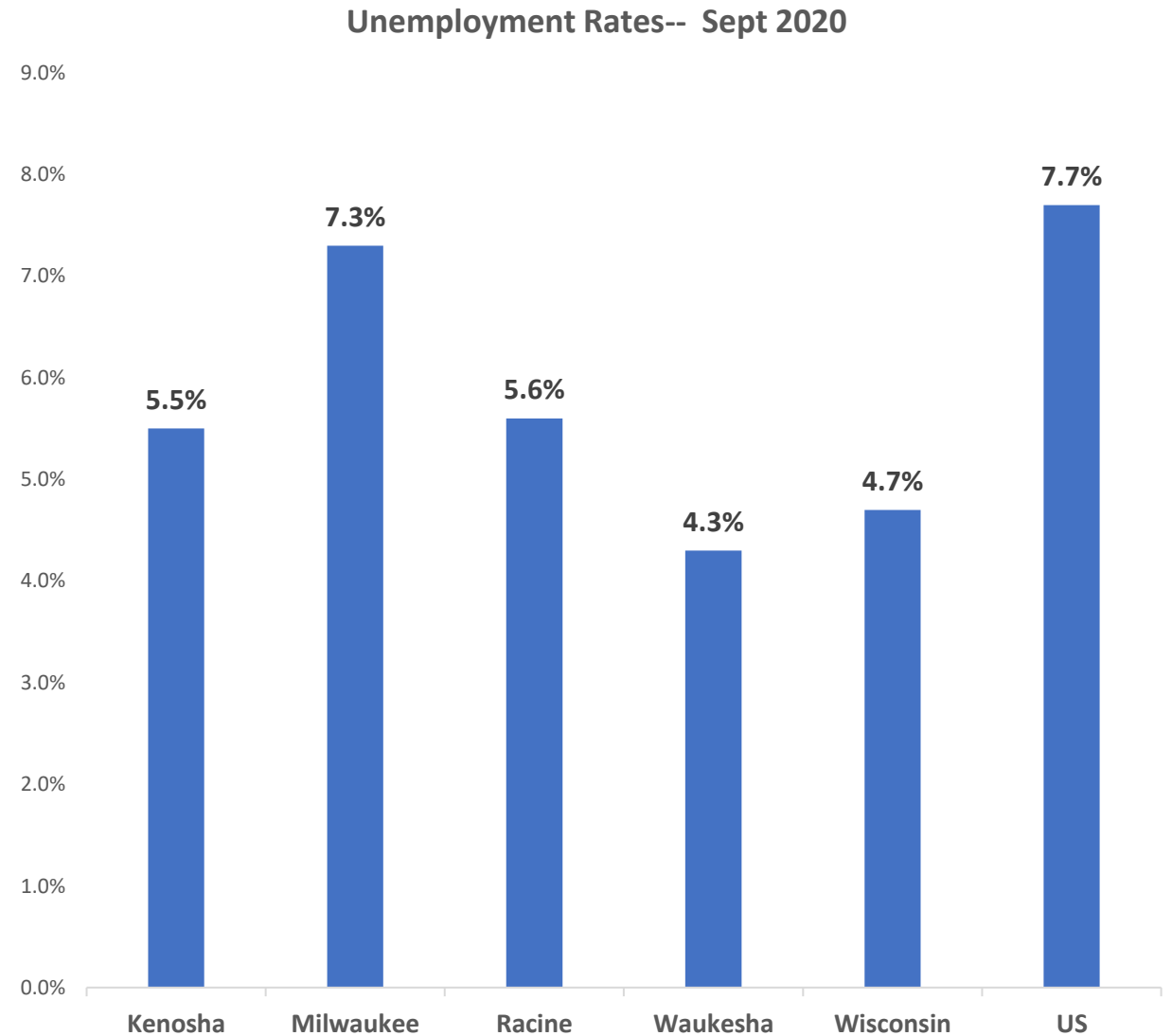
The national commute time is 27 minutes-- greater than the state or the four counties. Residents of Kenosha spend the most time traveling to work while those in Milwaukee spend the least.



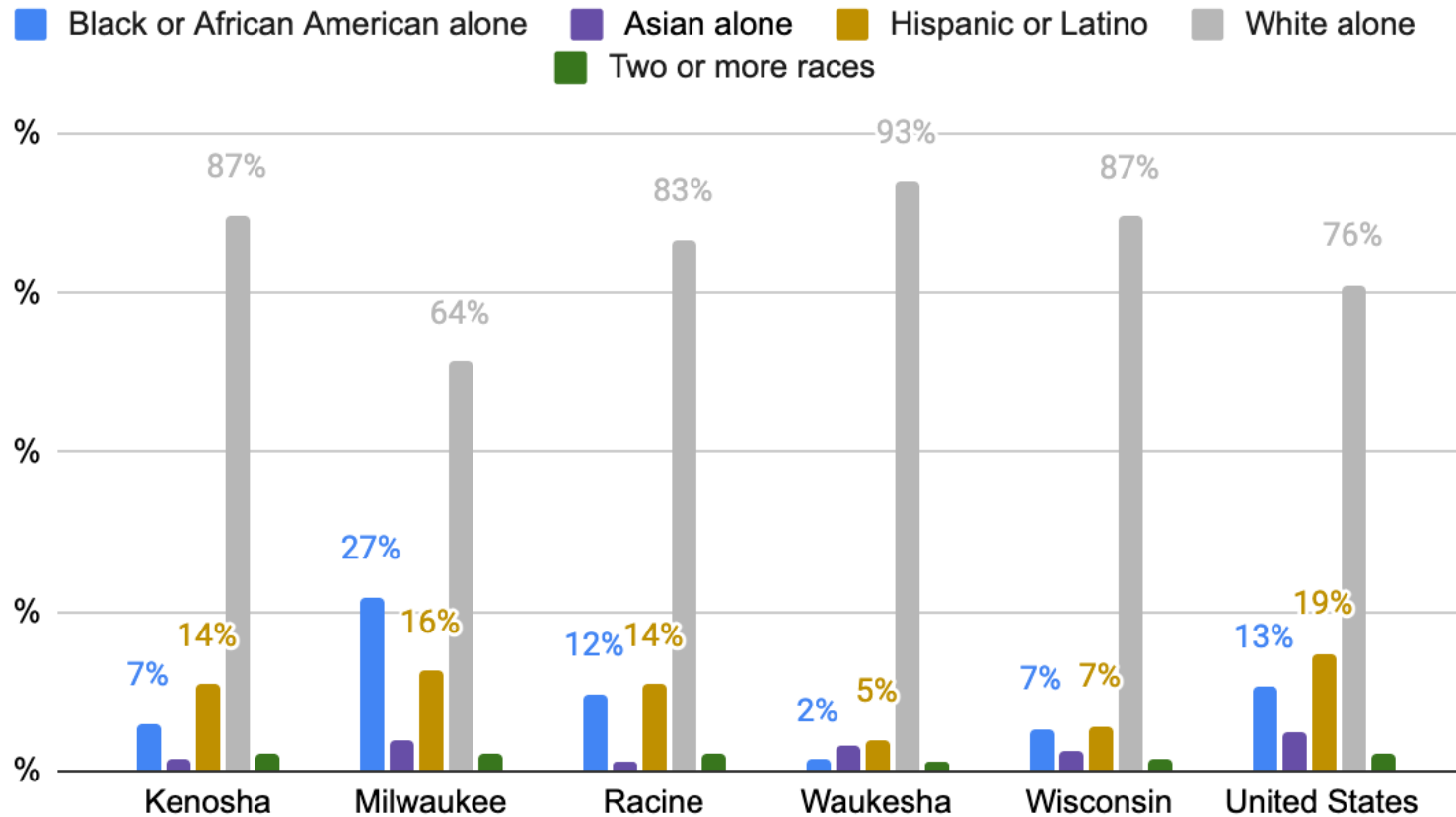
# Unemployment Rates:

Wisconsin and all four counties fair better than the nation.

Milwaukee is 3 percentage points higher than Waukesha.



## Race and ethnicity population characteristics



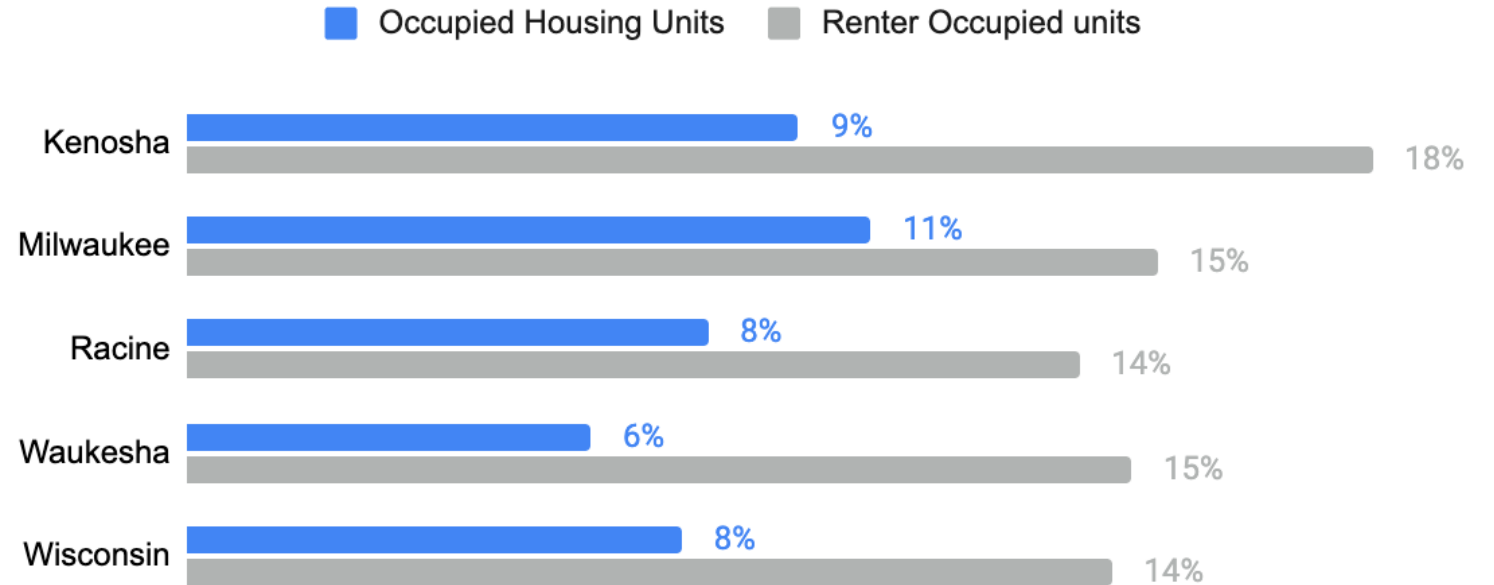
## Race/ethnicity:

White non-Hispanic people make up the largest groups nationally, across the state and in each of the four counties. Hispanics or Latinos make up the second largest group in all other areas but Milwaukee County where 26% of the populations is Black.

## Housing Burden

Renters are more likely than homeowners to pay more than 30% of the income on housing. Renters in Kenosha are hardest hit.

### Households considered Housing Cost Burdened in the past 12 months



*ACS 2019 one-year estimates*

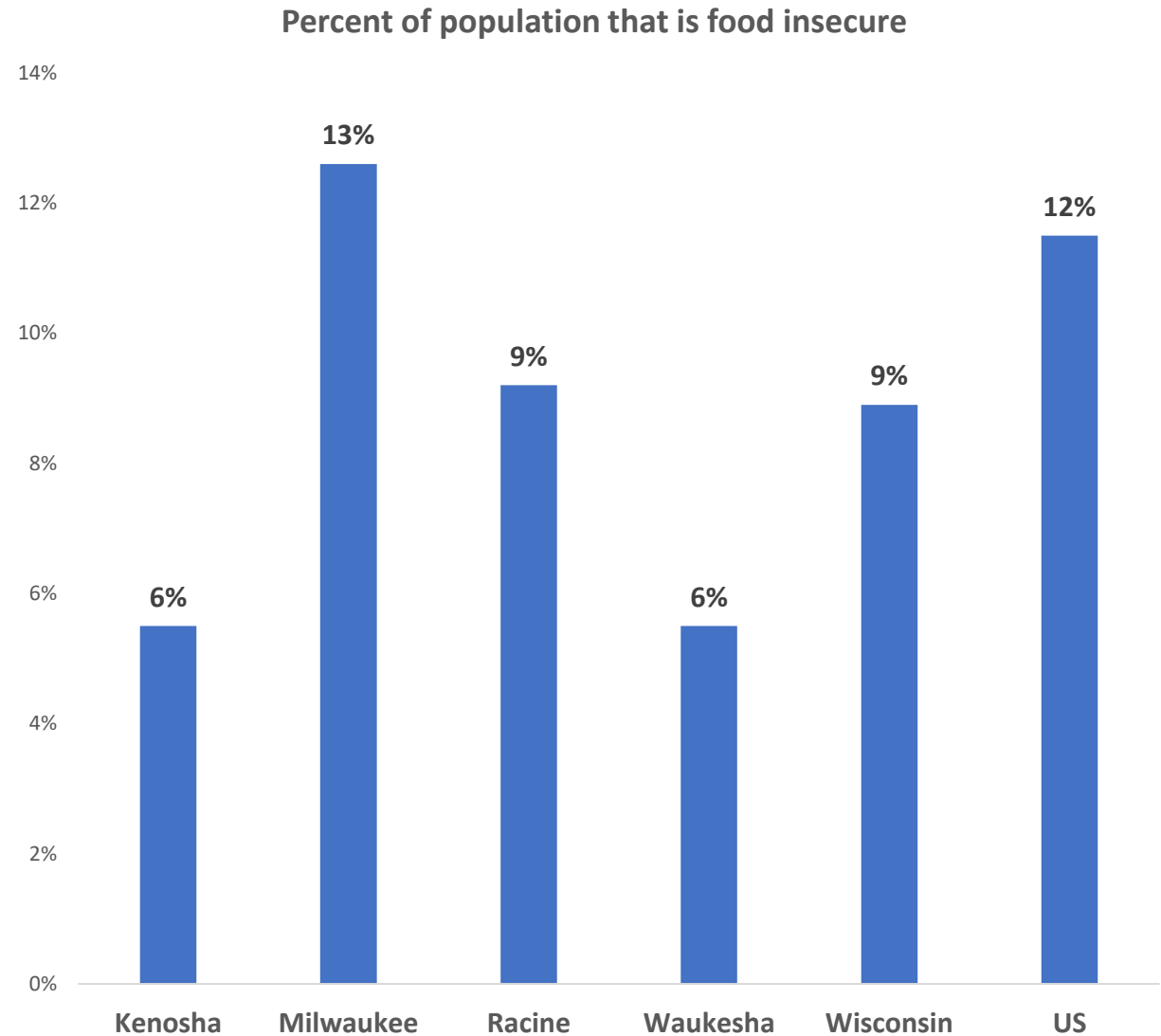
# Food Insecurity Screening



- **Least severe:**  
worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.
- **Somewhat more severe:**  
couldn't afford to eat balanced meals
- **Midrange severity:**  
Cut the size of meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
- **Most severe:**  
Not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

In the last 12 months, did any of the **children ever not eat for a whole day** because there wasn't enough money for food?

Food Insecurity:  
Nationally, 12% of the  
population is  
considered food  
insecure.  
Milwaukee is slightly  
higher; Racine is  
similar to the state as  
a whole, and higher  
than Kenosha or  
Waukesha.

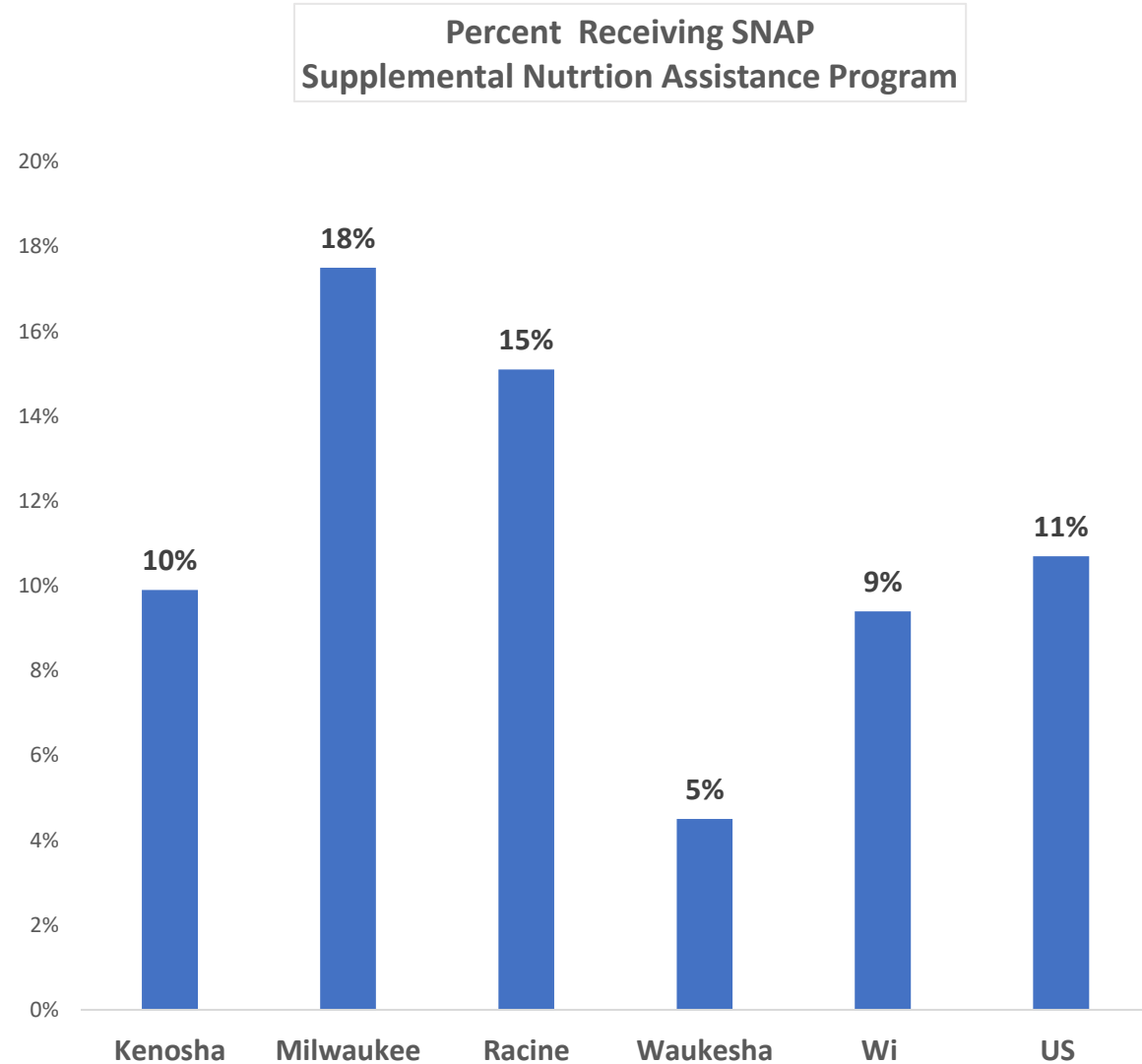


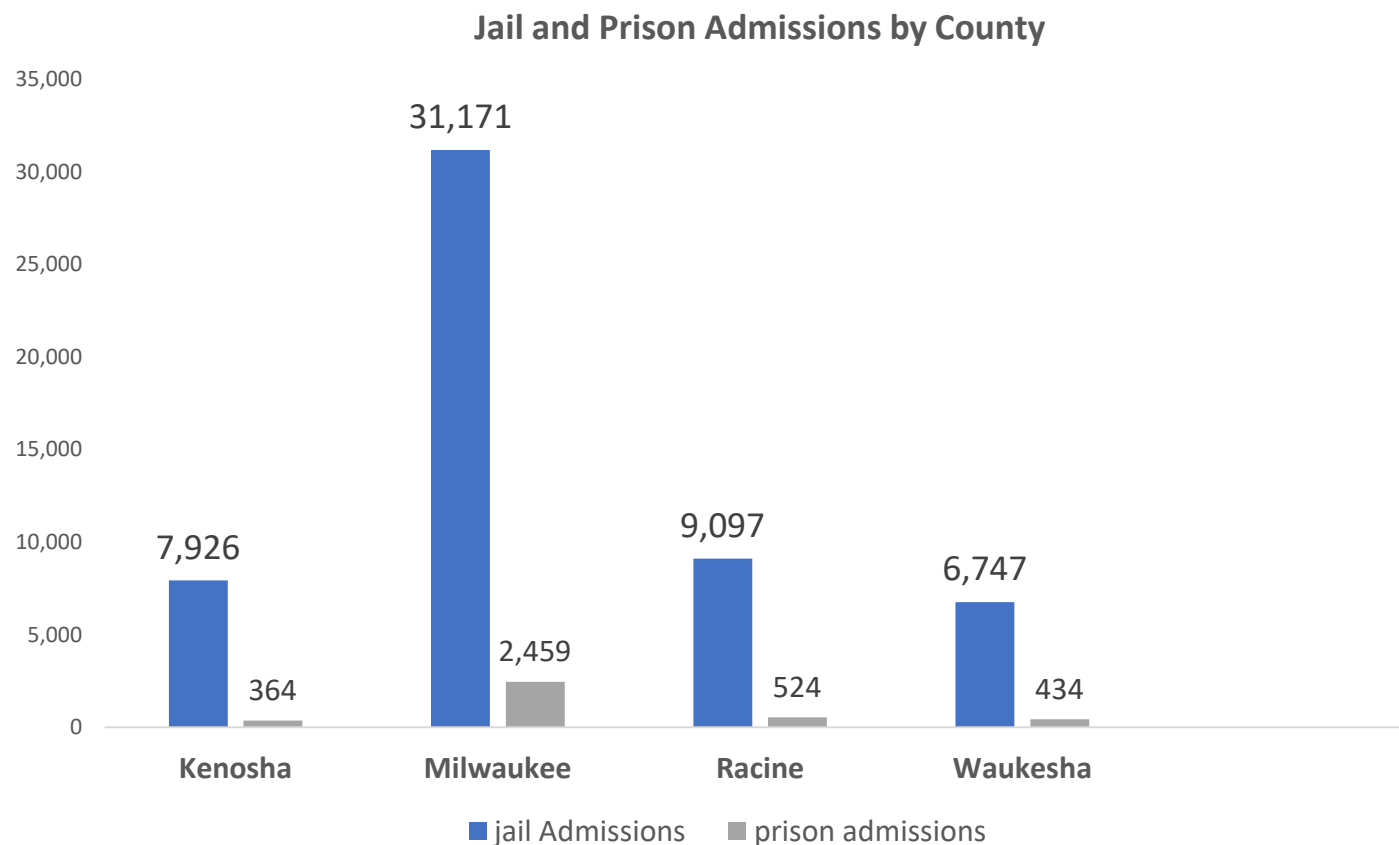
# SNAP

Nationally, 11% of the population receive food stamps.

In Milwaukee, the percentage is twice the statewide rate. Both Racine and Kenosha are above the State average.

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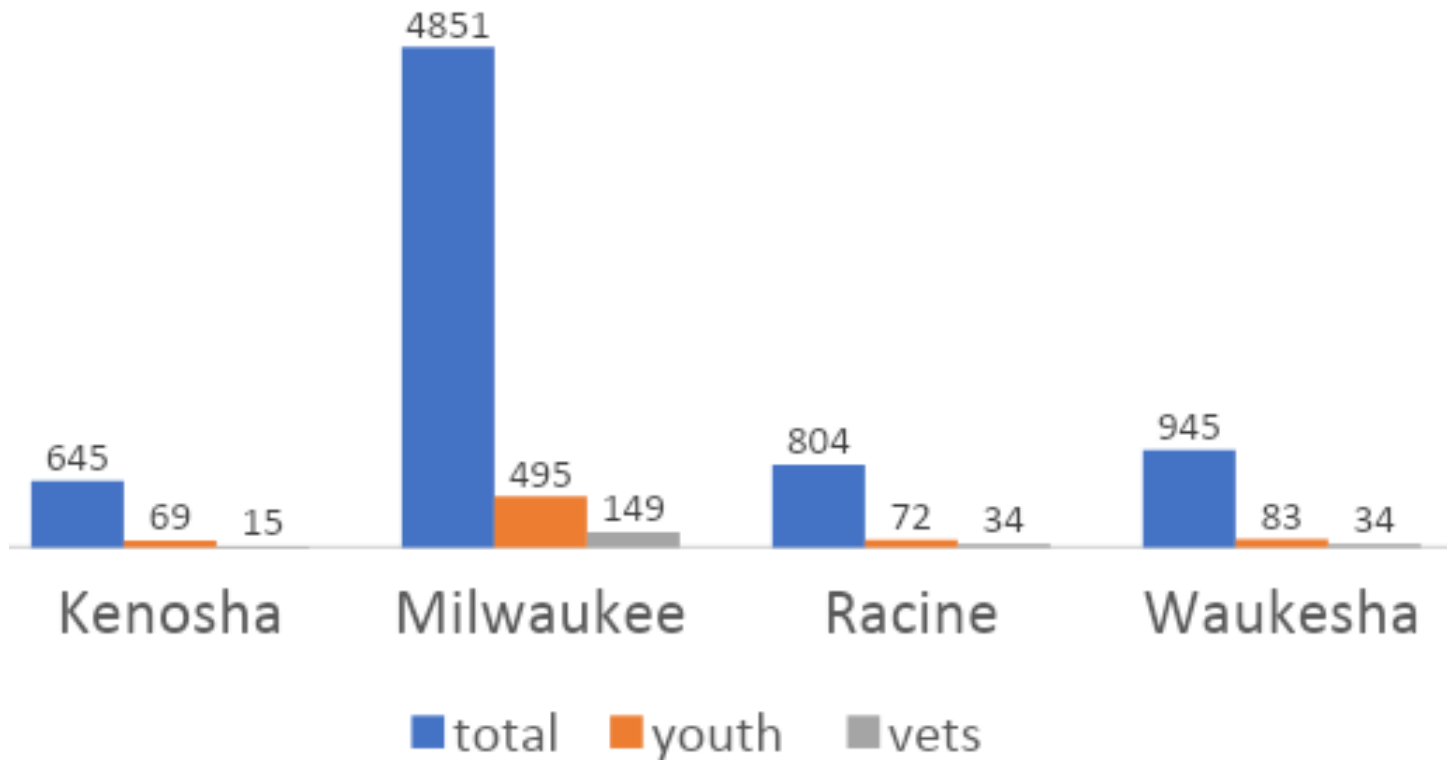




*Vera Institute, Incarceration Trends in Wisconsin (2019)*

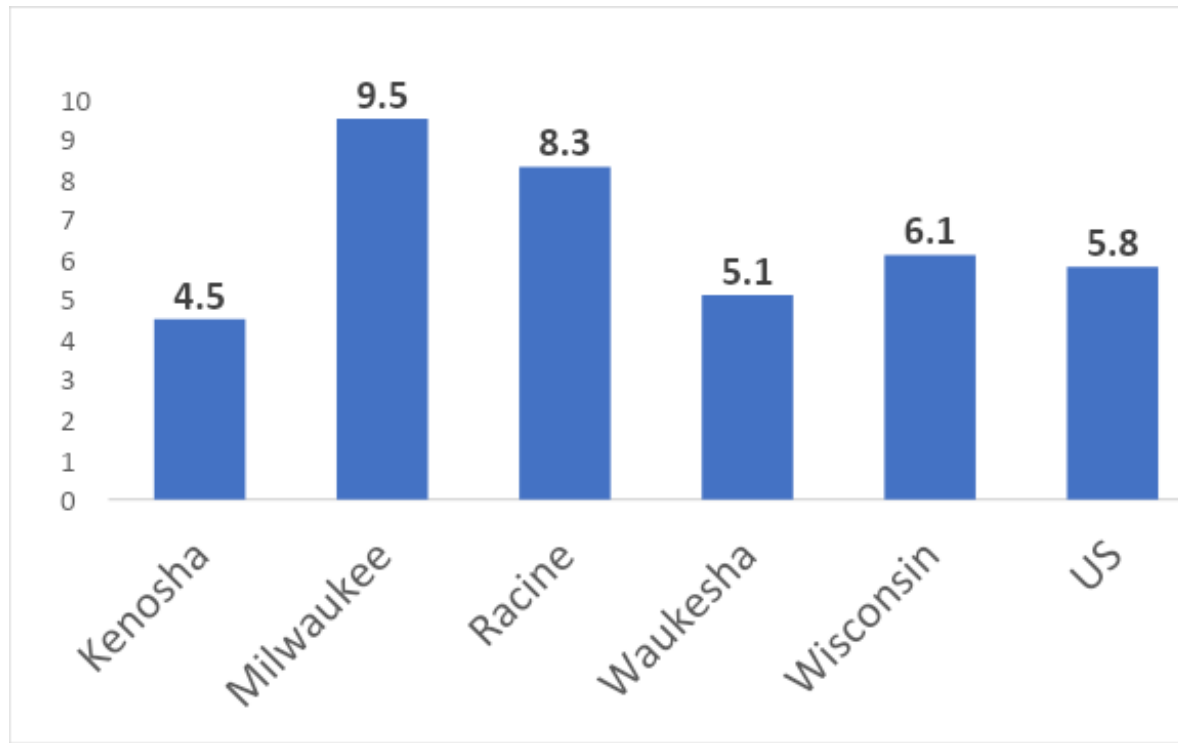
**Incarceration** may also be a consequence of poverty. The number of people **jailed** in the 4 counties in 2018 was nearly **55,000** while the total number in **prison** was almost **3,800**

## Homeless Clients in Emergency Shelter - 2019



Homelessness may be a consequence of extreme poverty. More than 7,240 people from the four counties were in emergency shelter in 2019.





## Infant mortality

In both Milwaukee and Racine Counties, a higher percentage of babies die before their first birthday than in the state or nation.

There are significant racial disparities.

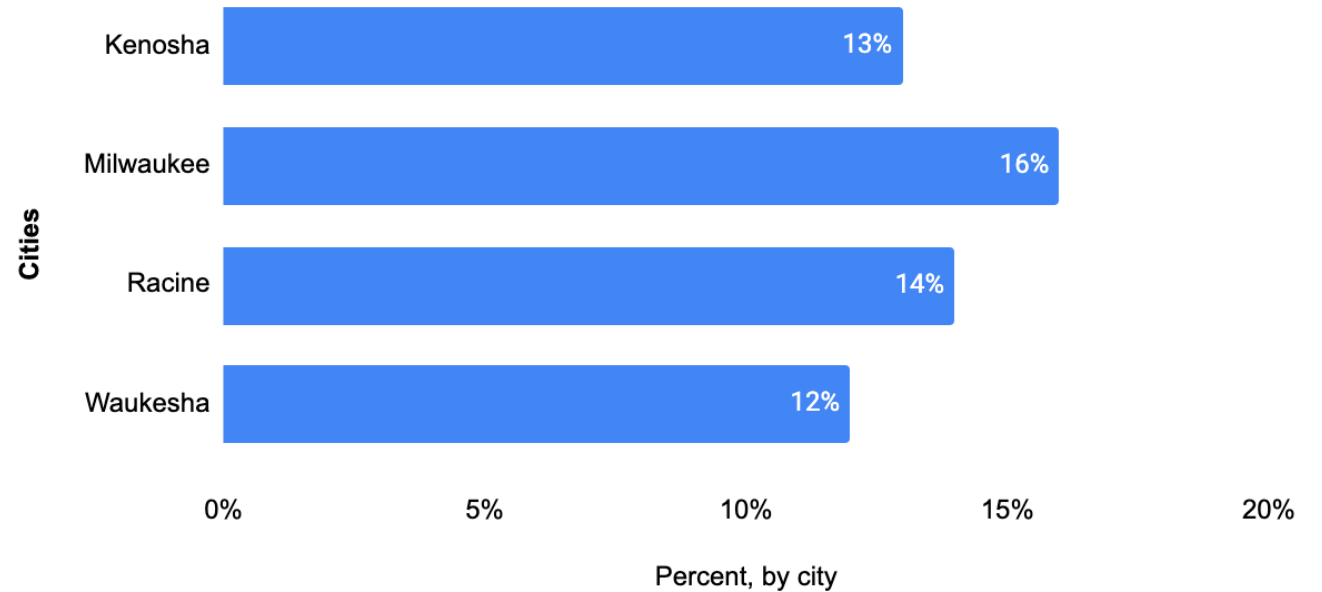
*WISH, Infant Mortality Module (Wisconsin, 2018)*

## Mental Health:

Nationally, and across the state, 12% of the population rates their own mental health as “Not Good” for 14 days or more. Greater percentages of people in the Cities of Kenosha, Milwaukee and Racine respond this way.

*CDC, 500 Cities, 2017*

Mental health not good for 14 days or more for age 18 or over by city



	Kenosha	Milwaukee	Racine	Waukesha	Wisconsin	US
<b>Covid cases</b>	8,761	66,507	13,371	21,748	354,676	12,246,909

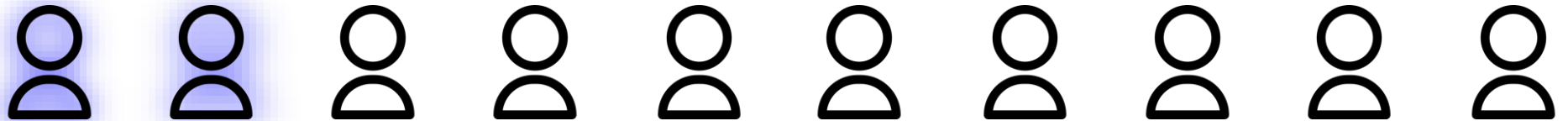
# COVID- 19

- Confirmed Positive Covid Cases In the four-county area (11/24/20)
- [data.dhsgis.wi.gov/.../covid-19-data-by-county/data](https://data.dhsgis.wi.gov/.../covid-19-data-by-county/data)
- This data set contains Wisconsin COVID-19 data by county boundary. Data is updated at 2:00PM CDT daily.

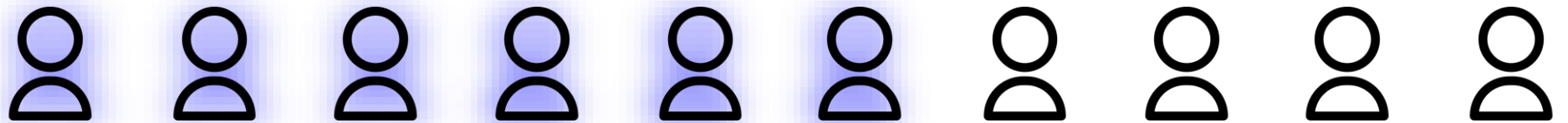
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**People are experiencing more anxiety and depression since the pandemic began.**

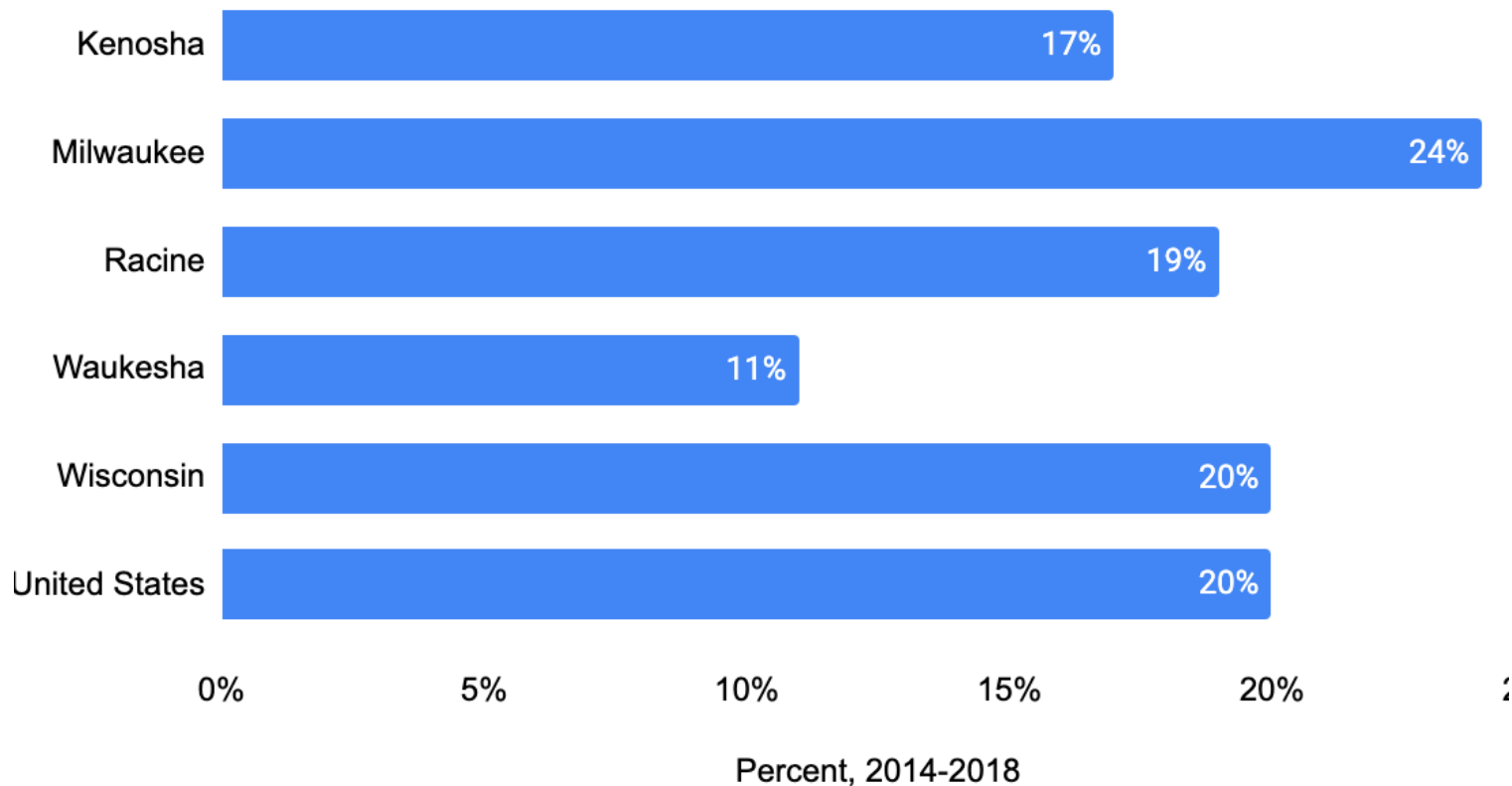
**Before  
coronavirus**



**Since  
coronavirus**



## Households without broadband Internet subscription



Digital Divide:  
Nationally one in  
five households  
do not have  
access to the  
internet. In  
Milwaukee  
County this  
number is 24%.

# Thank you



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