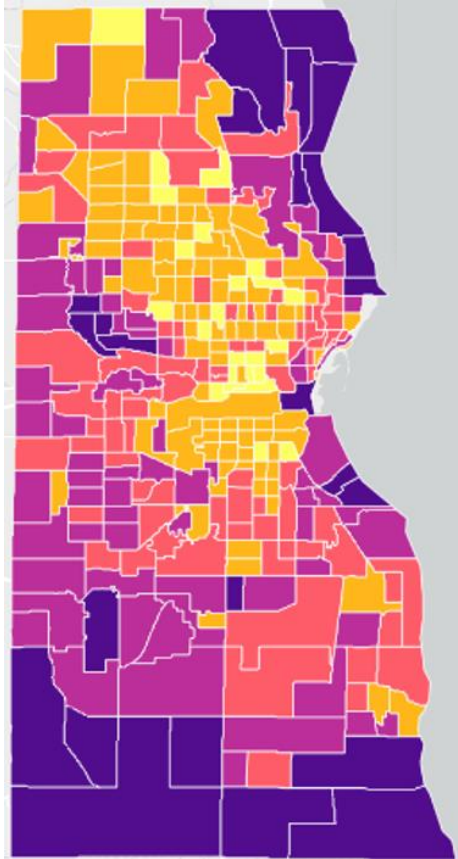


# Income Security

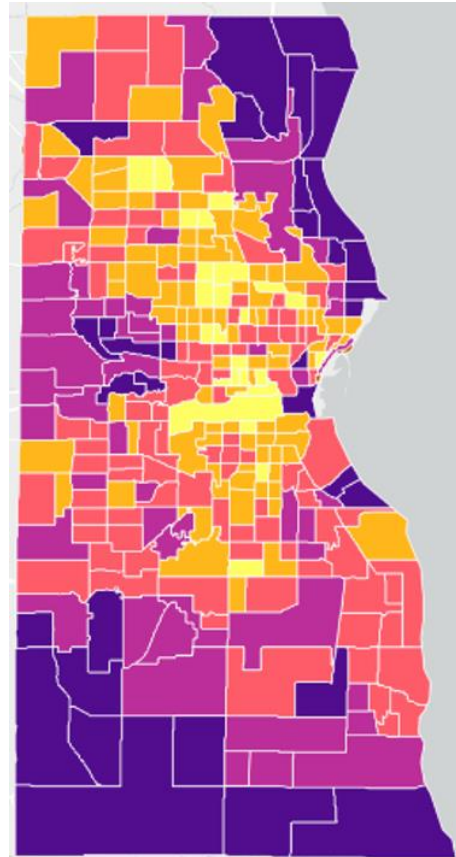
# Median Household Income

## By Age of Householder

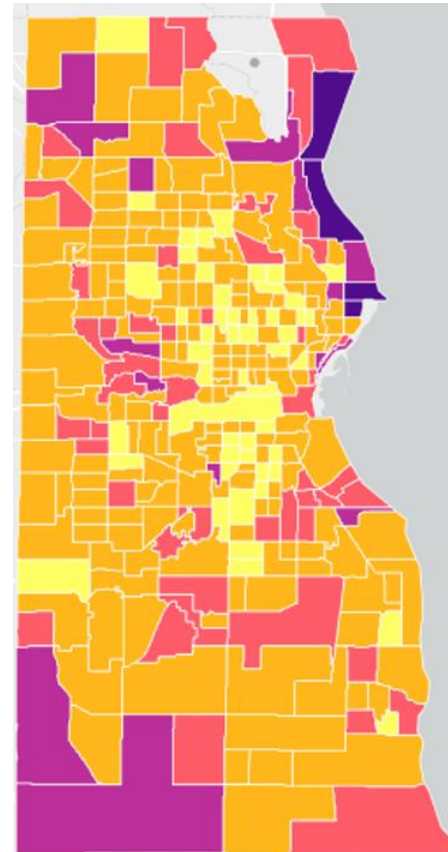
Age 25-44



Age 45-64



Age 65+



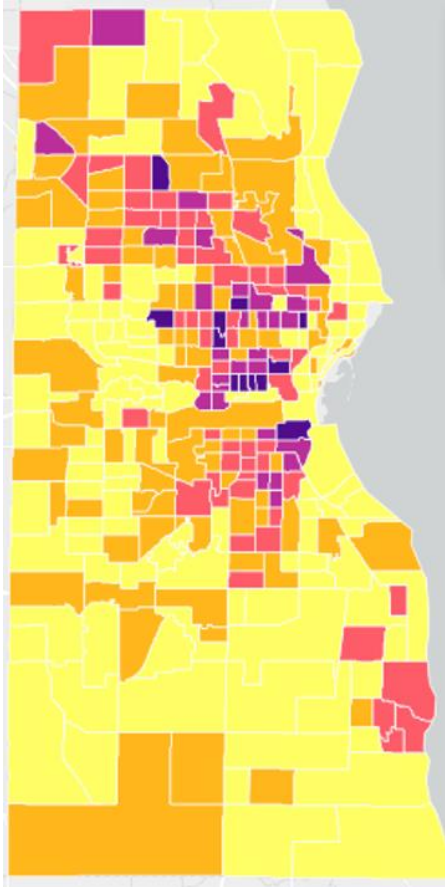
Median household income (Dollars)



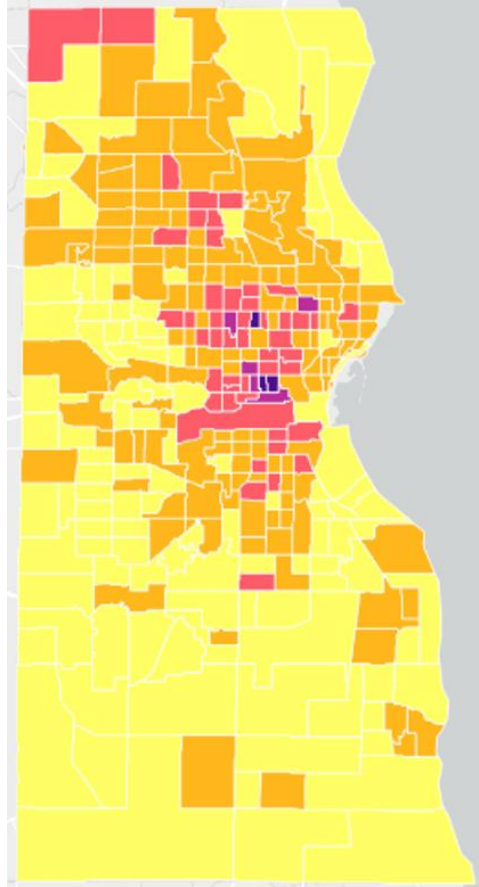
Median household income is lowest for all ages in the central and northwest part of the county and is much lower overall for age 65+.

# Poverty Rate by Age

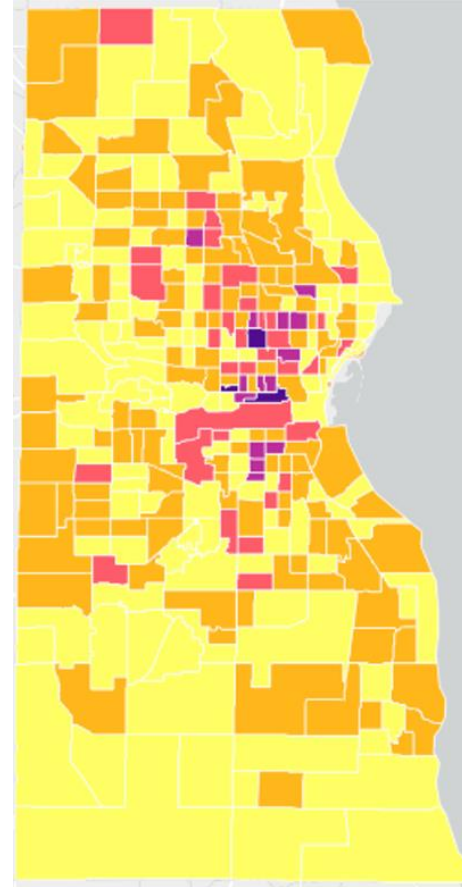
Age 17 and under



Age 18-64



Age 65+



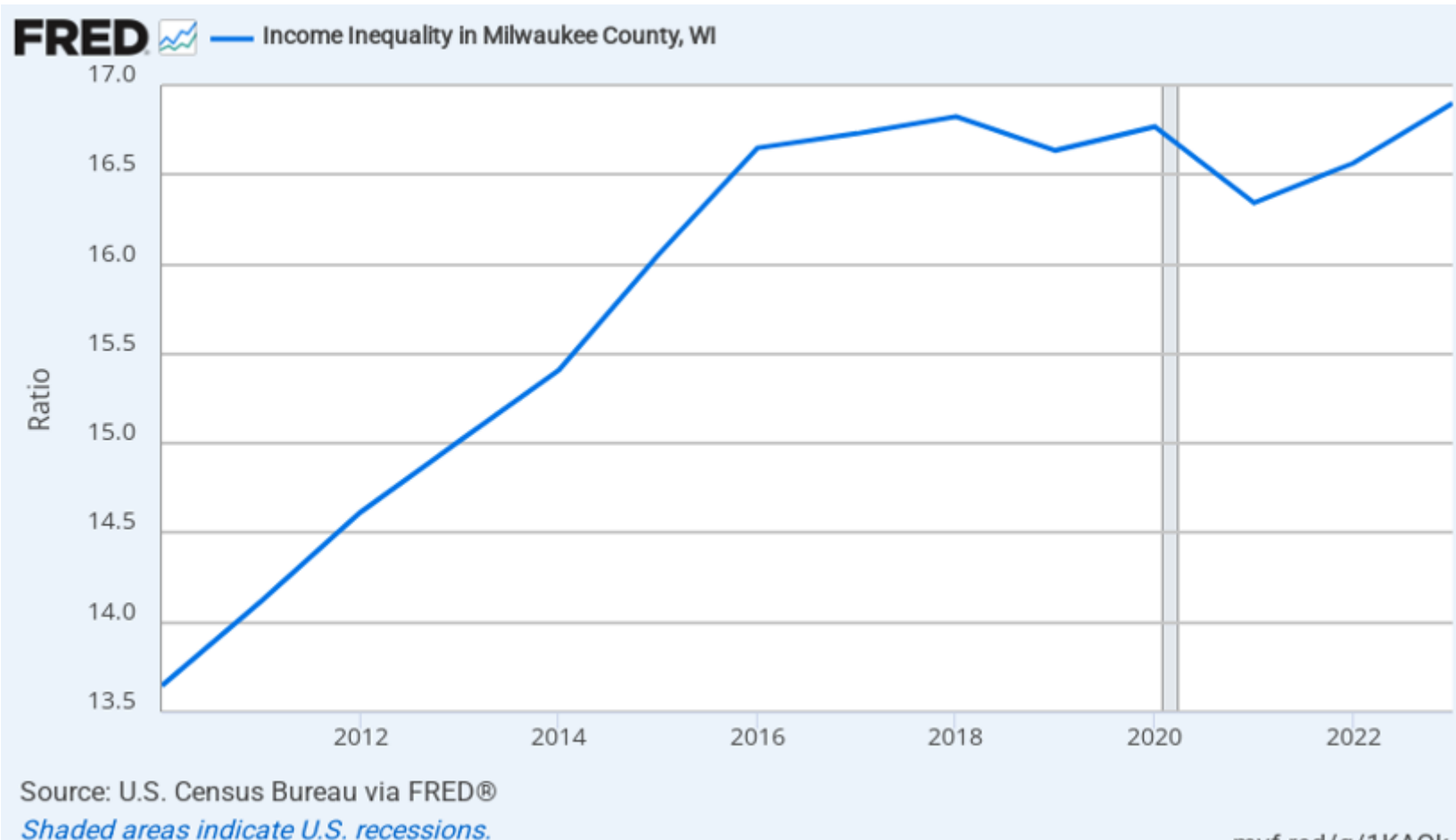
Poverty Rate (%)



Poverty rate is highest for children. Older adult covers a broader geography than younger adults.

# Income Inequality

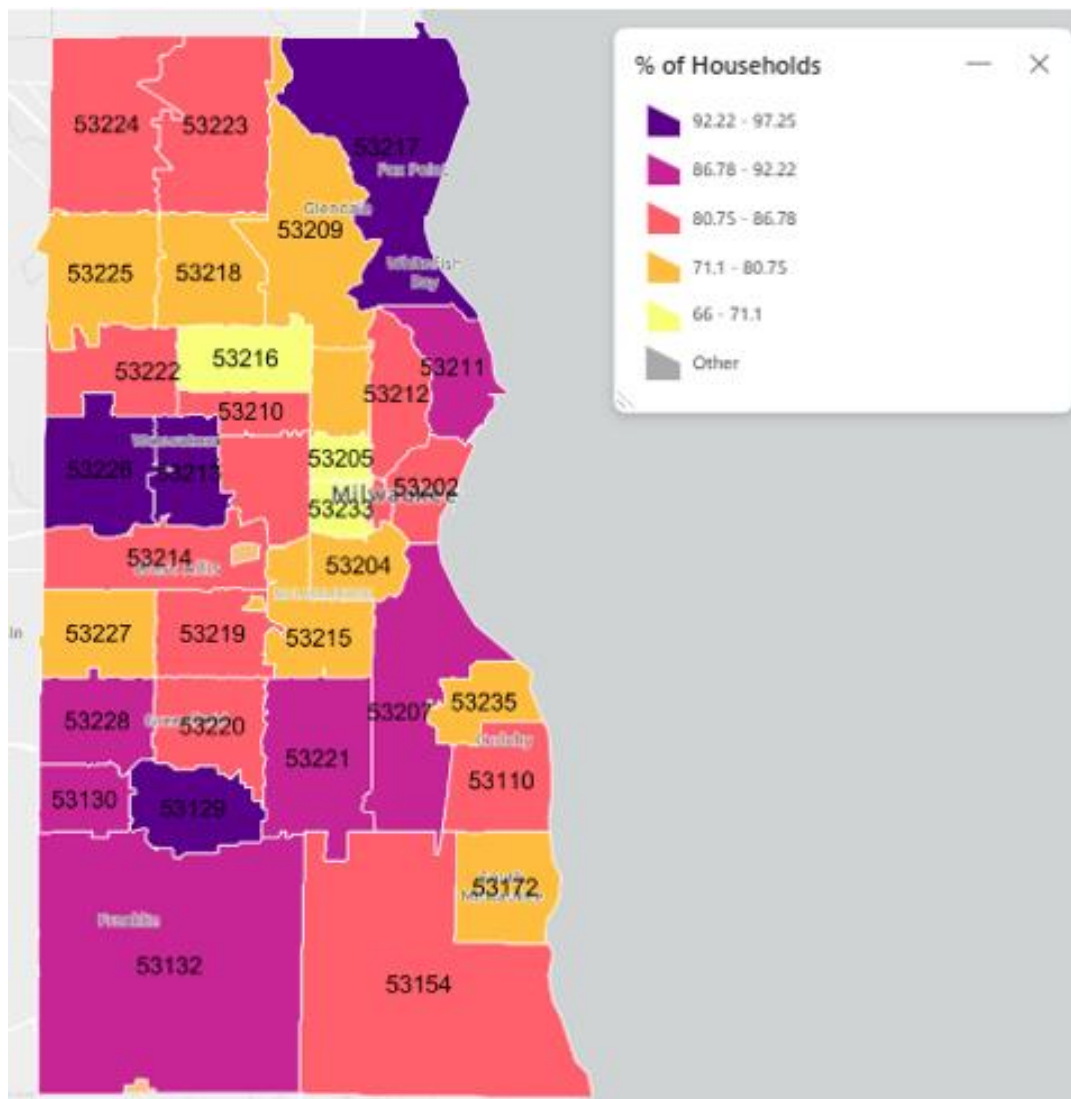
Ratio of mean of top 20% of earners to bottom 20% of earners



Income inequality has  
been increasing.

# Household Resource Precarity

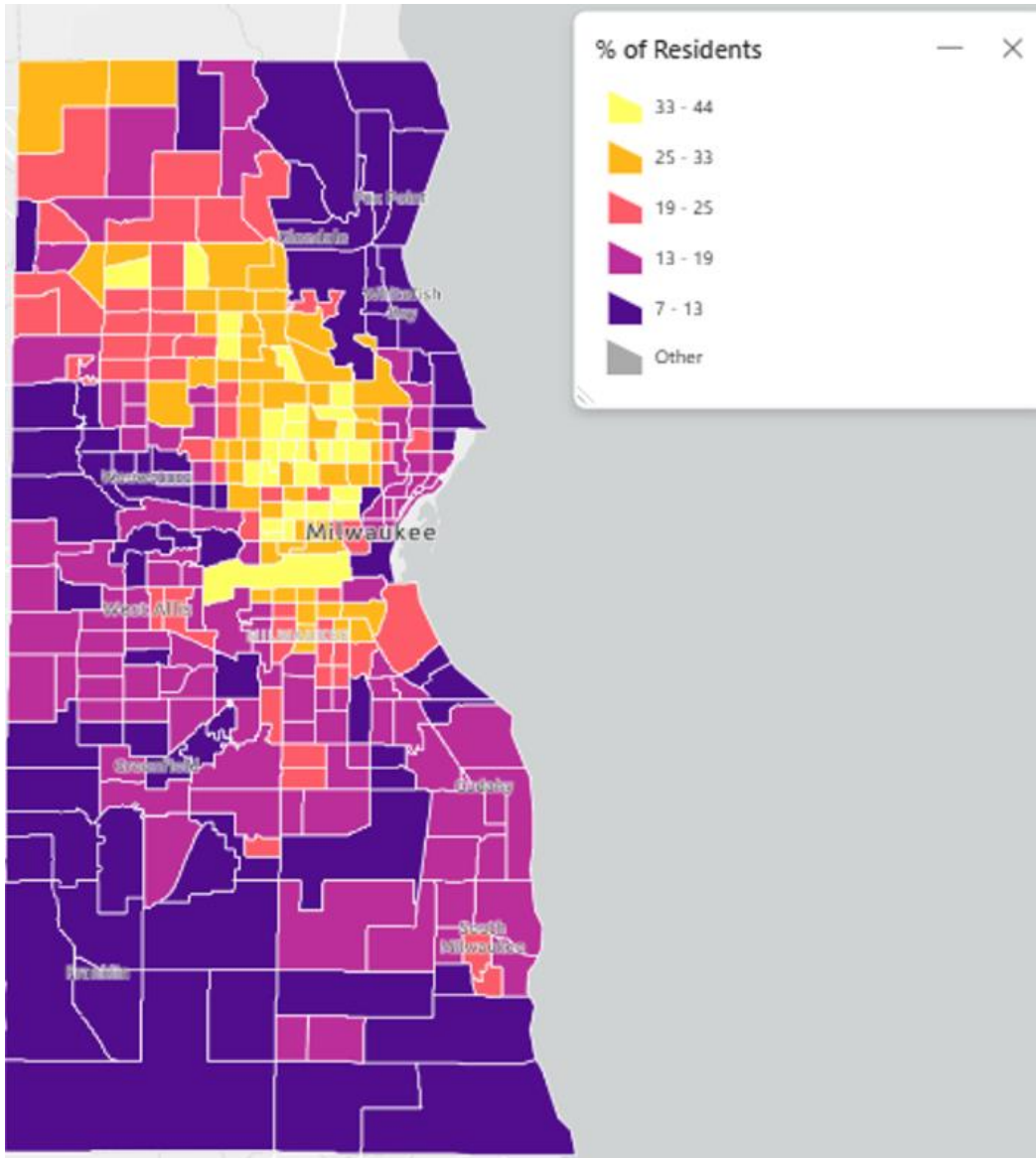
% of households who agreed that they can meet its needs with the money and resources they have



20% or more of households in many parts of the County struggle to meet basic needs.

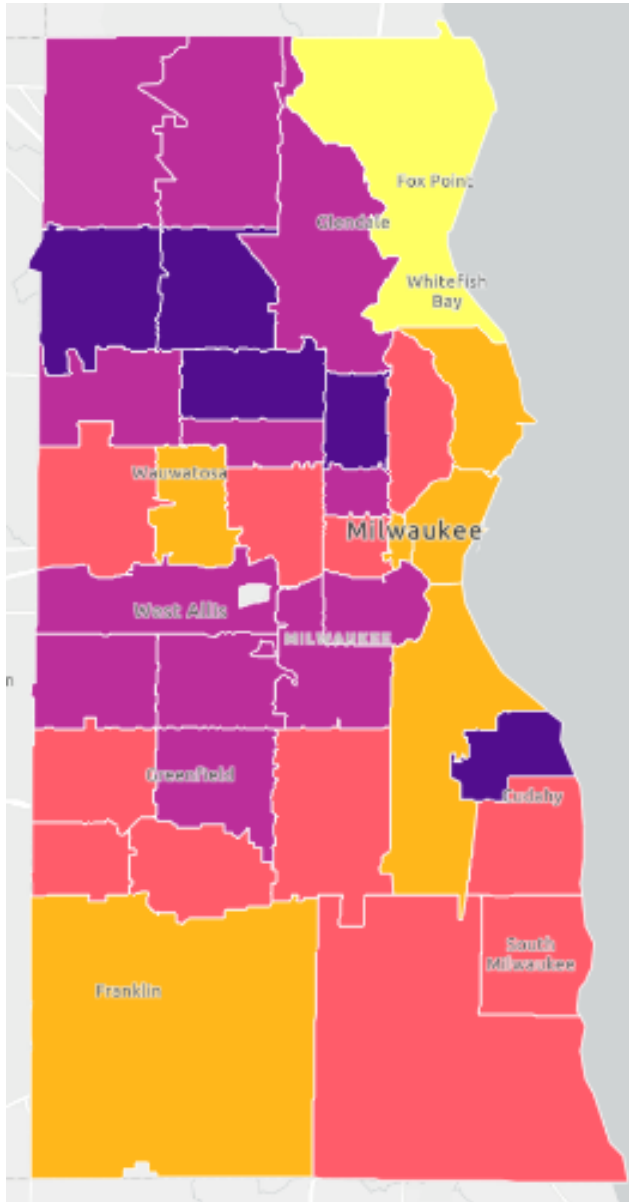
Data Source: 2024 Milwaukee Community Survey via Health Compass Milwaukee

# % of Residents Facing Food Insecurity



25%+ of residents in the central and northwest parts of the County face food insecurity.

# % of Residents Facing Medical Debt: 2024



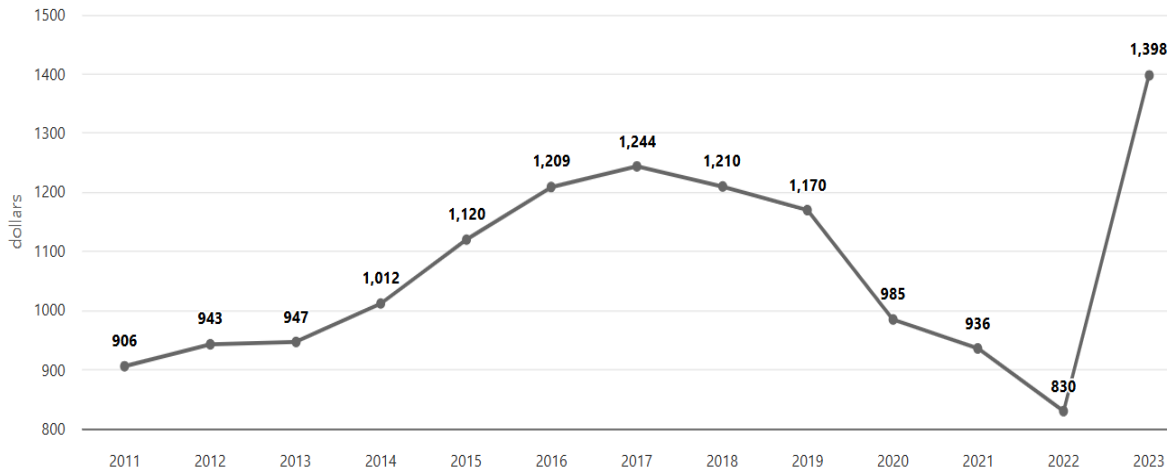
% of Residents



20-50% of residents have medical debt in most zip codes in the County. Median medical debt had been decreasing but increased significantly in 2023.

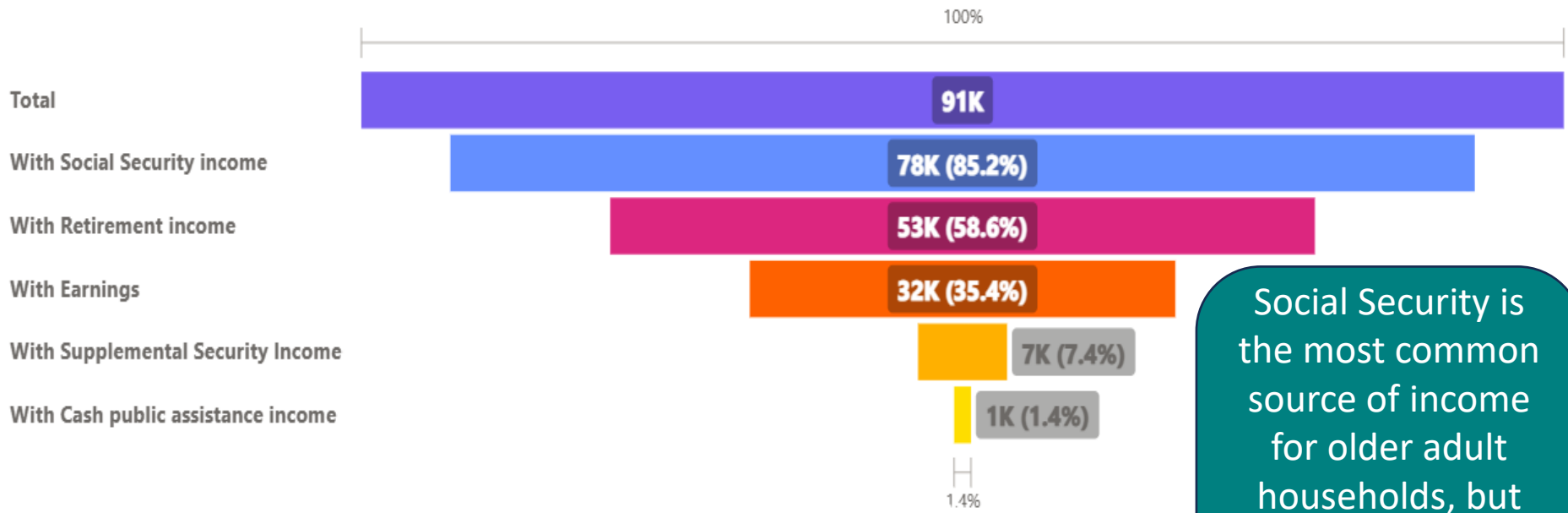
Median medical debt

Milwaukee County, WI

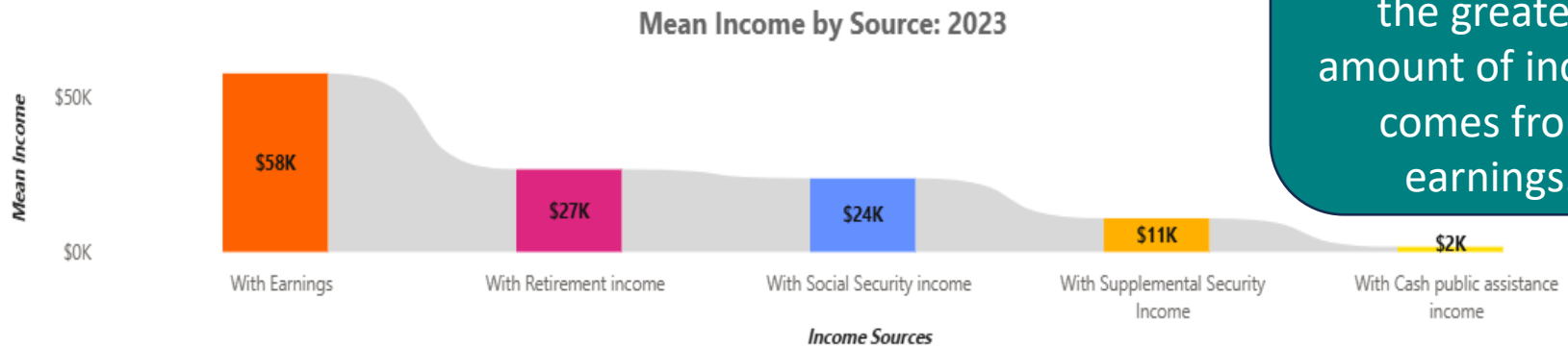


# Households with Individuals 65+

## By Income Source



Social Security is the most common source of income for older adult households, but the greatest amount of income comes from earnings.

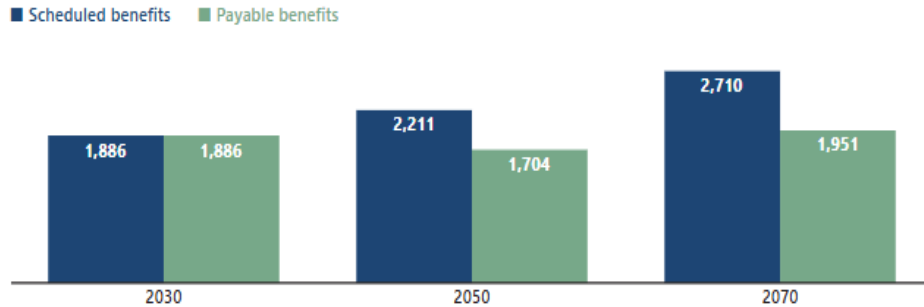


U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. "Population 65 Years and Over in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0103, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST1Y2023.S0103?t=Older+Population&q=050XX00US55079>. Accessed on 22 Jul 2025.

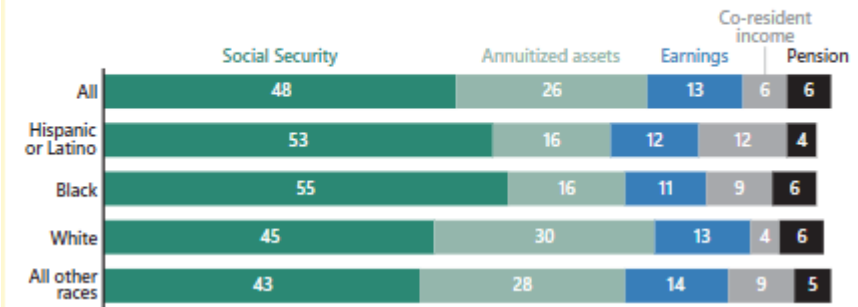
# Social Security Income Projections

## By Income Source

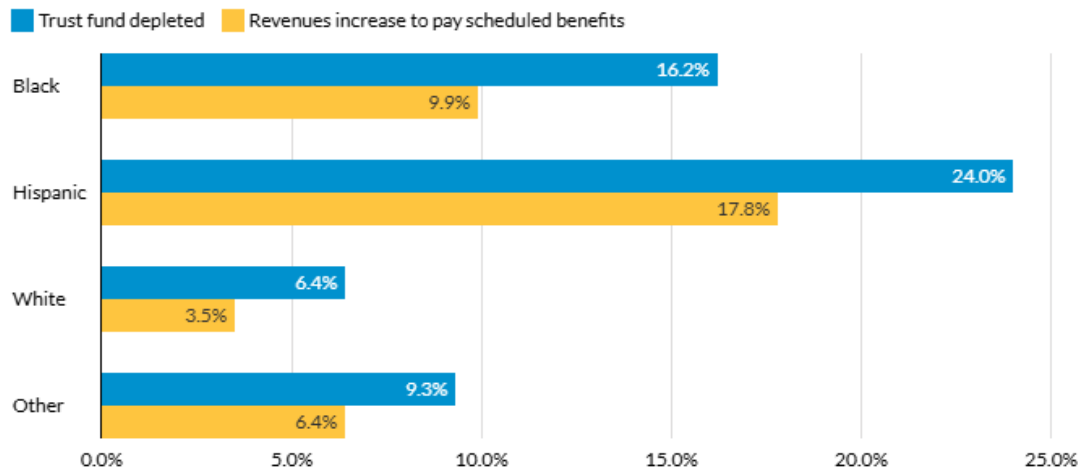
Average (Median) Monthly Benefit, 2030–2070<sup>a</sup>  
In 2024 dollars



Selected Household Income Sources, 2050  
Percentage of household income



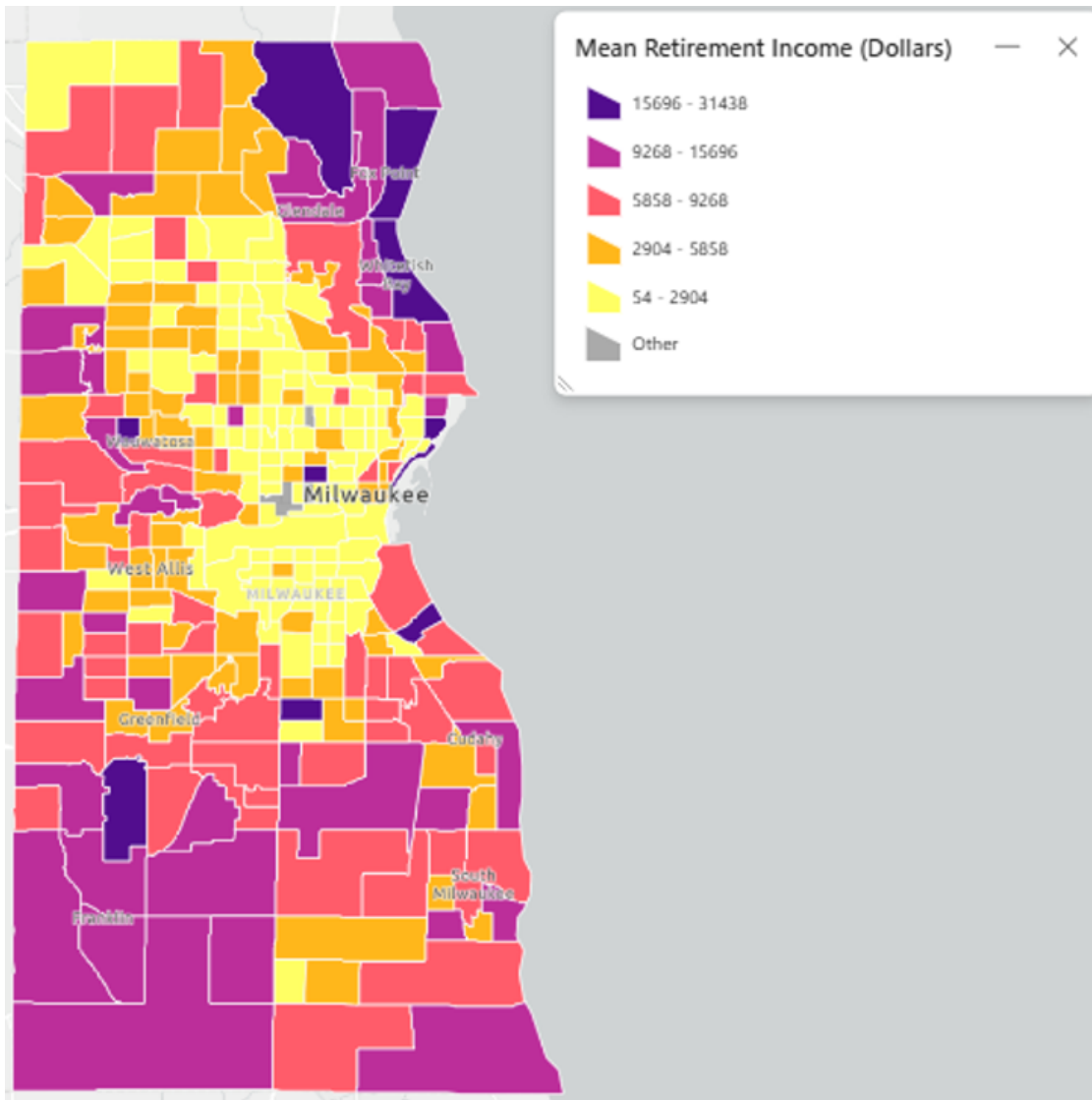
Projected increases in poverty rates, by race and ethnicity, 2045



Starting in 2034, payable Social Security benefits are expected to be 70-80% of scheduled benefits. This will increase older adult poverty, especially for Black and Latinx older adults who are more reliant on Social Security.

# Mean Retirement Income

Mean Retirement Income *not including Social Security*

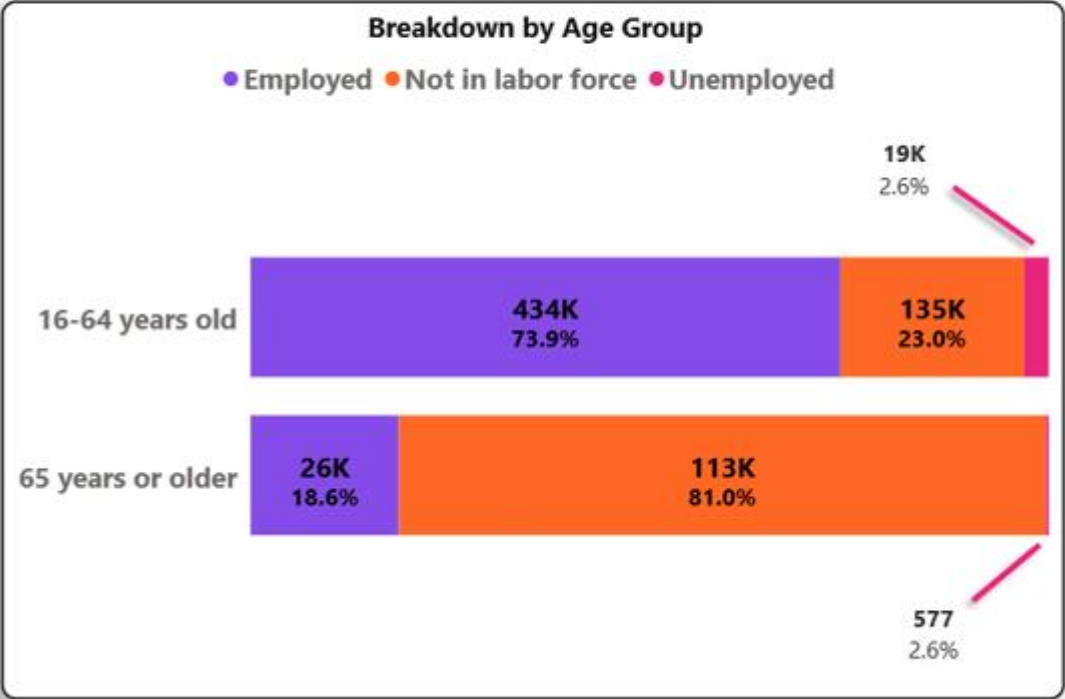
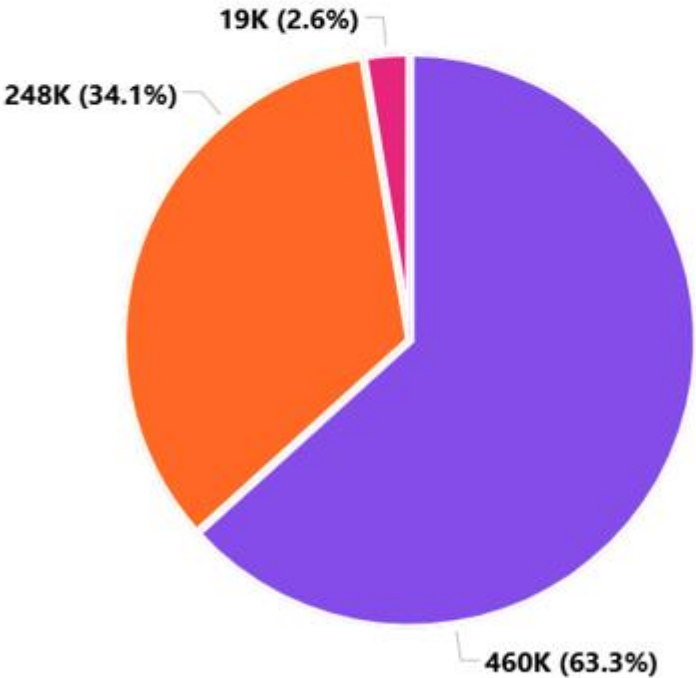


Retirement Income (excluding Social Security) is nearly non-existent in the central part of the County and highest in the north shore and southwest.

# Employment Status by Age Group: 2023

## Total Individuals and % of Age Group

All Individuals Eligible for Labor Force (16+)



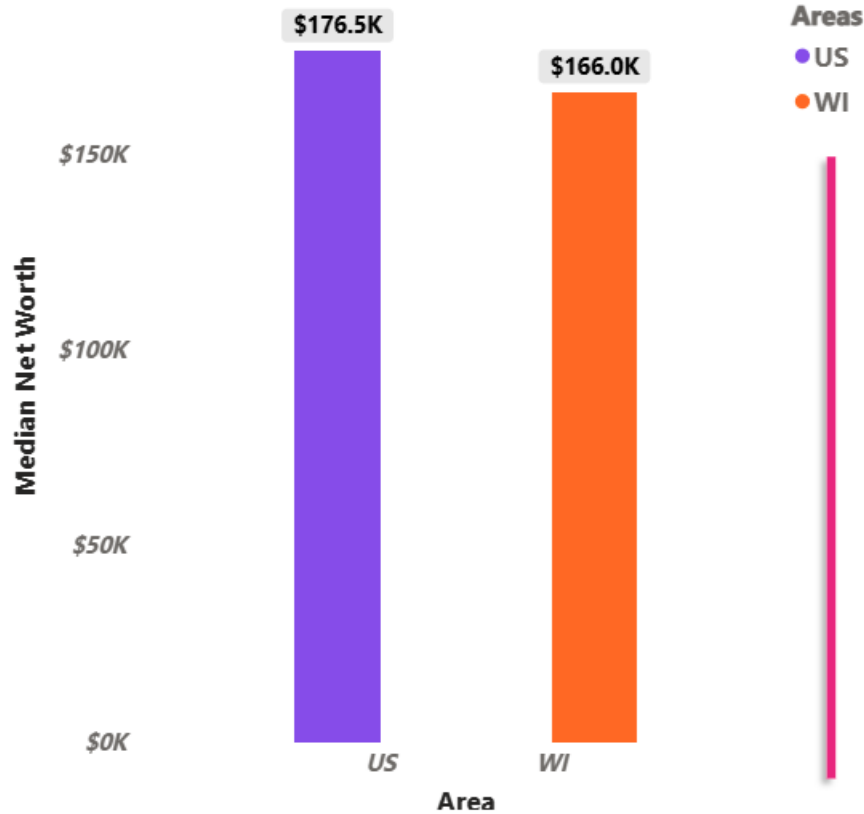
18.6% of older adults age 65+ are employed and 2.6% are unemployed.

Data Source: U.S. Census ACS via Health Compass Milwaukee

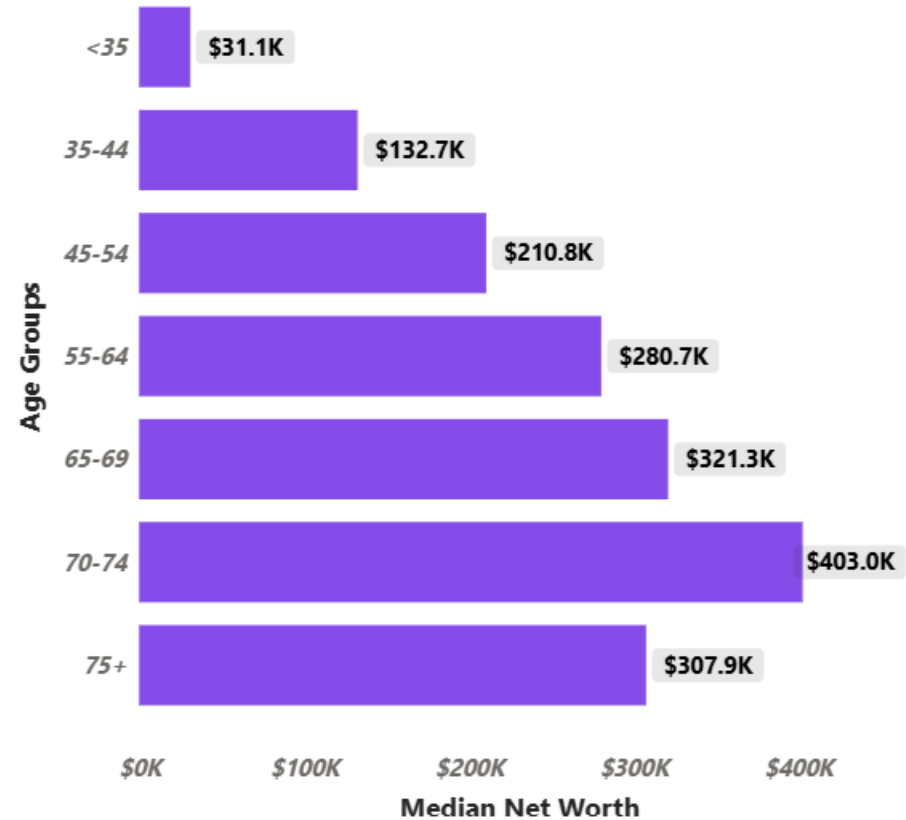
# Median Net Worth: 2022

## By Age Group and Area

All Ages



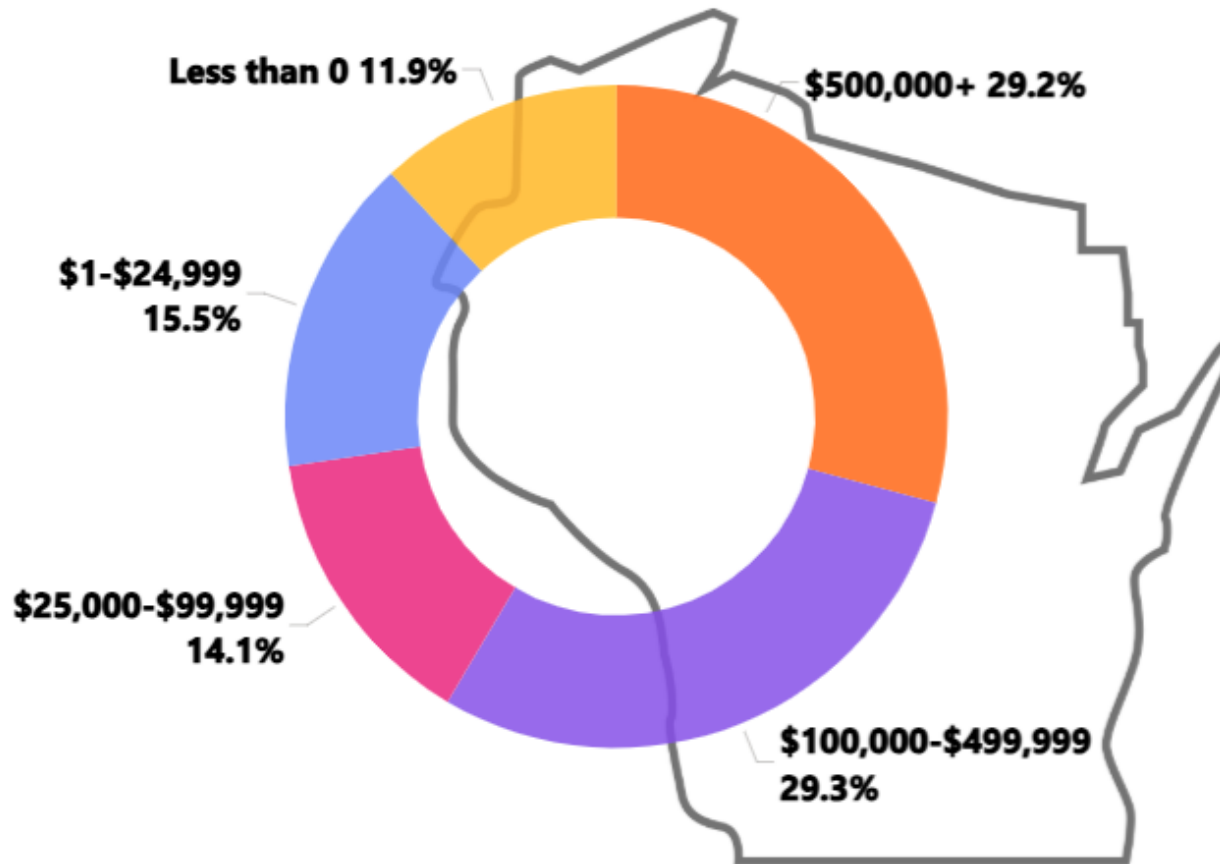
US only



The overall median net worth in WI is slightly lower than the national average. Net worth increases with age, but decreases starting at age 75.

# Distribution of Median Net Worth: 2022

Wisconsin

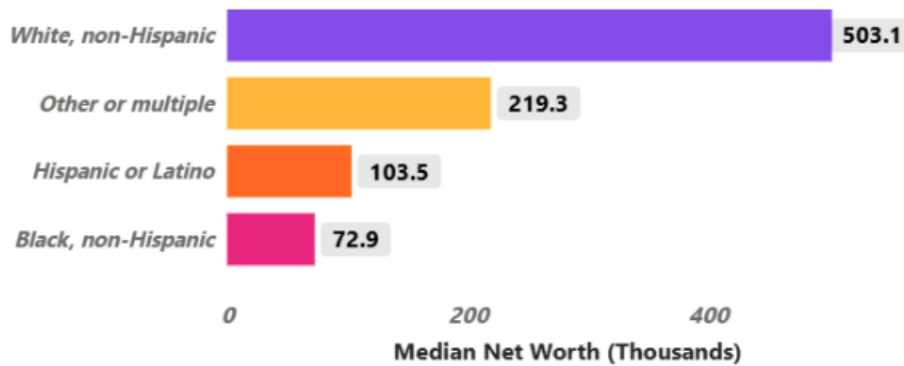


In WI, there is a broad distribution of net worth with about 60% of households having net worth of \$100K+.

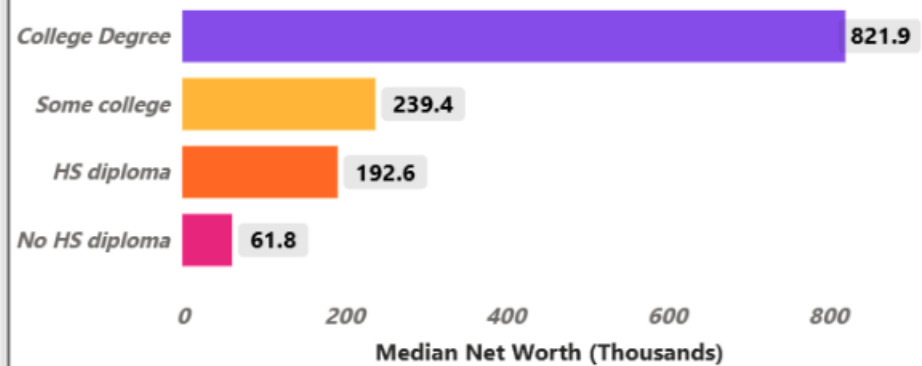
# Median Net Worth: 2022

## By National Demographics

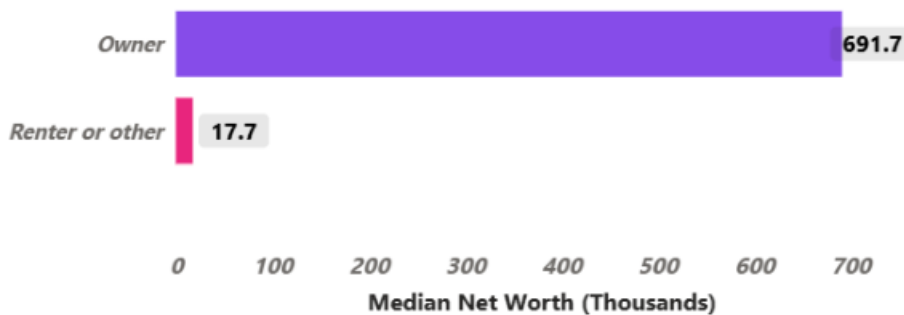
### Race and Ethnicity



### Level of Education



### Housing Status



On the national level, median net worth is dramatically affected by race, level of education and housing status.