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The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Employment and Training Institute prepared graphs of AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and “W-2” (“Wisconsin Works,” the replacement family income support program using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds) caseloads along with unemployment rates by county for the period from July 1986 through December 1998 when Wisconsin implemented its welfare reform initiatives. The graphs show the monthly unemployment rates and AFDC (and "W-2" TANF support) caseloads for each of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

The Employment and Training Institute evaluations of Wisconsin welfare reform efforts during the period from 1987-1991 showed the strong impact of a rapidly improving labor market, which accounted for most of the caseload reduction during the 1986-1991 period. See, John Pawasarat and Lois M. Quinn, *Wisconsin Welfare Employment Experiments: An Evaluation of the WEJT and CWEP Programs* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Employment and Training Institute, September 1993). Additional months of AFDC and unemployment data are presented for the period 1991-1998, but statistical testing has not been conducted for this most recent period.

Unemployment rates are presented using moving averages to adjust for seasonal fluctuations. The “W-2” TANF caseloads include only cases receiving income payments. Note: Two AFDC programs are now funded separately through TANF and not part of Wisconsin's “W-2” program -- Kinship Care support for children living with non-legally responsible relatives (formerly AFDC/NLRR), and Caretaker Supplement payments for children in cases headed by parent(s) on SSI (formerly included under AFDC). Monthly data were not available for numbers of TANF cases in Kinship Care or C-Supp and public assistance trendlines do not include these families.
Brown County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Buffalo County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Chippewa County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Clark County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Columbia County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Crawford County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Dane County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Dodge County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Dunn County

Monthly AFDCW-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Eau Claire County

Monthly AFDCW-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Florence County

Monthly AFDC/M-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Fond du Lac County

Monthly AFDC/M-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Forest County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Grant County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Iowa County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Iron County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Jackson County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Jefferson County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Juneau County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Kenosha County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Kewaunee County
Monthly AFDCM-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

La Crosse County
Monthly AFDCM-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Lafayette County
Monthly AFDCM-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates


Langlade County
Monthly AFDCM-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Lincoln County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Manitowoc County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Pepin County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Pierce County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Polk County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Portage County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Price County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

Racine County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Richland County

Monthly AFDCM-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Rock County

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Taylor County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Trempealeau County

Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Washington County
Monthly AFDC/W-2 Cases and Unemployment Rates

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Waukesha County
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Waupaca County

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Waushara County

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Winnebago County

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Wood County

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