Economic Activity

INDUSTRY TRENDS
Projected changes in employment and earnings by industry can help provide a snapshot of how Wisconsin’s economy might change by 2050.

**WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH 2050**
- **3% decline**
  - Manufacturing
- **47% growth**
  - Health Care & Social Assistance
- **6% decline**
  - Farming

**WISCONSIN EARNINGS THROUGH 2050**
- **13% growth**
  - Manufacturing
- **80% growth**
  - Health Care & Social Assistance
- **1% decline**
  - Farming

*Percentages based on the value of the 2009 dollar.

OCCUPATIONS
Between 2016 and 2026, management and transportation occupations are expected to grow in Wisconsin. During that same period, production occupations, like manufacturing, are expected to decline slightly.

**WISCONSIN OCCUPATION CHANGES (2016-2026)**
- **+11.01%**
  - Management Occupations
- **+6.9%**
  - Transportation & Material Moving Occupations
- **-0.57%**
  - Production Occupations

TRAVEL DELAYS
Smooth flowing traffic increases the economic competitiveness of Wisconsin businesses while producing benefits for all travelers.

Extra time spent driving in 2017 in Wisconsin
- 16.4 million hours or $517 million

**KEY FACTS**
- **$3 BILLION**
  - The approximate value of the more than 27 million tons of cargo Wisconsin’s commercial ports process annually
- **$150 BILLION**
  - The approximate value of the 190 million tons of cargo moved by Wisconsin freight rail companies in 2017

Per FHWA, Wisconsin has the **9th most reliable highway system** in the U.S. according to the Interstate Truck Travel Time Highway Reliability measure (2017)

Total per capita income projected to rise from 2020 to 2050
- **30.8%**

Total Gross Regional Product (state gross domestic product) expected to increase between 2020 and 2050
- **50.2%**

Note: The information included in this factsheet is based on estimates, projections and forecasts calculated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sources available on file