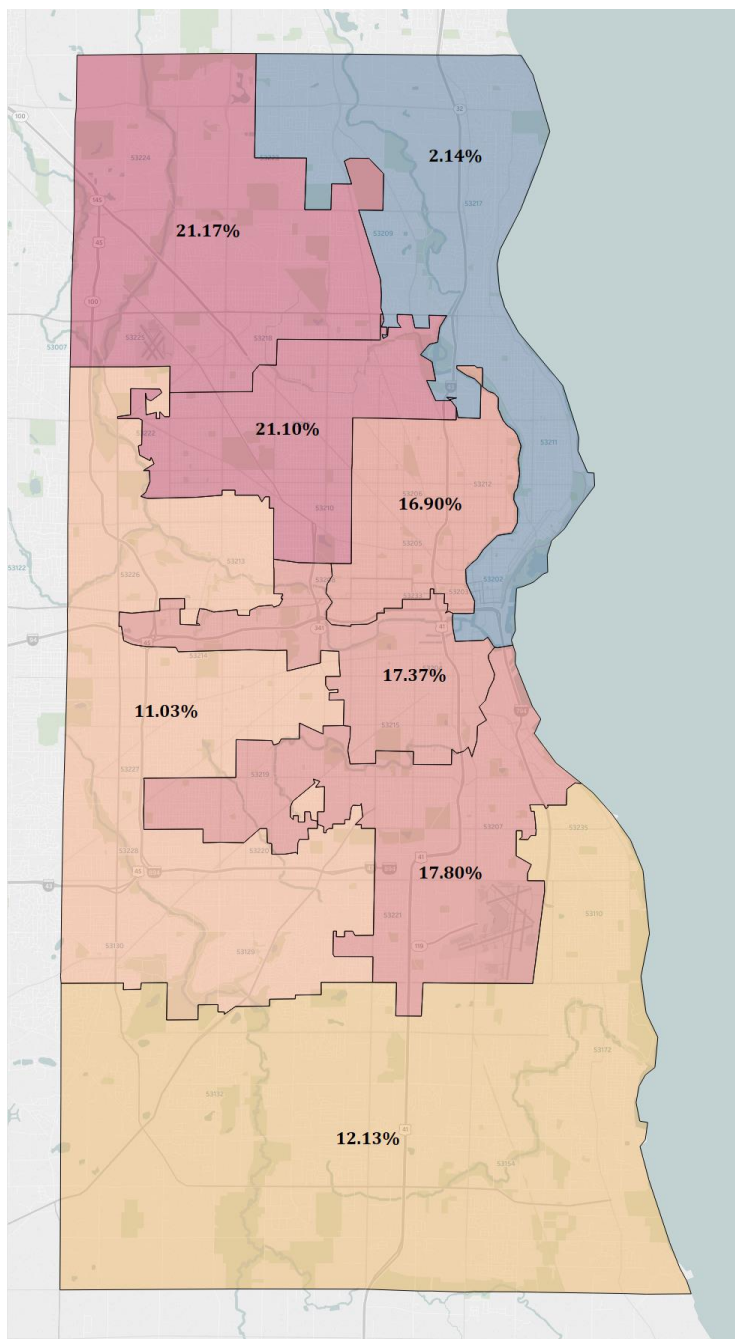


Opportunity Youth Data

Milwaukee County

Updated April, 2017



Opportunity Youth Rate counted as a percent of 16-24 year olds

How many youth and young adults are out of school and work?

18,709 young people aged 16-24 in Milwaukee County are out of school and not working.

Opportunity Youth Status by Age and Educational Attainment

	Age Groups						Totals	
	16-18		19-21		22-24			
Total Population	31%	38,817	34%	43,000	35%	44,314	100%	126,131
Opportunity Youth	6%	2,467	16%	6,883	21%	9,359	15%	18,709
Working without diploma*	0%	151	2%	704	3%	1,550	2%	2,405
Not an Opportunity Youth	93%	36,199	82%	35,413	75%	33,405	83%	105,017

**These young people are also out-of-school*

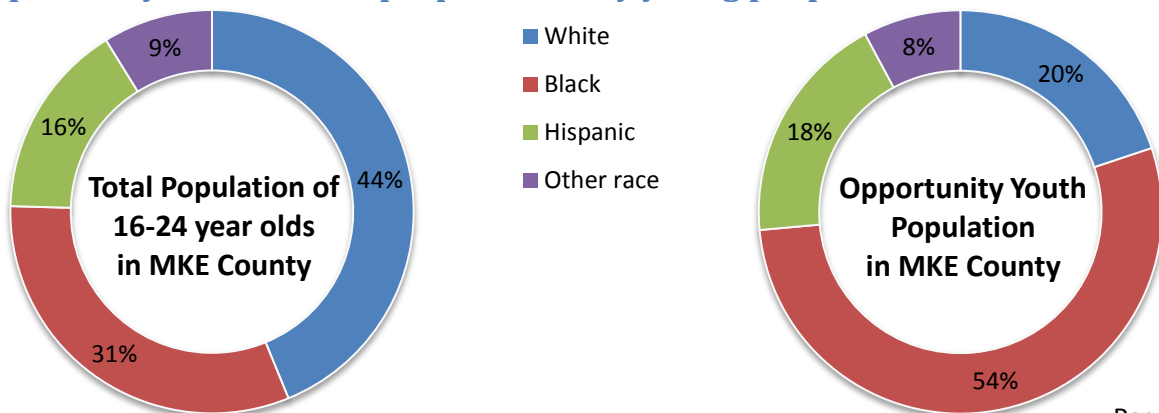
	16-18		19-21		22-24		Totals	
	Opportunity Youth	13%	2,467	37%	6,883	50%	9,359	100%
No diploma	63%	1,553	29%	2,012	28%	2,577	33%	6,142
HS diploma or GED	37%	914	54%	3,695	42%	3,975	46%	8,584
Some college, no degree	0%	-	16%	1,134	20%	1,900	16%	3,034
Degree (Associate's or higher)	0%	-	1%	42	10%	907	5%	949

Opportunity Youth Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

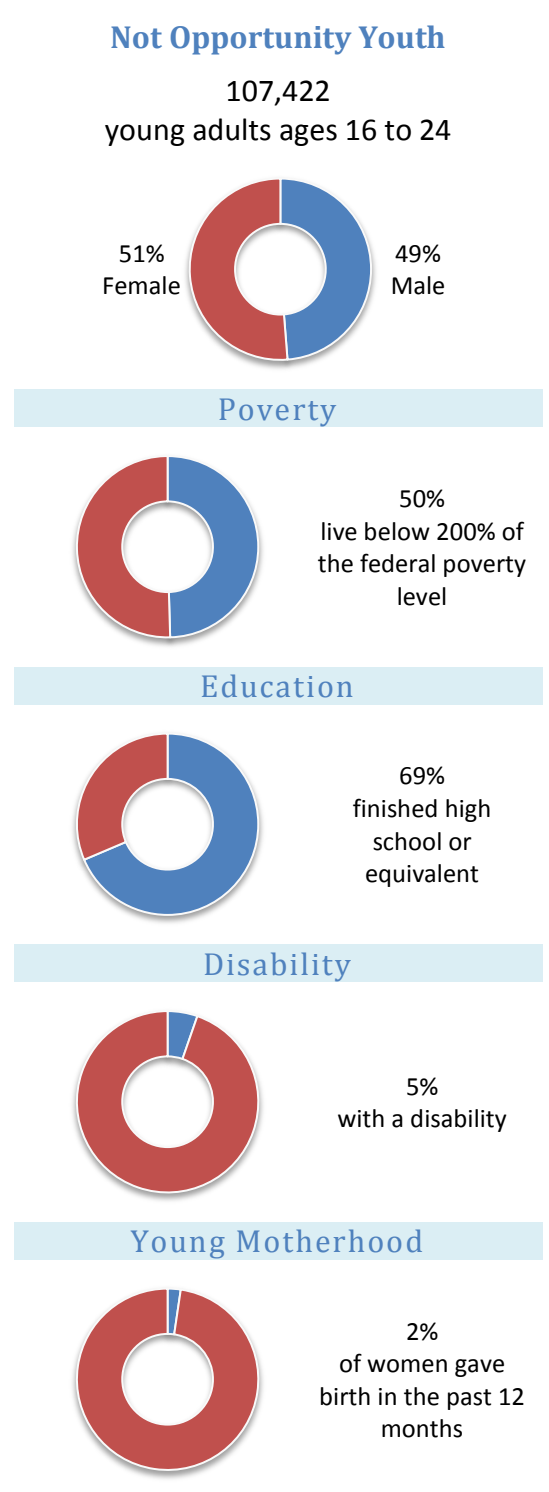
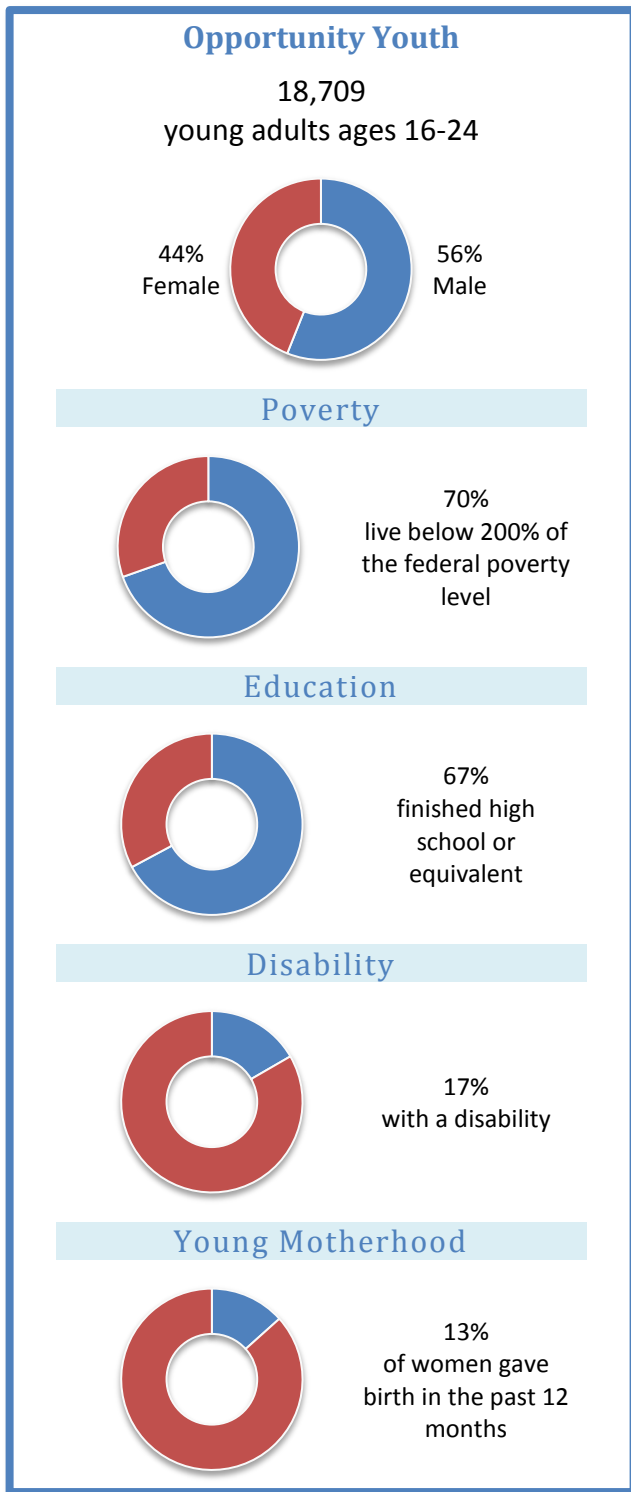
	Population Total	Rate of OY	Count of OY	Proportion of OY
Milwaukee County	126,131	15%	18,709	100%
Male	62,861	17%	10,488	56%
Female	63,270	13%	8,221	44%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	39,894	25%	10,045	54%
Male	19,579	32%	6,170	33%
Female	20,315	19%	3,875	21%
White, non-Hispanic	55,256	7%	3,719	20%
Male	28,030	8%	2,243	12%
Female	27,226	5%	1,476	8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	19,873	18%	3,480	19%
Male	10,163	14%	1,438	8%
Female	9,737	21%	2,042	11%
Other race, non-Hispanic	11,108	13%	1,465	8%
Male	5,116	12%	637	3%
Female	5,992	14%	828	4%

25% of all African American 16-24 year olds are Opportunity Youth. This group makes up 54% of the Opportunity Youth Population in Milwaukee County.

Opportunity Youth are disproportionately young people of color



Who are Milwaukee's Opportunity Youth?

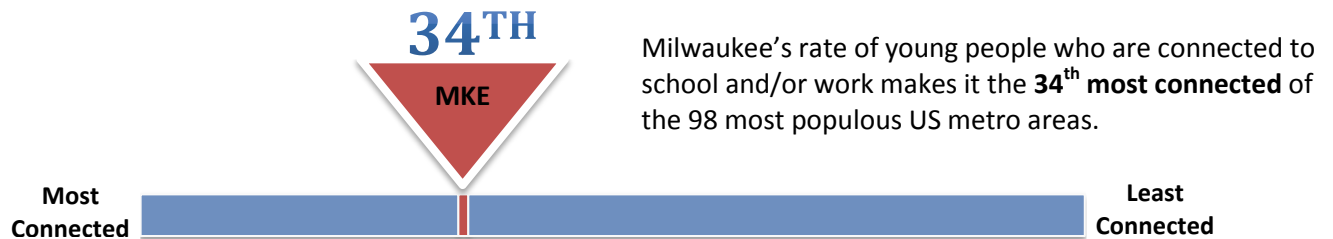
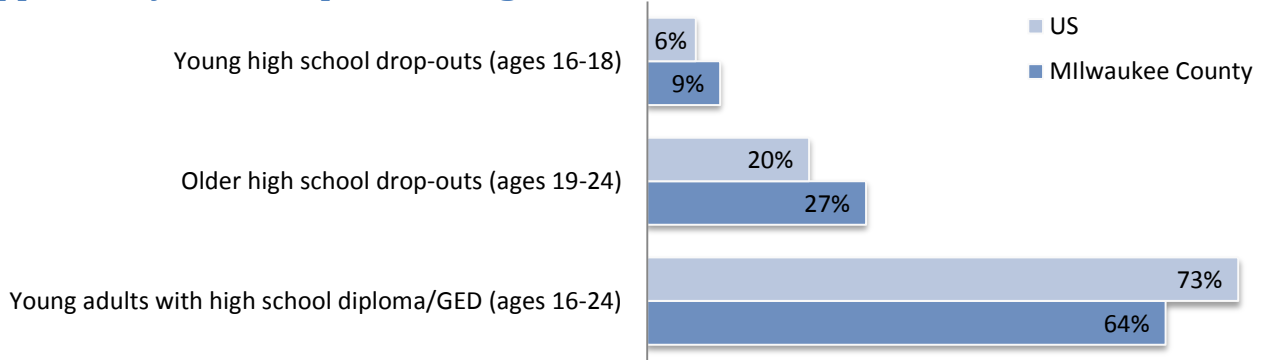


Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee by Age Groups



How does Milwaukee compare to national trends?

Opportunity Youth Population Segments



How does Wisconsin compare?



Wisconsin's rate of Opportunity Youth, **8.8%**, makes it the **8th most connected** state.



The rate of Opportunity Youth for black youth, **26.4%**, is the **highest of any state**.



4.4%

Wisconsin's **2nd Congressional District**, which includes Madison and its suburbs, is the **1st most connected** congressional district in the US.

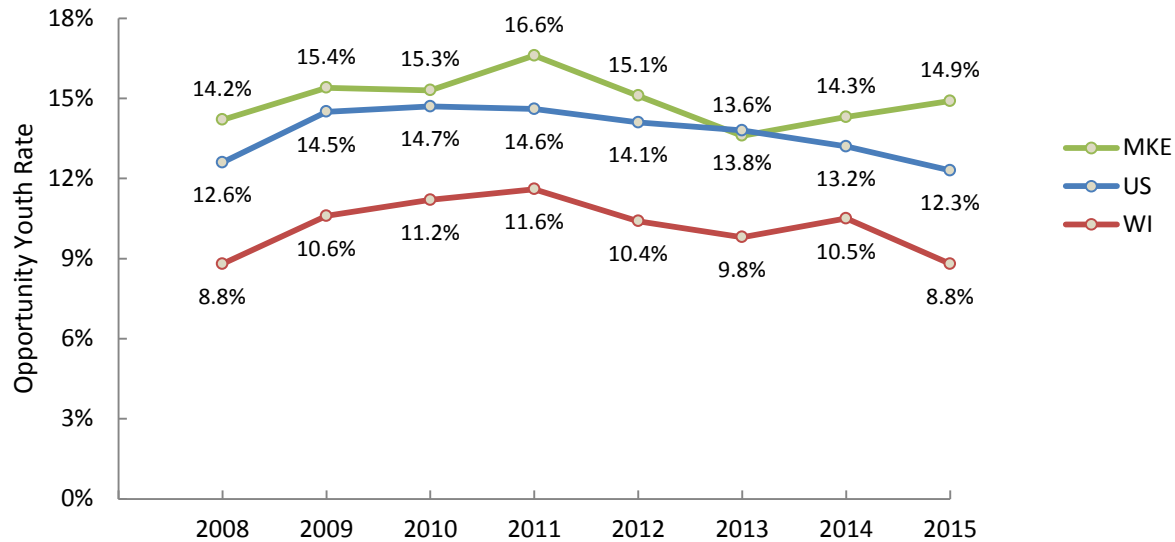


23.1%

Wisconsin's **4th Congressional District**, which includes part of Milwaukee County, is the **316th most connected** congressional district in the US.

How have Opportunity Youth rates changed over time?

While national and state Opportunity Youth rates have returned to pre-2008 levels, Milwaukee County's rate has risen in recent years and remains higher than before the Great Recession.



How much can Milwaukee save by reconnecting Opportunity Youth?

It is estimated that the full economic benefit of reconnecting an opportunity youth is \$51,350. However, we have only included a subset of the types of costs included in this calculation. Below are the cost-savings from resources for which the tax payer is responsible. This excludes, for example, lost earnings, crime victim costs, private health expenditures, productivity spillovers, and marginal excess tax burdens.¹

Annually, \$260 Million of tax expenses could be saved by reconnecting the 18,709 Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee.

	Per Opportunity Youth	All Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee County
Lost Tax Revenue	\$1,680	\$31,431,120
Healthcare Expenditures	\$2,380	\$44,527,420
Crime Expenditures	\$11,370	\$212,721,330
Welfare Expenditures	\$790	\$14,780,110
Education Spending	-\$2,330	-\$43,591,970
Total Annual Savings	\$13,890	\$259,868,010

Over a lifetime, \$3.2 Billion of tax expenses could be saved by ensuring the 18,709 Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee reach their full potential in adulthood.

	Per Opportunity Youth	All Opportunity Youth in Milwaukee County
Lost Tax Revenue	\$105,500	\$1,973,799,500
Healthcare Expenditures	\$41,870	\$783,345,830
Crime Expenditures	\$13,700	\$256,313,300
Welfare Expenditures	\$9,660	\$180,728,940
Total Lifetime Savings	\$170,730	\$3,194,187,570

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