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MORE EFFICIENCY IN CITY'S AFFAIRS IS BUREAU'S PLAN

New Institution Founded by Milwaukee Citizens Now Organized
by Choice of Officials.

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Thomas L. Hinckley, Eastern Expert, Will Be Director in Charge
of the Work.

TELLS OF BROAD IDEALS

Object Not Only to Fix Blame for Mistakes But to Bestow Praise
for Efficiency.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1913.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Wisconsin—Fair in north, unsettled in south Saturday; Sunday fair; warmer; moderate east to southeast winds.

TEMPERATURE IN MILWAUKEE.

(Last twenty-four hours.)

Comparisons.

Nov. 14, 1912.		Nov. 14, 1913.	
Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.
37.	30.	42.	31.

Temperature by Hours.

(Official.)

1 a. m.	41	11 a. m.	40
2 a. m.	37	12 m.	41
3 a. m.	36	1 p. m.	41
4 a. m.	35	2 p. m.	41
5 a. m.	33	3 p. m.	40
6 a. m.	31	4 p. m.	40
7 a. m.	32	5 p. m.	40
8 a. m.	33	6 p. m.	39
9 a. m.	37	7 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	40		

KIOSK.

8 p. m.	36	11 p. m.	34
9 p. m.	36	12 p. m.	35
10 p. m.	35	1 a. m.	34

* Mean temperature, 36; normal for day, 36.

Excess since Jan. 1, 451 degrees.

Precipitation for 24 hours to 7 p. m., 0.

Deficiency since Jan. 1, .22 inch.

Wind, N. E.; max., 16 miles an hour N. W.

Relative humidity—7 a. m., 59 per cent; 7 p. m., — per cent.

Barometer, sea level—7 a. m., 30.35; 7 p. m., 30.41.

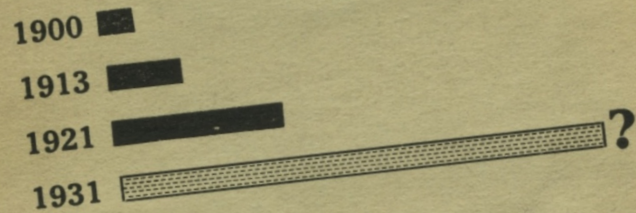
For general government weather report see page 13.

SUNRISE, 6:45. SUNSET, 4:29.

Light vehicle lamps at 4:59.

MILWAUKEE'S TAX PROBLEM:

CITY OF MILWAUKEE'S
GROWING EXPENDITURES



SHALL THIS INCREASE CONTINUE?

*Some facts about our municipality and the service it
offers you that you, as a citizen with a civic
interest, ought to know.*

CITIZENS' BUREAU OF MILWAUKEE
1921

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City of Milwaukee's Major Financial Transactions:

1920—1929 Inclusive

Prepared to Serve as the Basis for a
Long-Term Program

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6114 Plankinton Building
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IN FACT

MPS 1988-89 Budget Review Surfaced Major Policy Issues

The Milwaukee School Board recently adopted its budget for the 1988-89 school year. Expenditures for the operations, recreation and construction funds total \$486.3 million, 7.1% more than for 1987-88. Property taxes support 40% of the budget and will increase by 12% next year. There are 9,370 employee positions budgeted, nearly 2% more, to serve 96,500 total students, also about 2% more.

This year's budget review highlighted several important issues. As the largest and most urban school system in the state, the conditions and problems of the MPS are receiving more attention by many interest groups. The business community has recognized the critical link between the quality of students coming out of the public school system and the economic future of our area. Local governments and service agencies realize that successfully addressing the problems associated with welfare, crime and unemployment requires fashioning collaborative efforts with the Milwaukee Public Schools.

The changing numbers and needs of students enrolling in the MPS, the space problems and growing fiscal constraints, the inadequacy of certain kinds of traditional curricula, teaching and administrative methods, have heightened the need to modify the means the school district employs in administering, delivering and budgeting for education. The MPS is being challenged to be more accountable for student performance, more flexible and creative in providing programs and facilities for them, and more cost-effective in how it uses scarce local tax dollars to fund the efforts.

This IN FACT summarizes important aspects of the 1988-89 MPS budget, including analyses of past trends and possible future directions. Several major school district policy initiatives are described and suggestions are offered for their continued implementation.

Fiscal and Program Issues

Review of the 1988-89 proposed MPS budget involved the attendance and comment of many more citizens, teachers and principals than in the recent past. Among the many subjects discussed, four major issues surfaced:

► **Fiscal responsibilities.** While faced with many acknowledged needs, the Board strove to hold the line on spending and tax levy increases, in part, to complement the fiscally austere policies of the new City Mayor and County Executive. However, the present budget process does not provide adequate time for thoughtful study nor sufficient opportunity to prepare alternatives and, much of the statistical documentation provided makes it difficult to constructively analyze programs.

► **Determining priorities.** In analyzing proposed expenditures and in seeking to pare costs to meet fiscal goals, the Board struggled to determine which specific programs and personnel were most important to the educational mission. The newly created system for evaluating existing programs and setting some program priorities is a commendable beginning for an essential budgeting tool. However, the criteria used for evaluating the programs and ranking their importance was somewhat unclear, and the impact of recommended actions on the budget and other programs was uncertain.

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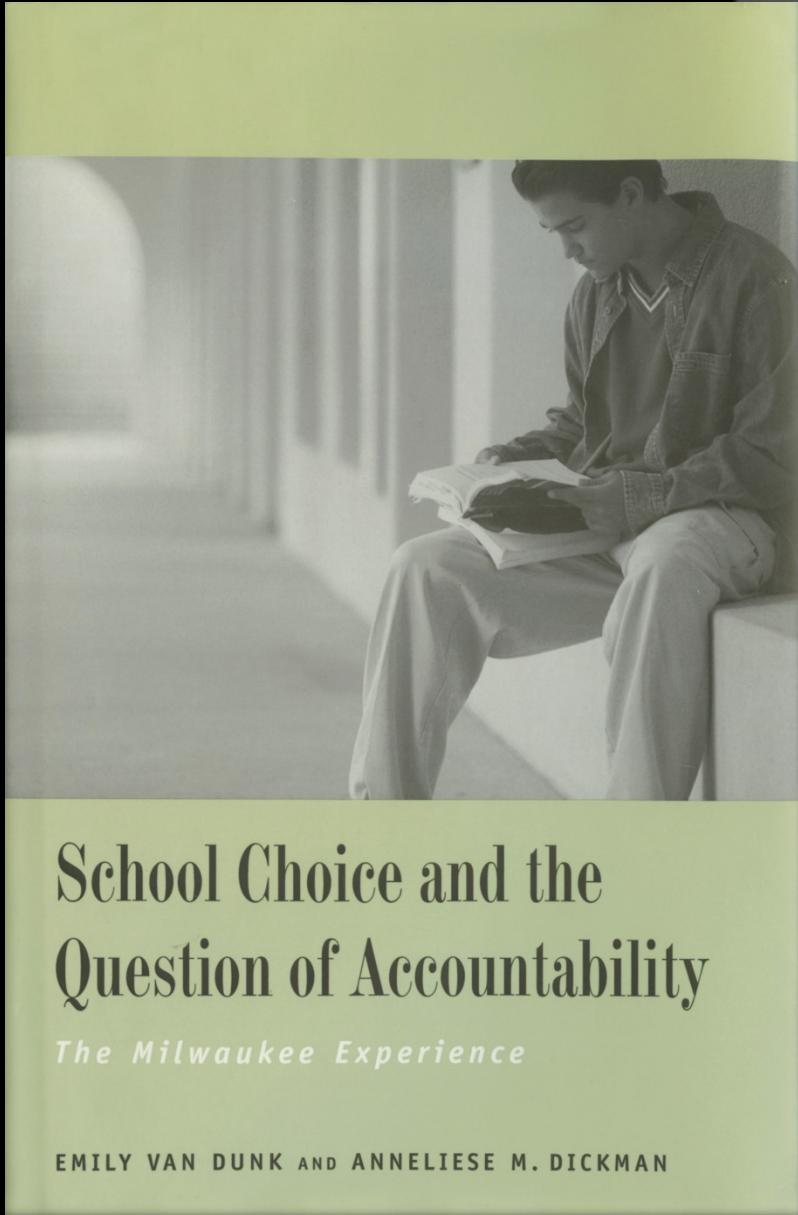
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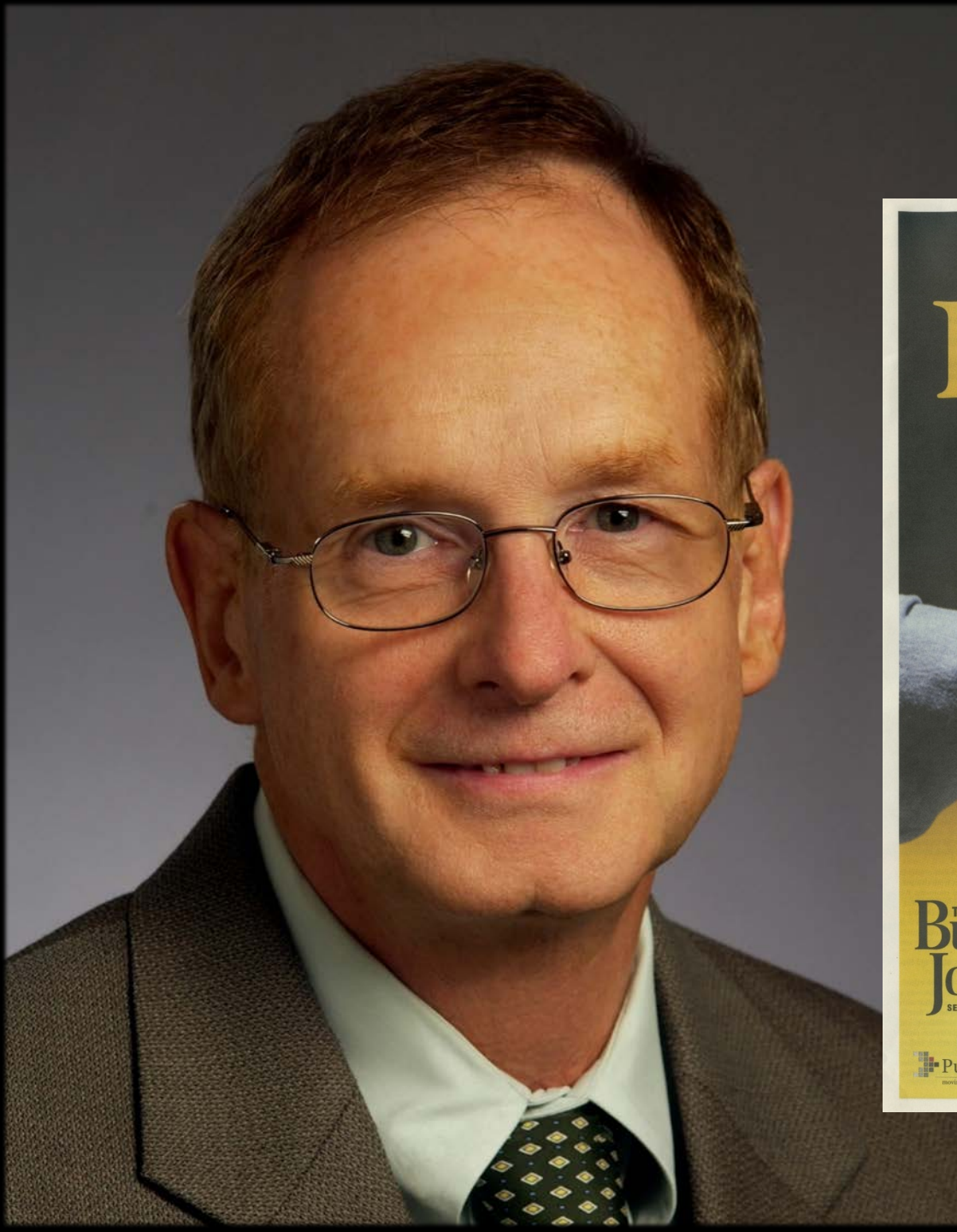
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"We must admit there is a
RACE RELATIONS PROBLEM
in southeastern Wisconsin."
White male age 18-29 from
Milwaukee County

Race Relations

Impacting business, impeding progress

*"We need to learn to know each other.
We all have the same problems."*
White female over 60 from Washington County



THE Business Journal
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Survey conducted by:
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moving the region forward

**"We need to put away
our suspicions
and stereotypes."**
Black male in his 40s from Milwaukee

SHOULD IT STAY OR SHOULD IT GO?

*Exploring the potential for structural reform in
Milwaukee County government*



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Effective January 1, 2018, the Public Policy Forum and Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance merged to create the Wisconsin Policy Forum, a statewide policy research organization.



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We maintain our mission of providing informed, nonpartisan analysis of critical policy issues affecting local governments, school districts, and the state of Wisconsin.



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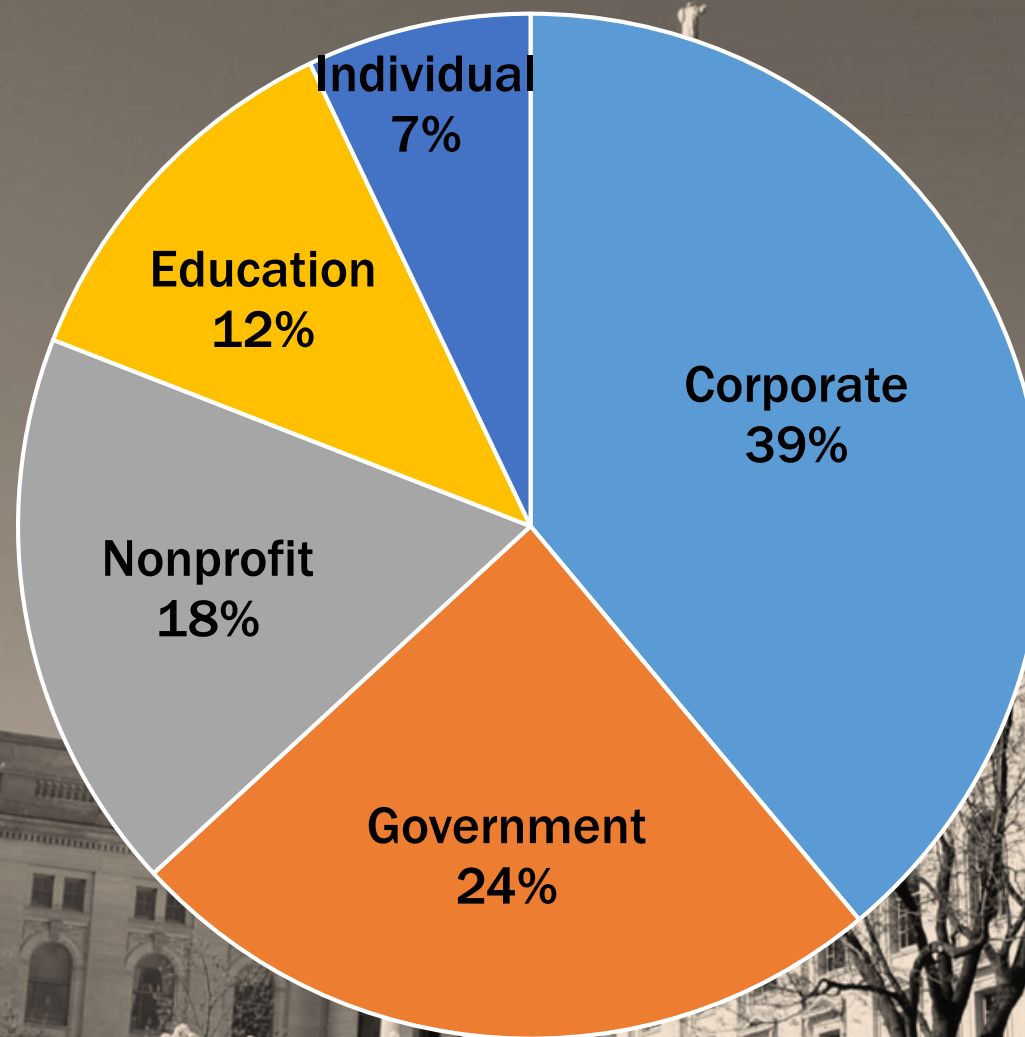
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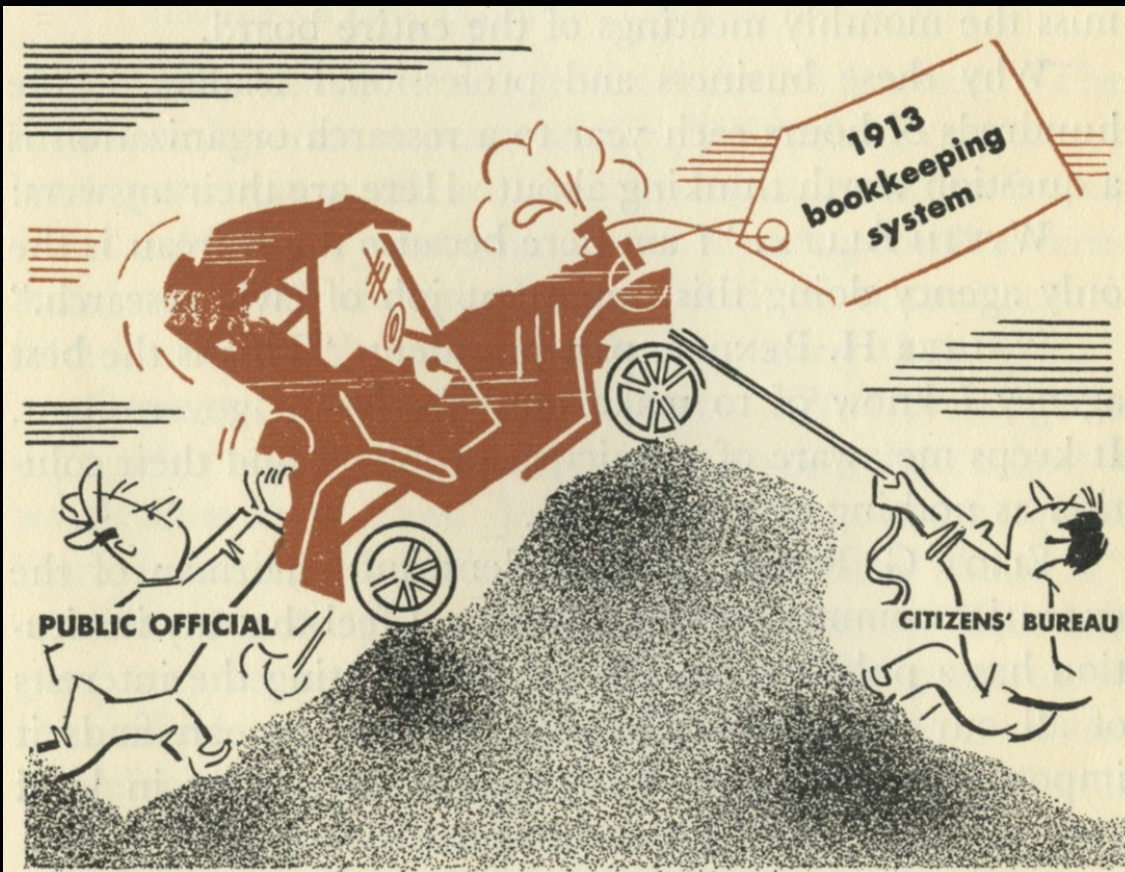


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We are a membership organization, with contributions from nearly 1,000 businesses, local governments, institutions, nonprofits, and individuals allowing us to make our research available to all and serve as a true “forum.”

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Once upon a time Milwaukee County had seven park systems . . .

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2017

North Dakota

-19.9

Delaware

-17.2

South Dakota

-14.6

Iowa

-14.3

Mississippi

-13.5

Idaho

-12.0

Oklahoma

-11.0

Wisconsin

-10.7

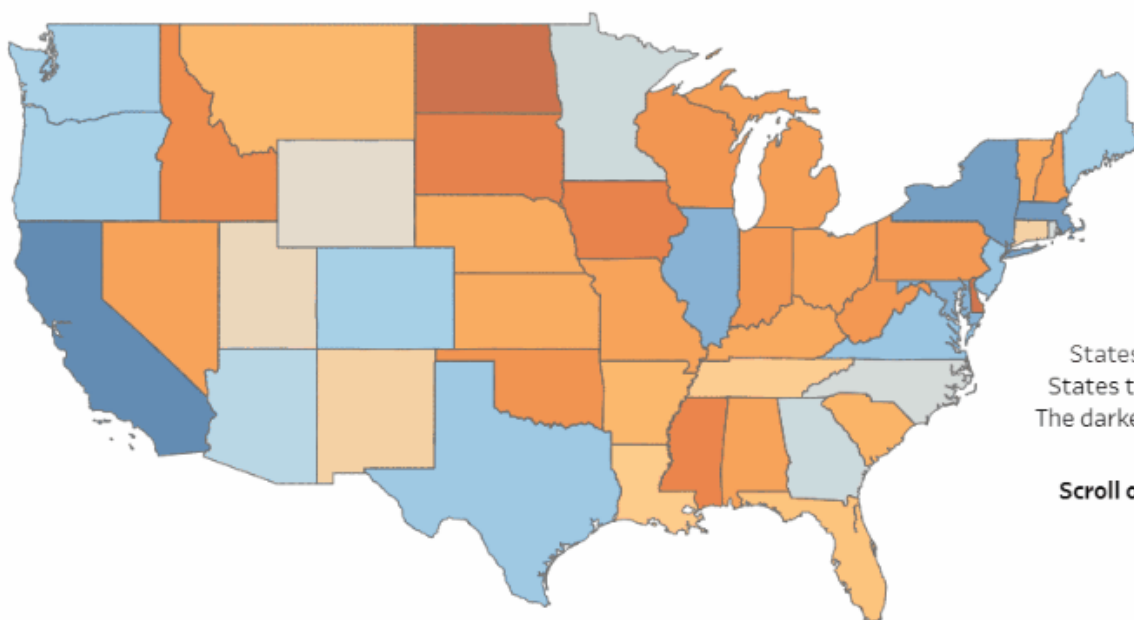
Indiana

-10.5

West Virginia

-10.4

2017



Net Brain Gain/Drain

-25.0 25.0

States that are **blue** incurred a net brain "gain" in the selected year.
States that are **orange** incurred a net brain "drain" in the selected year.
The darker the state, the stronger the "gain" or "drain" was in that state.

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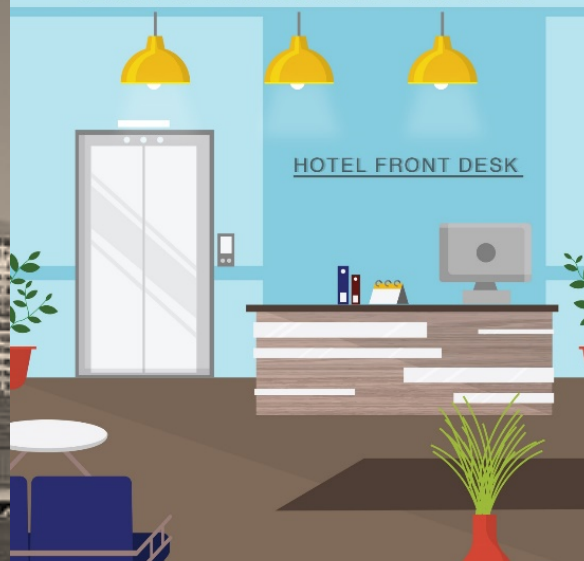
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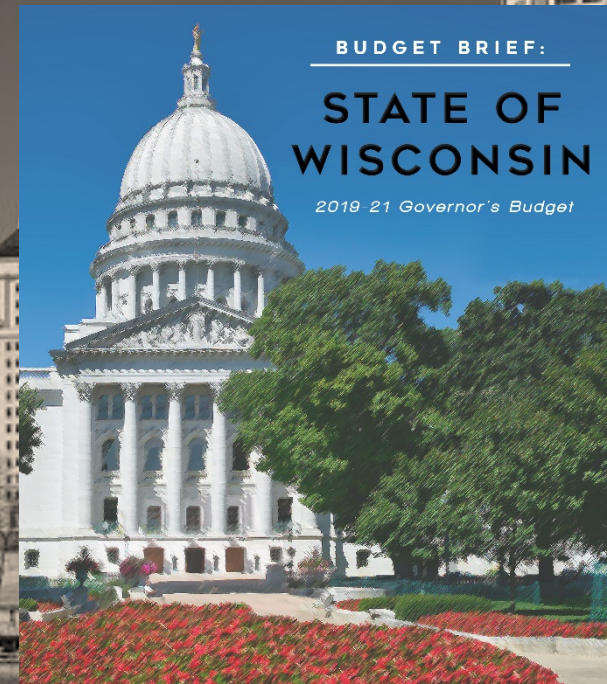
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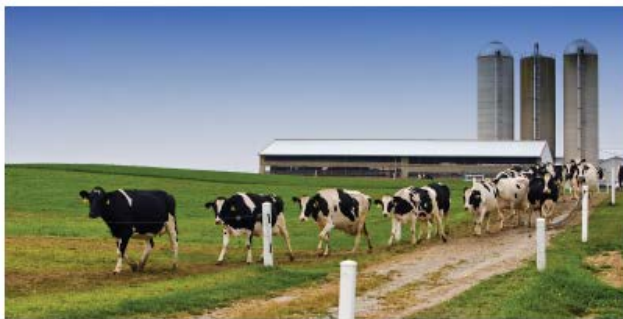
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Another Alarming Achievement Gap

Measures of academic achievement for English Learners (ELs) in Wisconsin are far below those of their English-proficient peers. Only 17% of ELs in third grade can read proficiently, while just 4% of EL eighth graders are proficient in math. What does this mean in light of the state's responsibility to close student achievement gaps?

Last month, the Wisconsin Policy Forum unveiled our new School DataTool, an interactive dashboard of key educational data for school districts throughout the state. Featured in the tool are enrollment and academic indicators for specific student groups (i.e., low-income students, students with disabilities, and students of color) for which the state and schools are expected to make progress toward closing achievement gaps. One important group that will be included in future editions of the DataTool is English Learners (ELs)—students with

ming—52 districts in 2016-17 serving just over half the ELs in the state. These districts have certain concentrations of ELs who speak the same language in a given band of grades. (The thresholds are 10 students in grades K to 3, or 20 students in grades 4 to 8 or in high school.) The state's only EL-specific aid reimburses those school districts for about 8% of a relatively narrow range of costs they incur to provide this programming. All other districts that enroll ELs must meet the mandates to serve these students (almost 23,000 in 2016-17) with

are when they enter an English-speaking school, the more services they are likely to need and the longer it typically takes to reach full English language proficiency. Nevertheless, both state and federal education accountability laws require Wisconsin to monitor EL performance on statewide achievement measures.

Below, we provide a snapshot of EL performance on three key indicators of future success: third grade reading, eighth grade math (both are measured by Wis-

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MUNICIPAL DATATOOL

Property Taxes



Municipal Spending



Debt



Shared Revenue &
Property Values



Income and Population



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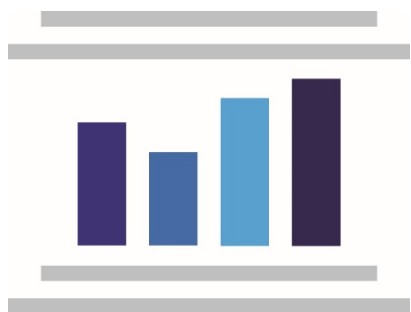
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