

### Milwaukee Compared with Other Cities

Milwaukee was the 19th largest central city in the United States in 2000, down from 17th in 1990. Table 32 compares Milwaukee with the five next larger cities, the five next smaller cities, and other northeastern and Midwestern cities. Most of the big cities that increased in population between 1990 and 2000 are in the south or west. Most older manufacturing centers like Milwaukee lost population. Milwaukee accounts for a larger share of metropolitan population than other older manufacturing centers.

Milwaukee's population was the youngest of the group shown. It had the highest percentage of residents under 18 in 2000. The percentage of older residents was similar to that of other cities. More than half of the cities were majority minority in 2000. All were at least one-third minority.

More of Milwaukee's residents were high school graduates than residents of other older manufacturing centers, but lower than in other cities. Milwaukee's college graduation rate was second lowest among the cities, only Cleveland had a smaller percentage of college graduates among its population. Low educational attainment makes it difficult for older workers to find jobs as the manufacturing sector declines.

It is difficult to compare incomes and housing costs across cities. Milwaukee's income is lower than that of many of the cities on the list, its poverty rate is higher than most. Housing costs are related to income; thus, housing costs in Milwaukee are low relative to most cities on the list.

Owner occupancy is determined by housing type. The percentage of housing units that are single family is relatively low in Milwaukee. While Milwaukee doesn't have a lot of large multifamily buildings, it has more duplex buildings than other cities. Multifamily and duplex buildings reduce the owner occupancy rate because only one unit can be owner occupied.

**Table 32**  
**Milwaukee Compared to Other Central Cities**  
**2000**

City	City Population	City % Change 1990-2000	Metro Population	City as % of Metro	Percent Under 18	Percent 65 and Older	Median Age
Baltimore	651,154	-11.5%	2,552,994	25.5%	24.8%	13.2%	35.0
Boston	589,141	2.6%	3,406,829	17.3%	19.8%	10.4%	31.1
Chicago	2,896,016	4.0%	8,272,768	35.0%	26.2%	10.3%	31.5
Cincinnati	331,285	-9.0%	1,646,395	20.1%	24.5%	12.3%	32.1
Cleveland	478,403	-5.4%	2,250,871	21.3%	28.5%	12.5%	33.0
Columbus	711,470	12.4%	1,540,157	46.2%	24.2%	8.9%	30.6
Denver	554,636	18.6%	2,109,282	26.3%	22.0%	11.3%	33.1
Detroit	951,270	-7.5%	4,441,551	21.4%	31.1%	10.4%	30.9
Indianapolis	791,926	6.7%	1,607,486	49.3%	25.7%	11.0%	33.5
Memphis	650,100	6.5%	1,135,614	57.2%	27.9%	10.9%	31.9
<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>596,974</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>1,500,741</b>	<b>39.8%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>30.6</b>
Minneapolis	382,618	3.9%	2,968,806	12.9%	22.0%	9.1%	31.2
Nashville-Davidson	569,891	11.6%	1,231,311	46.3%	22.1%	11.0%	33.9
Pittsburgh	334,563	-9.5%	2,358,695	14.2%	19.9%	16.4%	34.2
San Francisco	776,733	7.3%	1,731,183	44.9%	14.5%	13.7%	36.5
Seattle	563,374	9.1%	2,414,616	23.3%	15.6%	12.0%	35.4
St. Louis	348,189	-12.2%	2,603,607	13.4%	25.7%	13.7%	33.7
St. Paul	287,151	5.5%	2,968,806	9.7%	27.1%	10.3%	31.0
Washington, DC	572,059	-5.7%	4,351,094	13.1%	20.1%	12.2%	34.6

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**Table32 (part 2)**  
**Milwaukee Compared to Other Central Cities**  
**2000**

City	Percent Minority	Total Households	Percent Family	Percent Persons 25+ High School Graduate	Percent Persons 25+ College Graduate	Percent Foreign Born	Percent Persons 16+ in Labor Force
Baltimore	69.0%	257,996	57.0%	68.4%	19.1%	4.6%	56.6%
Boston	50.5%	239,528	48.1%	78.9%	35.6%	25.8%	63.6%
Chicago	68.7%	1,061,928	59.6%	71.8%	25.5%	21.7%	61.3%
Cincinnati	47.5%	148,095	49.0%	76.7%	26.6%	3.8%	63.1%
Cleveland	61.2%	190,638	58.7%	69.0%	11.4%	4.5%	57.4%
Columbus	33.1%	301,534	54.8%	83.8%	29.0%	6.7%	71.0%
Denver	48.1%	239,235	49.9%	78.9%	34.5%	17.4%	67.7%
Detroit	89.5%	336,428	64.9%	69.6%	11.0%	4.8%	56.3%
Indianapolis	32.5%	320,107	60.2%	81.3%	25.5%	4.6%	68.9%
Memphis	66.7%	250,721	63.2%	76.4%	20.9%	4.0%	63.0%
<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	<b>232,188</b>	<b>58.2%</b>	<b>74.8%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>
Minneapolis	37.5%	162,352	45.5%	85.0%	37.4%	14.5%	72.1%
Nashville-Davidson	36.0%	227,403	57.7%	81.5%	30.5%	6.9%	67.4%
Pittsburgh	33.1%	143,739	59.7%	81.3%	26.2%	5.6%	58.5%
San Francisco	56.4%	329,700	44.0%	81.2%	45.0%	36.8%	66.3%
Seattle	32.1%	258,499	43.9%	89.5%	47.2%	16.9%	70.1%
St. Louis	57.1%	147,076	52.3%	71.3%	19.1%	5.6%	60.5%
St. Paul	36.0%	112,109	54.4%	83.8%	32.0%	14.3%	69.1%
Washington, DC	72.2%	248,338	46.0%	77.8%	39.1%	12.9%	63.6%

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**Table 32 (part 3)**  
**Milwaukee Compared to Other Central Cities**  
**2000**

City	Percent Unemployed	% Occupation Management Professional Related	% Occupation Service	% Occupation Sales Office	% Occupation Construction Extraction Maintenance	% Occupation Production Transportation Material Move	1999 Median Household Income
Baltimore	10.7%	32.4%	20.0%	27.1%	7.0%	13.4%	\$30,078
Boston	7.2%	43.3%	17.8%	25.6%	4.9%	8.3%	\$39,629
Chicago	10.1%	33.5%	16.6%	27.0%	6.6%	16.2%	\$38,625
Cincinnati	7.3%	35.8%	17.9%	26.3%	6.4%	13.5%	\$29,493
Cleveland	11.2%	22.5%	20.9%	26.7%	7.5%	22.3%	\$25,928
Columbus	4.9%	35.5%	15.2%	30.1%	6.5%	12.7%	\$37,897
Denver	5.7%	37.9%	15.2%	26.3%	10.0%	10.4%	\$39,500
Detroit	13.8%	21.6%	21.6%	26.8%	7.2%	22.5%	\$29,526
Indianapolis	5.5%	32.9%	14.9%	28.3%	8.6%	15.2%	\$40,154
Memphis	8.6%	29.5%	16.1%	29.7%	7.9%	16.6%	\$32,285
<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>\$32,216</b>
Minneapolis	5.8%	41.1%	16.2%	25.7%	4.8%	12.0%	\$37,974
Nashville-Davidson	5.2%	37.2%	13.8%	28.5%	8.4%	11.9%	\$39,797
Pittsburgh	10.1%	36.9%	19.9%	27.5%	6.2%	9.3%	\$28,588
San Francisco	4.6%	48.3%	14.3%	25.6%	4.2%	7.5%	\$55,221
Seattle	5.1%	48.4%	13.9%	24.4%	4.9%	8.2%	\$46,736
St. Louis	11.3%	29.7%	22.1%	26.5%	6.2%	15.4%	\$27,156
St. Paul	5.7%	37.8%	15.7%	26.3%	6.0%	14.0%	\$38,774
Washington, DC	10.8%	51.1%	16.1%	22.8%	4.8%	5.2%	\$40,127

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**Table 32 (part 4)**  
**Milwaukee Compared to Other Central Cities**  
**2000**

City	1999 Median Per Capita Income	% Persons Below Poverty Level	Total Housing Units	Percent Owner Occupied	Percent Single Family	Median Value Single Family Owner Occupied	Median Monthly Housing Cost Owner with Mortgage	Median Monthly Gross Rent
Baltimore	\$16,978	22.9%	300,477	50.3%	65.2%	\$69,100	\$853	\$498
Boston	\$23,353	19.5%	251,935	32.2%	16.6%	\$190,600	\$1,370	\$803
Chicago	\$20,175	19.6%	1,152,871	43.8%	28.2%	\$132,400	\$1,216	\$616
Cincinnati	\$19,962	21.9%	165,945	39.0%	39.2%	\$93,000	\$961	\$444
Cleveland	\$14,291	26.3%	251,844	48.5%	52.8%	\$72,100	\$806	\$465
Columbus	\$20,450	14.8%	327,429	49.1%	54.6%	\$101,400	\$987	\$586
Denver	\$24,101	14.3%	251,435	52.5%	47.6%	\$165,800	\$1,134	\$631
Detroit	\$14,717	26.1%	375,096	54.9%	69.9%	\$63,600	\$769	\$486
Indianapolis	\$21,789	11.8%	357,168	58.7%	65.7%	\$98,500	\$929	\$567
Memphis	\$17,838	20.6%	271,723	55.8%	64.9%	\$72,800	\$838	\$548
<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>\$16,181</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>249,215</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>\$80,400</b>	<b>\$863</b>	<b>\$527</b>
Minneapolis	\$22,685	16.9%	168,624	51.4%	48.6%	\$113,500	\$957	\$575
Nashville-Davidson	\$23,069	13.0%	252,977	55.3%	59.6%	\$115,800	\$1,019	\$615
Pittsburgh	\$18,816	20.4%	163,366	52.1%	58.7%	\$59,700	\$794	\$500
San Francisco	\$34,556	11.3%	346,527	35.0%	32.2%	\$396,400	\$1,693	\$928
Seattle	\$30,306	11.8%	270,536	48.4%	51.3%	\$259,600	\$1,497	\$721
St. Louis	\$16,108	24.6%	176,354	46.9%	43.6%	\$63,900	\$750	\$442
St. Paul	\$20,216	15.6%	115,713	54.8%	54.0%	\$105,400	\$952	\$565
Washington, DC	\$28,569	20.2%	274,845	40.8%	39.6%	\$157,200	\$1,291	\$618

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