

Racism:

The relationship between experiencing racism and negative health outcomes is an emerging area of research. While still evolving, research clearly indicates a strong relationship between self-reported experiences of racism and ill health, particularly negative mental health outcomes and health-related behaviors.

Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI Segregation Indices (0-100), U.S. Census 2010 (University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2015)

	1990	2000	2010	Rank*
Black-White	82.8	83.3	81.5	1
Hispanic-White	56.4	59.5	57.0	9
Asian-White	42.2	43.4	40.7	52

*(out of 102 Largest Metros)

Discriminatory Laws and Practices:

Discriminatory laws and practices can contribute to inequality and exclusion. Local data in this area is difficult to obtain; however, the chart below shows one potential impact of discriminatory laws and practices on housing.



Historical Trauma and ACEs:

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are associated with increased lifetime risk of chronic medical and mental health problems. ACEs include: Emotional Abuse or Neglect, Physical Abuse or Neglect, Sexual Abuse, Mother Treated Violently, Household Substance Abuse, Household Mental Illness, Parental Separation or Divorce, and Incarcerated Household Member.

Percent of Children 8 to 17 Afraid for their Personal Safety in the Past Year, City of Milwaukee

2003	2006	2009	2012	2015
7%	13%	10%	8%	8%

Percent of High School Students Who Experienced Physical Dating Violence in the Past Year, City of Milwaukee

2013	WI	US
16.8%	8.5%	10.3%

Lack of access to Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services:

The inability to speak or read English well creates barriers to health care access, provider communications, and health literacy. Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2010-2014.

Population with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) – percentage of the population aged 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home and speak English “less than very well.”

Report Area	Population Aged 5 and Older	Population Aged 5 and Older with LEP	Percent Population Aged 5 and Older with LEP
City of Milwaukee	550,322	47,067	8.6%
Wisconsin	5,377,408	174,138	3.2%
United States	294,133,373	25,305,202	8.6%

**Additional data and information about the sources of data can be found in the Community Health Assessment at www.milwaukee.gov/MKEelevate.*