



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

A time to rebuild state & local news



A note from CEO
George Stanley

Andy and Dee Hall had the vision to found Wisconsin Watch as a nonprofit state investigative team in 2009, when the advertising model that had long supported local news businesses began to crumble. In the 15 years since, our state has lost more than half of its local news reporters.

Large swaths of Wisconsin now see minimal coverage of local government and civic participation. This gap has contributed to the fracturing of communities, undue hardships for people navigating through everyday life and declining trust in our democratic institutions to find effective solutions.

At the same time, Wisconsin has become one of a handful of tossup states in key national elections. Our outsized political importance attracts huge flows of disinformation and attack ads from those seeking power and influence. State and local political dysfunction increasingly reflects bitter “us against them” national divides.

To keep our republic, we must rebuild our local news ecosystem. In 2023, Wisconsin Watch built upon its efforts to nurture collaborative news networks and report the stories that matter most to our readers and our democracy.

Our statehouse bureau provided reporting to more than 200 news outlets across Wisconsin. We didn’t duplicate what other Capitol reporters were doing; we worked alongside them and provided people across the state with key accountability, fact checking and investigative stories.

The Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) News Lab - our innovative model of local news collaboration with five once-competitive partners - completed its third year of service with funding from Microsoft and others.

In October, Mary Snapp, vice president of strategic initiatives for Microsoft, called it “by far” the nation’s best collaborative regional journalism model. “It’s a model we hope can be studied and replicated across the country,” she said.

We expanded our partnership with Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, based at Marquette University, to help address the most critical information needs of historically underserved neighborhoods in a city known for its profound racial disparity. This includes News414, a two-way texting and engagement service that answers folks’ questions while providing critical news and information.

We began building the foundation to expand our investigative desk to serve news outlets anywhere in Wisconsin that uncover wrongdoing, corruption or incompetence, but no longer have the resources to dig down deep on their own.

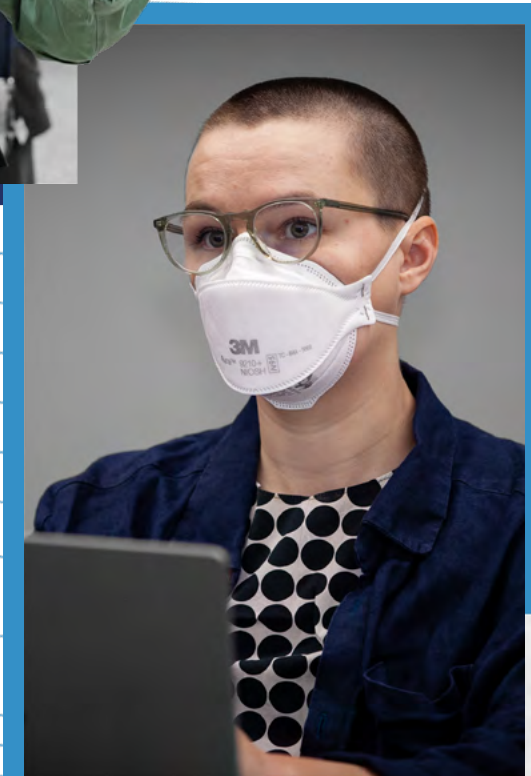
Wisconsin Watch is the sole news outlet in a position to accomplish these tasks. Headquartered in Wisconsin, it has built a strong reputation for providing high-impact accountability reporting - and sharing it freely with readers and other newsrooms across the state. In addition, our team researches and presents best practices for correcting troubles we bring to light, providing key information our communities can use to find pathways toward solutions.

That’s why I joined the team when Andy and Dee decided to move on to their next adventure after 14 years of building a vital statewide news organization from scratch. Wisconsin Watch is our state’s best hope for rebuilding local news and trust in evidence-based reporting in the years ahead.

It is time to build.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Stanley".

George Stanley
Chief Executive Officer



Who we are

Wisconsin Watch is an award-winning independent, nonpartisan and nonprofit organization that reports on government accountability and quality of life issues, including criminal and racial justice, education, health, the economy and the environment.

Local journalism is a part of the fabric of a healthy community and democracy. We dig into undercovered issues, document inequitable and failing systems, put findings into regional and national contexts and explore potential solutions. We aim to improve people's lives and hold power to account. Every investigation is fact-checked to ensure that our reporting is accurate and fair.

We train the next generation of journalists and news entrepreneurs through workshops, internships and fellowships, mentoring and collaborations with journalism classes and news organizations. And we share information about journalistic practices, ethics and impact with the public.

We push the traditional boundaries of investigative reporting in search of better ways of collaborating with other news outlets and connecting with and serving the public. You can find our multimedia reports at WisconsinWatch.org and in hundreds of other news outlets that republish our stories for free.

To read more about the stories highlighted in this report, or learn more about Wisconsin Watch, visit wisconsinwatch.org or use the QR code.





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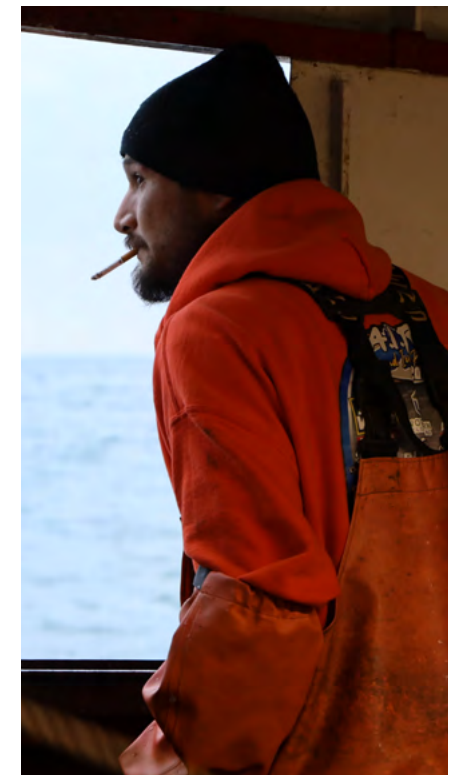
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EDUCATION





Columbia Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison in Portage, Wis., is shown on Jan. 18, 2024. In April 2020, two prisoners with violent histories escaped from the prison, where four out of the five guard towers were unmanned. (Taylor Glascock / for the New York Times)



Former corrections officer Joe Verdegan is shown at his home in Dunbar, Wis., on Jan. 19, 2024. (Taylor Glascock / for the New York Times)



Former corrections officer Joe Verdegan displays his badge at his home in Dunbar, Wis., on Jan. 19, 2024. (Taylor Glascock / for the New York Times)



Jeff Hoffman, who retired as a Green Bay Correctional Institution corrections officer in 2023, is shown at his home in Green Bay, Wis., on Jan. 20, 2024. (Taylor Glascock / for the New York Times)

Lockdown conditions examined at three Wisconsin state prisons

Mario Koran was selected as an inaugural member of the New York Times local investigations fellowship program. His [reporting for The New York Times](#) in collaboration with Wisconsin Watch exposed months-long lockdowns and deteriorating conditions within Wisconsin prisons that have included prisoner deaths. His stories have helped spur [legislative proposals to address the conditions](#) and [promises from Gov. Tony Evers](#) to ease the lockdowns.

“People in here are becoming frustrated about the treatment that we are receiving. This place is a time bomb and to be honest the only reason why they have not snapped is because of your article,” one prisoner told Mario. “You give us hope. You let us know that there are people who do care.”

Koran will continue to investigate Wisconsin prison conditions through the end of his fellowship in summer 2024 and explore best practices in other prison systems upon his return to the Wisconsin Watch newsroom.

JUSTICE & SAFETY





Commercial fisher Donny Livingston, a citizen of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, looks for a buoy that marks the location of gillnets during a fishing run near Lake Superior's Apostle Islands on Nov. 15, 2022. (Bennet Goldstein / Wisconsin Watch)

ENVIRONMENT

Great Lakes pollution threatens Ojibwe treaty rights to fish

Bennet Goldstein observed indigenous fishermen out on Lake Superior – an invitation that came after months of trust building with tribal citizens – while reporting a three-part series on the central role of fishing to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and other Ojibwe communities in the Upper Midwest.

States spent a century disregarding or rejecting treaty rights, fining or arresting tribal citizens who exercised them. A series of court rulings, starting in 1971, would affirm their reserved rights within territory ceded to the United States, including the right to fish on Lake Superior. But pollution in the Great Lakes – including hazardous PFAS chemicals – encroaches on how Ojibwe communities exercise their treaty rights, scholars and environmental advocates told Goldstein.

After [this story](#) published, a professor at the Medill School of Journalism and Center for Native American & Indigenous Research at Northwestern University shared the following message:

“I just wanted to tell you what a really, really fine job you did on these stories. The organization and writing was terrific, but the framing! You really captured and communicated an Indigenous worldview in a way I rarely (if ever) see in mainstream reporting. I delivered a speech today to an environmental group and shared a link to that story and told them to read it before they did collaborative work.”





Shi Minglei, the wife of imprisoned Chinese human rights activist Cheng Yuan, fled to the United States in 2021 and now lives in Minnesota's Twin Cities. She is calling for Brookfield-Wis.-based Milwaukee Tool to stop sourcing gloves made from forced prison labor in China. Shi is shown in Minneapolis on Feb. 19, 2023. (Ariana Lindquist for Wisconsin Watch)



The Milwaukee Tool global headquarters are seen at 13135 West Lisbon Road, Brookfield, Wis., on March 9, 2023. (Jim Malewitz / Wisconsin Watch)



Milwaukee Tool "Performance" gloves are seen at a Home Depot in Madison, Wis., on Feb. 5, 2023. (Zhen Wang / Wisconsin Watch)

Chinese prisoners:

We were forced to make Milwaukee Tool gloves for cents each day

Zhen Wang's investigation found evidence that prisoners in China's central Hunan Province were forced to make Milwaukee Tool-branded work gloves for 90-plus hours a week, earning pennies each day. Milwaukee Tool's supplier subcontracted work to the prison, two former prisoners said in separate interviews that Wang conducted in Mandarin. A self-identified salesperson of the supplier told Wang it manufactured the majority of Milwaukee Tool's work gloves. And regulatory filings confirmed the company was contracted to manufacture gloves for a subsidiary of Milwaukee Tool's parent company.

Milwaukee Tool representatives said the company has not found evidence of forced labor within its supply chain, but they did not answer specific questions from Wisconsin Watch. Wang has since reported that Walmart removed Milwaukee Tool work gloves from its third-party platform and blocked future sales due to the forced labor allegations. Meanwhile, the bipartisan Congressional-Executive Commission on China cited the Wisconsin Watch investigation in July while launching an investigation into Milwaukee Tool's supply chain practices.

This investigation won top honors in the national 2023 Nonprofit News Awards, recognized in the Best Investigative Journalism category - Medium division.



A former Wisconsin police recruit, photographed near her home outside of Wisconsin, was forced to resign from the Grand Chute, Wis., police department days after reporting sexual assault by two police academy classmates. Her former employer maintains her separation from the agency was unrelated to the alleged crime. (Jenn Ackerman for Wisconsin Watch)

GOVERNMENT

Sheboygan police sexual harassment scandal

[Phoebe Petrovic’s investigation](#) into the Sheboygan police started with a tip. She realized the story could most effectively be reported – and distributed – in collaboration with Maya Hilty of The Sheboygan Press and the USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin team.

The collaboration uncovered a long-secret series of internal probes at the Sheboygan Police Department that found a sprawling sexual harassment scandal involving one out of every five officers in the department.

The reporting found female officers were treated more harshly than male colleagues participating in the same behavior and that the human resources director and the head of the city’s Police and Fire Commission were largely left in the dark about the allegations. The stories prompted the resignation of the most egregious offending officer two days after the story broke and vows by city officials to better respond to and prevent such misconduct.

Phoebe’s reporting also led to a tip that Jacob Resneck followed up on to tell the story of a Grand Chute police cadet who was fired after reporting being sexually assaulted by two fellow cadets.



Amy and Dan Wempner pose with their 18-year-old son Armond at their home in Kiel, Wis., on June 2, 2022. (Lianne Milton for Wisconsin Watch)



Kiel, Wisconsin. Photo taken June 2, 2022. (Lianne Milton for Wisconsin Watch)

Kiel residents rebuke far-right school officials

In a three-part series that wrapped up in 2023, Mario Koran explored the roots of racial and gender-related backlash that gripped Kiel, Wisconsin. The turmoil began when the school district investigated students’ reports of being bullied over their race or gender identity, and it escalated into bomb threats that shuttered schools, halted in-person government meetings and canceled the Memorial Day parade.

After two stories were published, parents rallied to prevent the ouster of a popular superintendent who a small but vocal group of parents targeted. Two far-right school board members resigned, restoring the board to a more moderate majority. This was one of our NEW News Lab stories.

In January, we received a letter from a Kiel resident to express his “satisfaction and gratitude” for the reporting.

“His reporting, without a doubt, helped save our community by allowing the citizens of Kiel - armed with the truth - (to) pull away from the grips of a small fringe group of very hateful individuals.

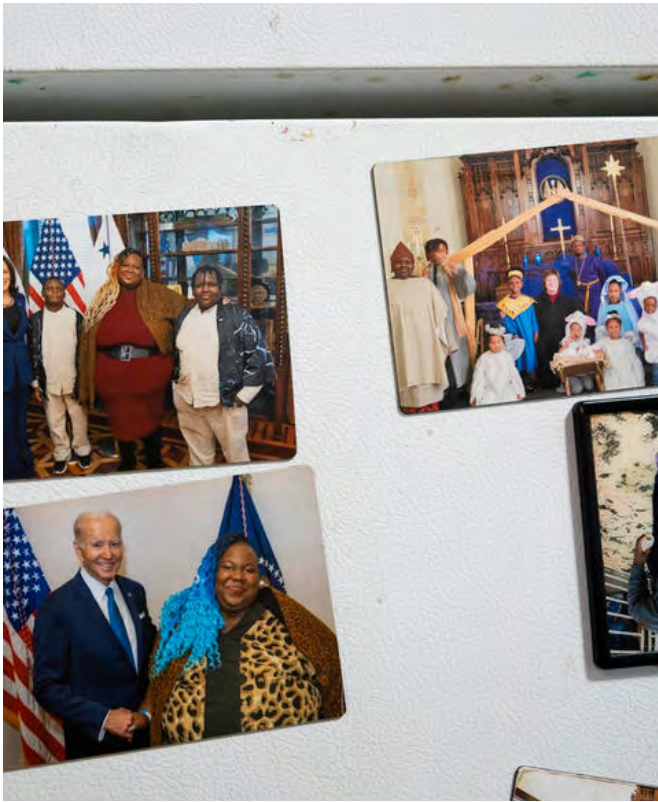
“I firmly believe that without Mario’s work, the situation in Kiel would very much look different. Our community could very much be in a much darker place where misinformation and lies run rampant.”



Jaidyn Jordan, 12, Aiden Branch, 9, and their mom, Deanna Branch, 33, sit on the front stairs of the apartment building they are soon to be moving out of on July 1, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wis. (Sara Stathas for Wisconsin Watch)



Aiden Branch, 9, sits in the bedroom of the one bedroom apartment that his family is soon to be moving out of on July 1, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wis. (Sara Stathas for Wisconsin Watch)



Family photos cover the refrigerator of the Branch family kitchen on July 1, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wis. (Sara Stathas for Wisconsin Watch)

HEALTH & WELFARE

Toxic rental housing festers in Milwaukee

Intern Farrah Anderson completed a four-story, solutions-focused series about the disproportionate risk children of Milwaukee’s renters – the majority of whom are people of color – face when it comes to lead exposure. [Her investigation](#) was published online by Wisconsin Watch and Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service – and in collaboration with Wisconsin Public Radio, which aired the audio version of the investigation.

Two Milwaukee parents said they faced homelessness and scrutiny from Child Protective Services after their children were found to be poisoned by unaddressed lead hazards in their rental homes. Such stories are common in Milwaukee, where more than half of households rent. Anderson found that a 2022 Milwaukee ordinance designed to prevent landlord retaliation and stiffen penalties for landlords who refuse to address detected lead has yielded little impact. Meanwhile, Milwaukee regulators – limited by a lack of funds and a state law capping inspection fees – provided little oversight over lead-tainted rentals. Acknowledging its shortcomings, the Milwaukee Health Department vowed to roll out a new strategy for spurring landlords to act.



FACT BRIEFS

NEWS414

NEW NEWS LAB

Major projects

STATEHOUSE BUREAU

NEW NEWSLETTERS



Fact briefs

In 2023, Wisconsin Watch produced 258 fact briefs in partnership with Gigafact. The bite-sized 150-word fact checks are aimed at fighting misinformation using a “yes/no” format to answer questions. The fact briefs are some of the most-read stories on our website, drawing new audiences from around the world.

In fact, our work was recognized by the International Fact-Checking Network, of which we became signatory members in 2023. The group, based at the Poynter Institute, recently awarded Wisconsin Watch one of 20 grants, and only two in North America, to help us further engage with new audiences.

“The winning proposals put forward innovative, impactful fact-checking projects that will make a difference around the world,” IFCN director Angie Drobic Holan said.

Northeast Wisconsin News Lab

NEW News Lab is a local news collaboration in northeast Wisconsin advancing in-depth local reporting. In addition to Wisconsin Watch, the collaboration includes FoxValley365, The Post-Crescent, Green Bay Press-Gazette, The Press Times, and Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR).

Stories produced by the six NEW News Lab partners have been picked up by more than 125 news organizations nationwide, including more than 75 in Wisconsin, reaching a total estimated audience of more than 23 million people in more than a dozen states.

Statehouse bureau

Wisconsin Watch published more stories in 2023 than in any previous year, including some of the most incisive reporting on state government and politics. The Wisconsin Watch statehouse team includes bureau chief Matthew DeFour and reporters Jack Kelly, Phoebe Petrovic and Jacob Resneck.

The Milwaukee Press Club recognized the state team’s 2023 coverage of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, including the unprecedented infusion of cash from deep-pocketed Democratic donors who helped elect Janet Protasiewicz; an anti-transgender disinformation campaign seeking to boost Protasiewicz’s opponent Dan Kelly; and previously undisclosed details of the chaotic transition to liberal control of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Wisconsin Watch’s statehouse bureau will continue to bring in-depth reporting that examines the powerful forces seeking to influence Wisconsin’s state government.

Newsletters

Wisconsin Watch nearly doubled its newsletter subscribers in 2023 compared to the previous year.

In July 2023, we launched The Wednesday Report, our flagship newsletter that serves as a weekly guide to Wisconsin Watch’s top stories, featuring exclusive behind-the-story content. The Wednesday Report provided a testing ground for shorter content such as Bill Watch, a look at legislation that deserves public attention, and DataWatch, a weekly information graphic drawn from relevant data that provides an interesting perspective about facts in the news.

Over the past year, we asked our audience what they wanted to see from our newsletters. Readers overwhelmingly indicated their interest in our statehouse reporting. In response, we were able in January 2024 to launch Forward, a weekly newsletter focused on the upcoming week in state government and politics. With an introduction written by Jack Kelly, Forward now houses our shorter content, which partner news organizations have been seeking for years.

We make it a priority to listen to our audience and provide services and reporting they can’t get anywhere else. We will continue to do so, in 2024 and beyond.

News414

In collaboration with Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, we’ve expanded our efforts to provide on-demand information and accountability reporting to Milwaukee residents through our News414 project.

The collaboration involves sharing information and responding to questions and perspectives in whatever way is easiest for Milwaukee residents – whether through email, social media, phone calls, in-person or texting. These two-way conversations also power our journalism, helping us understand what information and accountability Milwaukee residents want and need. We’re routinely texting to 1,400 subscribers in English and Spanish and interacting with roughly 2,000 members of our Facebook groups.

In 2023, News414 engagement has helped us frame reports on [racial disparities in learning loss](#) from a lack of air conditioning in Milwaukee schools, efforts to [confront barriers for the city’s Black males](#), Milwaukee Public Schools’ [failure to compensate parents for buses that failed to show up](#), concerns that were [ignored about flooding risks](#) in underserved neighborhoods from the state’s massive I-94 expansion project and a surge in [risky and sometimes deadly police chases](#) as reckless driving increases in Milwaukee.



Antoinette Broomfield looks through photos of her late son Le'Quon McCoy at her apartment in Milwaukee on July 25, 2023. (Kayla Wolf for Wisconsin Watch)



Commercial fisher Donny Livingston, a citizen of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, picks cisco from gillnets after lifting them from Lake Superior during a fishing run near the Apostle Islands. (Bennet Goldstein / Wisconsin Watch)



Jalyssa Ferguson, 8, holds a wheelbarrow for Janiah Torres, 10, who fills it with mulch as residents of Milwaukee's Valley Park neighborhood participate in a park cleanup on July 13, 2023. (Pat A. Robinson for Wisconsin Watch)

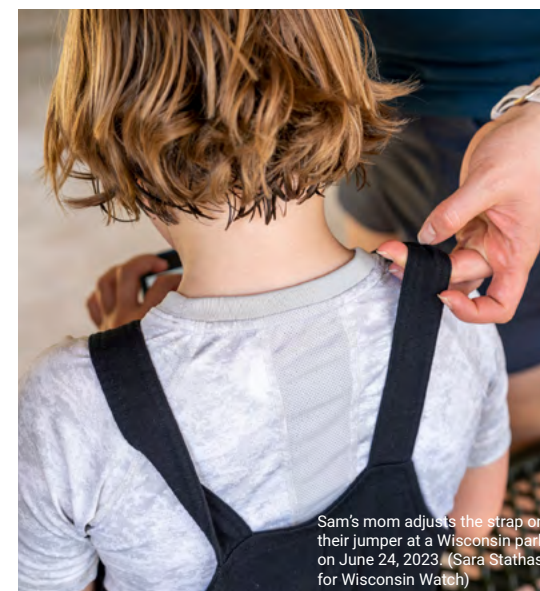
Photos of the Year



Dan Bice, an independent driver, works with North Shore Environmental Construction employees Tyrone Rogers and Trent Thomas to remove PFAS-containing firefighting foam from a fire truck at the Jefferson Fire Department on June 22, 2023, in Jefferson, Wis. (Drake White-Berger / Wisconsin Watch)



Talib Akbar speaks during an Oct. 10, 2023, protest at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison, Wis. Wisdom, a statewide faith-based social justice organization, organized the protest. (Meryl Hubbard / Wisconsin Watch)



Sam's mom adjusts the strap on their jumper at a Wisconsin park on June 24, 2023. (Sara Stathas for Wisconsin Watch)



Sheila Lockwood holds a photo of her late son, Austin, in the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison, Wis. (Drake White-Berger / Wisconsin Watch)



Justice Janet Protasiewicz, center, celebrates her victory on election night on April 4, 2023, with Justices Rebecca Dallet, left, Jill Karofsky, far left, and Ann Walsh Bradley, far right. The liberal majority has moved quickly to assert its control over the court. (Drake White-Berger / Wisconsin Watch)



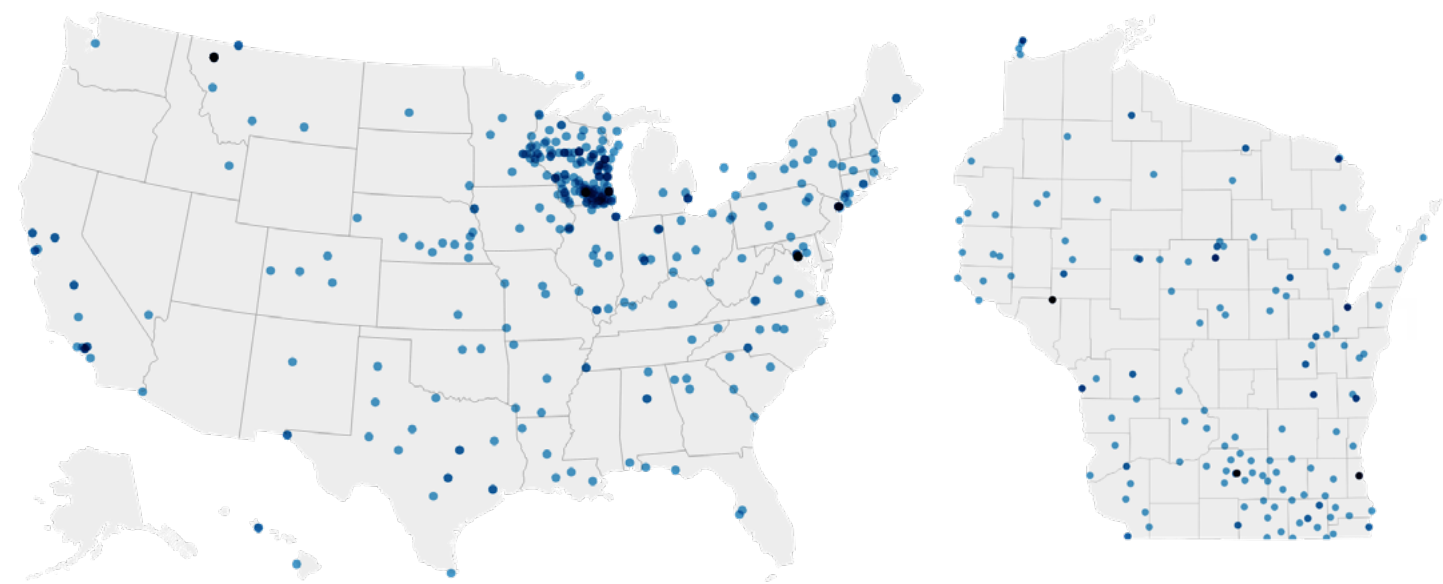
Robin Palm and his son look over a freeway display at the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, Wis., on Aug. 11, 2023. (Jonmaesha Beltran / Wisconsin Watch)



Leonardo Coronado, 3, greets his 6-year-old sister Magaly Coronado as she gets off the bus from school in Milwaukee on Oct. 26, 2023. (Jonmaesha Beltran / Wisconsin Watch)

Our audience

Wisconsin Watch nearly doubled its audience in 2023. Hundreds of news organizations in Wisconsin and across the country cited or re-published our investigations. With the support of our members, Wisconsin Watch’s audience will continue to grow through collaborative partnerships and groundbreaking investigative reporting.



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NEWS ORGANIZATIONS
PUBLISHED OR CITED
OUR WORK

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+53%

INCREASE IN NEWSLETTER
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INCREASE IN MONTHLY
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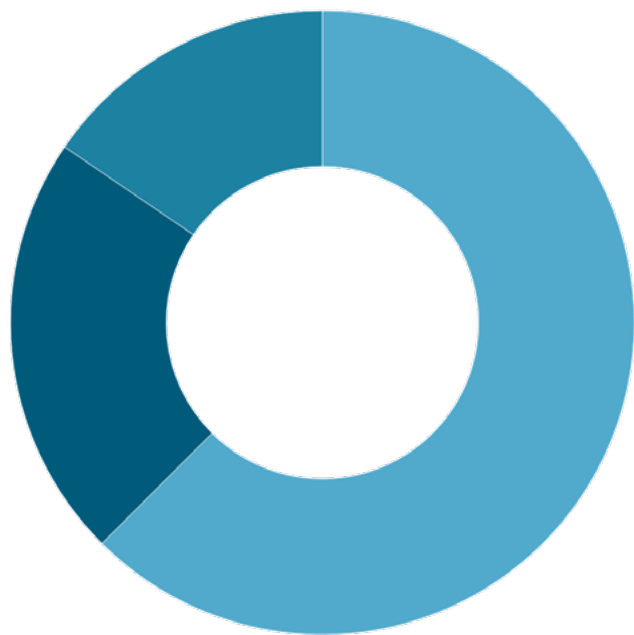
In a time when communities are divided, truth is obscured by the purveyance of lies, and democracy itself is at risk, our support for Wisconsin Watch is ever more important. Investigative journalism to root out the real truth combined with a committed local focus helps citizens to build strong communities through informed civic engagement.

— RICHARD LOGAN,
PRESIDENT, REVA AND DAVID LOGAN FOUNDATION

Financials

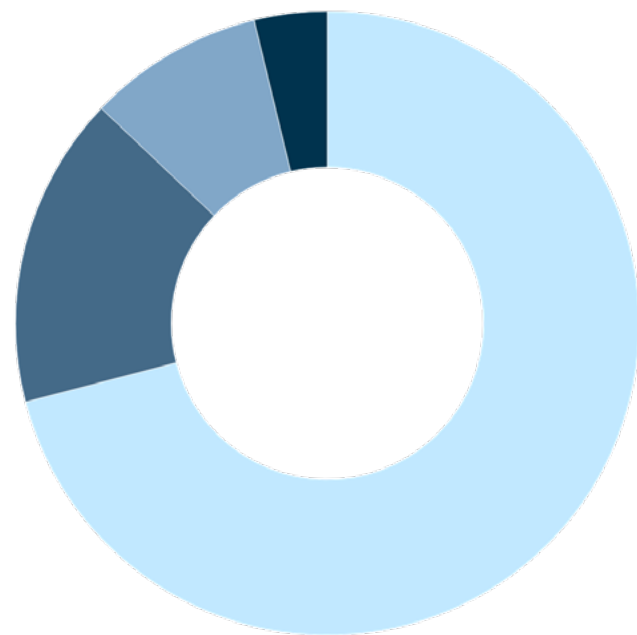
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2023 Total Expenses (\$2,288,091)



- Editorial & reporting (62%)
- General & admin (22%)
- Fund development (15%)

2023 Total Revenue (\$2,290,205)



- Foundations & grants (71%)
- Membership (16%)
- In-kind revenue (9%)
- Misc. revenue (3.8%)

“Since Wisconsin Watch started 15 years ago, nearly 3,000 newspapers have gone out of business in America and more than 40,000 journalism jobs have been eliminated. About half our nation’s 3,143 counties have only one news outlet left, and more than 200 counties have none.

Wisconsin Watch is one of the nation’s first and oldest nonprofit newsrooms. Our perseverance through a tumultuous journalism landscape is a testament to the generosity of our donors and the responsible stewardship of their investments. Upholding financial integrity and transparency remains a core value as we embark on the next chapter of Wisconsin Watch’s journey and work to rebuild Wisconsin’s local news coverage. Thank you for your critical support!”

— **GEORGE STANLEY**,
CEO, WISCONSIN WATCH

Awards

INSTITUTE FOR NONPROFIT NEWS

2023 Nonprofit News Awards, Best Investigative Journalism-Medium Division

Zhen Wang, “Chinese prisoners: We were forced to make Milwaukee Tool gloves for cents each day”

LOCAL INDEPENDENT ONLINE NEWS AWARDS

Outstanding Coverage Award

Phoebe Petrovic and Mario Koran, [False Choice series](#)

Accountability Award

Mario Koran, “Bomb threats, canceled events, empty schools: How a bullying probe paralyzed a Wisconsin town’s democracy”

Best Collaboration, Finalist

Phoebe Petrovic and Maya Hilty / Sheboygan Press, [series about sexual harassment in the Sheboygan Police Department](#)

THE ASSOCIATION OF LGBTQ+ JOURNALISTS

Excellence in Journalism Awards, Excellence in Newswriting, Non-Daily Award

Bennet Goldstein, [“Queering the family farm: Despite obstacles, LGBTQ farmers find fertile ground in Midwest”](#)

MILWAUKEE PRESS CLUB

Gold Award

Mario Koran, Ilana Bar-av and Jim Malewitz, “‘We’ve got to get gaming out of our blood’: Pandemic shock pushes Wisconsin tribes to diversify economy”

Brenda Wintrode and Hope Karnopp of Wisconsin Watch and Michelle Theriault Boots of the Anchorage Daily News, “Flawed Forensics”

Phoebe Petrovic, “Wisconsin faces a ‘tangled series’ of abortion laws dating back to 1849 as it heads into a possible post-Roe future”

Hope Karnopp of Wisconsin Watch and Matt Martinez of Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, “‘When it’s rigid, it breaks’: How federal rules and market dominance fueled Wisconsin’s baby formula shortage”

Phoebe Petrovic, Dee Hall, and Nina Earnest, Open and Shut Podcast

Mario Koran, “Bomb threats, canceled events, empty schools: How a bullying probe paralyzed a Wisconsin town’s democracy”

THE RADIO TELEVISION DIGITAL NEWS ASSOCIATION

Edward R. Murrow Awards

Wisconsin Watch and Wisconsin Public Radio, Open and Shut



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Legacy Society

The Legacy Society was established to recognize, honor and celebrate extraordinary individuals who remember Wisconsin Watch in their estate or financial plans. Their visionary commitment will build our newsroom’s legacy of journalistic integrity, innovation and public service to Wisconsin and democracy.

Learn more about ways to join the Legacy Society at wisconsinwatch.org/legacy-society

Founding members of the Legacy Society:

- Barbara Johnson
- Renie Schapiro
- Carol T. Toussaint
- Peter Livingston and Sharon Stark

If you have already included Wisconsin Watch in your estate plan, thank you, and we want to hear from you so we can acknowledge your generosity!



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