

# County-Level Data Highlights



## Belonging & Civic Muscle



**1 out of 3** high school students in the Tri-County area said they felt like they didn't belong at school. Students who were: **Food Insecure, Female, LGBT, People of Color, or People with Physical Disabilities** were much more likely to report feeling like they didn't belong.



**3 out of 4** high school students don't get emotional support when needed.

(WI DPI YRBS, 2023)



**Less than half of adults** in the Tri-County region feel a strong or very strong sense of community belonging.

(BRFSS, 2023)

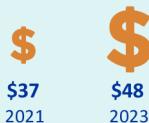


## Meaningful Work & Wealth

### ALICE Households

ALICE is an acronym for: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

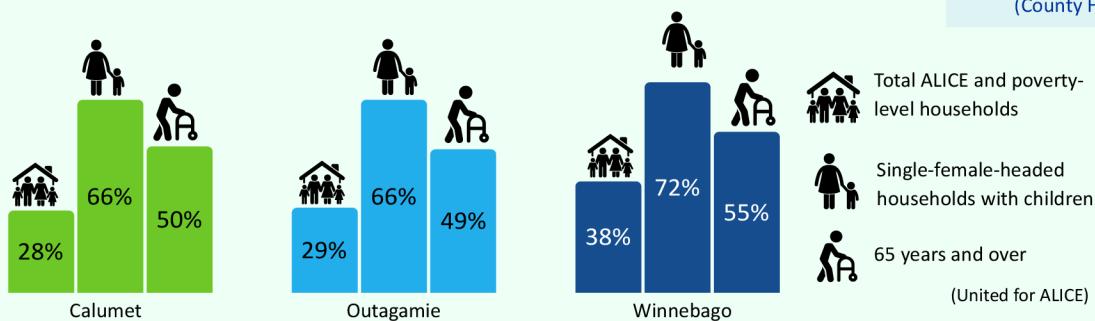
ALICE Households earn above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) yet struggle to afford basic needs. **Single-female-headed households with children and people 65 and older** are disproportionately ALICE households.



In the Tri-County, the hourly wage needed to cover basic expenses for 1 adult and 2 children increased by about

**\$10 over 2 years.**

(County Health Rankings)



## Humane Housing

### Housing Cost Burden is a real problem in our community.

Housing Cost Burden is when a household spends **more than 30%** of their gross annual income on housing costs.

- Families experiencing Housing Cost Burden are less likely to be able to afford basic needs like food, health care, and child care.
- Housing Cost Burden is associated with worse physical, mental, and financial health.

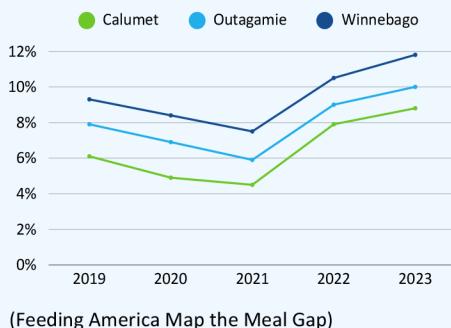


**1 out of 3 Renters** is spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs versus **1 out of 7 Homeowners**

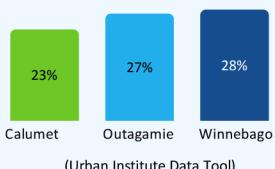


## Basic Needs for Health & Safety

Food insecurity has been **trending up** in the Tri-County region since 2021.



- About 10% of the Tri-County population meets Feeding America's definition of "food insecure," using USDA data.
- Most people living in poverty are food secure because they have benefits to help them afford food.
- People earning above the poverty line may lose benefits, causing food insecurity.

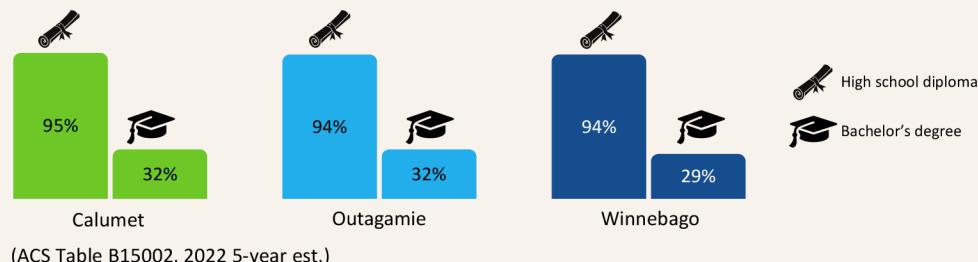


**About 4% of the Tri-County population - or roughly 17,000 residents - are uninsured.**



## Lifelong Learning

In the Tri-County area, about 95% of people 25 and older have a high school diploma, compared to about 30% who hold a Bachelor's degree.

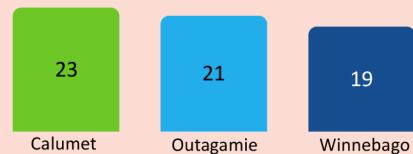


## Reliable Transportation

The average car owner in Wisconsin pays more than \$11,000 annually to drive.

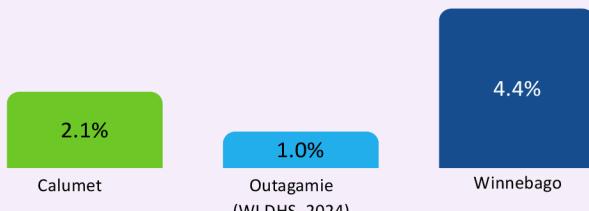
In contrast, the annual cost to a Valley Transit rider in the Fox Cities is \$720. The annual cost to an Oshkosh GO Transit rider is \$480. On average, it is more than 90% cheaper to ride local public transit than it is to drive. **Still, less than 1% of residents use public transit regularly for transportation.**

The average employed Tri-County resident takes **more than 20 minutes to drive to work.**



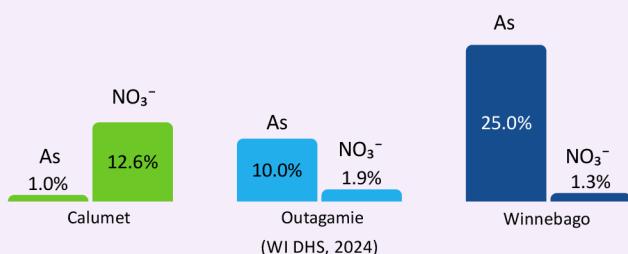
## Thriving Natural World

Children with Lead Poisoning Aged Birth to <6



Note: The % of children is out of the number tested, not the number of total children in the county.

**Arsenic and Nitrate testing results above EPA standards in Private Wells**



Arsenic (As): Percent of test results above EPA standard of 10 µg/L  
Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>): Percent of test results above EPA standard of 10 mg/L