

# Marquette County

## County and Community Profiles



## Welcome to Marquette County

Marquette County is situated in the central region of the State and is home to approximately 14,500 people. The county spans 456 square miles and has a diverse landscape of agricultural land, forests, lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and rural communities. In total, there are 14 towns, 4 villages and 1 city. Although Marquette County is still very rural, it is one of the fastest growing counties in the state with a 18% increase in population from 1990 to 2000. This is directly related to its close proximity to Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Madison, which are less than an hour drive from the respective corners of the county.

The county has a diverse economy with the largest industries as manufacturing, government, retail trade and services. There are fewer than a dozen employers in the county that employ more than 50 people. Tourism is very prevalent in the area due to the abundance of outdoor recreational activities and easy access to local attractions and lodging.

## Location

Marquette County is located in central Wisconsin approximately one hour north of Madison on I-39

- Interstate access
- Centrally located



## Transit Time

Marquette County is centrally located to several major metropolitan areas. Distance is given from Montello - the county seat.

<u>City</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Madison	64
Stevens Point	63
Oshkosh	50
Appleton	79
Portage	27
Wisconsin Dells	34
Fond du Lac	52
LaCrosse	111
Milwaukee	114
Rockford IL	131
Chicago	203

## Demographics

## % of Total Population by Age Segment

	2000 Population	% Change from 1990	% of Population Under 18	% of Population Over 65	Age Segment	% of Total Population
<b>Marquette Co.</b>	14,540	18%	23.2%	19.7%		
V. of Endeavor	440	39%	34.8%	8.2%	0 - 4	5.3%
V. of Oxford	536	7%	27.8%	18.1%	5 - 14	13%
V. of Neshkoro	453	18%	21.2%	24.5%	15 - 24	11.1%
V. of Westfield	1217	8%	27.7%	16.8%	25 - 34	10.1%
City of Montello	1397	5%	23.7%	22.3%	35 - 44	15.5%
					45 - 54	13.5%
					55 - 64	11.9%
					65 +	19.7%

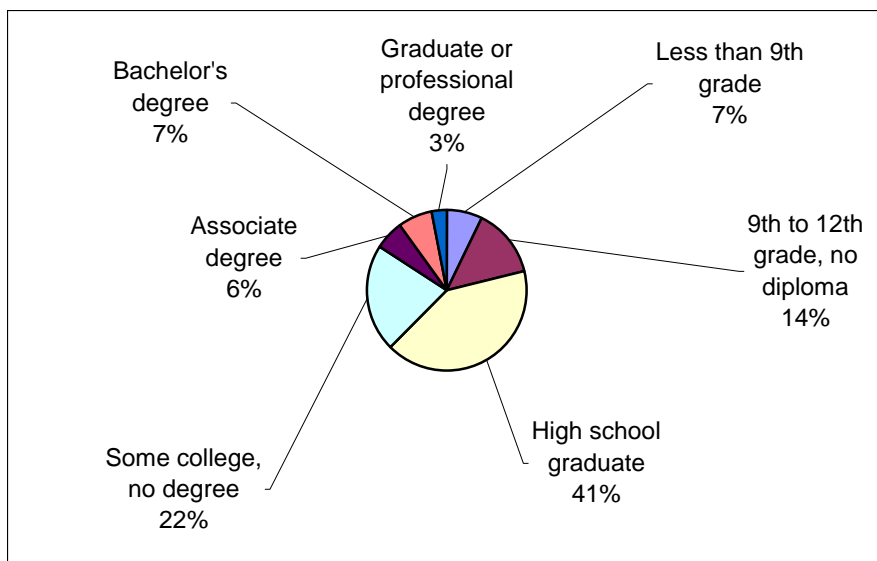
## Workforce Profile

	2001	2002
<b>Labor Force</b>	7300	7473
<b>Employed</b>	6800	6867
<b>Unemployed</b>	540	606
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.3%	8.1%

**Available Labor Force....**  
*Nearly 50% of employed residents work outside of the county*

## Educational Attainment

Population 25 and over



Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau - American FactFinder

## Housing

### Median Value - Owner Occupied

Marquette County \$87,000  
 State of Wisconsin \$112,000

### Median Rent

\$450

### Total Number of Housing Units

8,664

### Owner Occupied Housing Units

4,925

### Renter Occupied Units

1,061

### Vacant Housing

2,698

(2,268 are seasonal units)

## Largest Employers

Private Sector Employers with 50 or more employees

Brakebush Brothers Inc.	Poultry processing	500-999
Glen Oak Lumber & Milling Inc.	Millwork	100-249
Northland Community Services, Inc	Individual and family services	50-99
Wisconsin Illinois Senior	Nursing Care	50-99
Pioneer of Westfield Inc.	Gasoline stations	50-99
Airon Technologies Inc.	Current - carrying wiring devices	50-99

Source: WI DWD, Bureau of Workforce Information, ES 202 special report, First quarter 2003

## Employment by Industry in Marquette County

Marquette County Average Annual Wage	Wisconsin Average Annual Wage	Industry	% of Workforce Employed
\$23,432	\$32,442	All Industries	100%
\$31,472	\$39,668	Construction	6.0%
\$21,998	\$33,768	Education & Health	18.5%
\$21,776	\$40,340	Financial Activities	2.8%
\$25,303	\$38,201	Information	.9%
\$7,768	\$11,824	Leisure and Hospitality	11.1%
\$32,257	\$40,595	Manufacturing	31.2%
\$20,120	\$25,471	Natural Resources	5.9%
\$19,662	\$19,503	Other Services	2.0%
\$23,847	\$36,496	Professional & Business Services	2.0%
\$21,181	\$33,768	Public Administration	4.8%
\$17,857	\$28,422	Trade, Transportation, Utilities	14.8%

Source: WI DWD Bureau of Workforce Information, Covered Employment & Wages, August 2003

## Median Wage Rates for Manufacturing

Central Wisconsin  
Balance of State

Team Assemblers	\$9.81	Industrial Truck/Tractor Operators	\$11.76
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	\$14.58	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers and Weighers	\$12.99
Packers and packagers	\$9.45	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	\$9.50
Packaging & filling machine operators	\$11.89	Laborers & freight, stock & material movers-hand	\$9.68
Helpers—production workers	\$10.53	First line Supervisors	\$17.36

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development 2001

## Roads

Marquette County's **central location** in the state with **easy access** to and from the area make it an ideal location to live, work or play.

Interstate **I-39/51 runs north and south** through the county with 4 on/off ramps in the county.

State Roads - **Highways 23 and 82 run east and west** through the county and provide for easy access to the City of Montello and Briggsville in the Town of Douglas.

State Road—**Highway 73** runs north and south on the east end of the county.

State Road - **Highway 22 runs north and south** through the City of Montello and reaching Waushara County to the north and Columbia County to the south.

## Railroads

### Chicago & Northwestern Rail Line

Freight rail line

Crosses southern part of Marquette County running through Oxford, Montello and Buffalo - connects Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis

## Infrastructure

### Air Service

#### Dane County Regional Airport (64 miles) Madison, WI

Commercial Carriers

Northwest, United Express, Midwest Express, Continental Express, Chicago Express and US Airways Express.

Largest Runway 7200' x 150"

#### Wittman Regional Airport (50 miles) Oshkosh, WI

EAA Headquarters

Commercial Carriers

Largest Runway 8002' x 150'

#### Central Wisconsin Airport (78 miles)

Marathon County - Mosinee, WI

3 commercial airlines—21 flights per day

Northwest

Midwest Airlines

United Air Wisconsin

9 airfreight and express flights daily

#### Adams County Airport (30 miles) Adams, WI

Commercial air & freight service to all major cities

United Express

Runway - 3400' x 60' hard surface

#### Portage Municipal Airport (27 miles) Portage, WI

Two asphalt runways 3,778 north/south and 2,500 east/west

	Water	Sewer	Natural Gas	Telephone/ Communications	Electric	Fiber Optic
Village of Endeavor	Private wells	Municipal Re-circulating sand filter 25,000 gallons treated per day	WE Energies	Marquette - Adams	Alliant Energy	Available
Village of Neshkoro	Private wells	Municipal Oxidation Ditch 25,000 to 29,000 gallons treated per day	WE Energies	Century Tel	Alliant Energy	Not Available
Village of Oxford	Private wells	Municipal Pond system 64,000 maximum gallons treated per day	WE Energies	Marquette - Adams Telephone Cooperative	Alliant Energy	Available
Village of Westfield	Private wells	Municipal Accuvated Sludge 120,000 gallons treated per day	WE Energies	Verizon	Westfield Electric	Available
City of Montello	Municipal Utility		WE Energies	Verizon	Alliant Energy	Available

## Tourism and Recreation

**Natural Areas** - Thousands of acres of woodland and marsh have been preserved in Marquette County. - Fox River National Wildlife Refuge; Summerton Bog; Page Creek Marsh; Comstock Marsh, Grand River Wildlife and Germania Marsh Wildlife Area.

**John Muir County Park** - The famous naturalist's boyhood home has been preserved and has been named a National Historic Landmark. The 125 acre park includes 30 acre Ennis Lake with boat access, picnic grounds, restrooms and hiking trails.

**Prairie Nursery** - Is a major supplier of prairie plants and seeds to individuals and businesses worldwide. You can walk in their wildflowers. June-September.

**Montello Granite Park Waterfalls** - Four sparkling waterfalls cascade down granite outcropping into the old Montello granite quarry. Located on Hwy 23 in Montello.

**Historic Montello Walking Tour** - Marquette County Courthouse downtown in Montello is on the National Register of Historic Places. Right next door is Le Maison Granit, built in 1909 using Georgina Revival style architecture and constructed with Montello granite. In the yard, you will find Wisconsin's largest tree, a towering cottonwood. These are just several sites on the walking tour.

**Cochrane Nelson House** - This 1903 building now houses the Marquette County Historical Museum. This is located in Westfield.

**Westfield Fish Hatchery** - Over a million salmon make their home in Marquette County each year raised from eggs collected in Lake Michigan. The hatchery is Open Mon—Fri. 8:00 - to 5:00.

**Bison Ranch Tours** - The Bison Ridge Ranch tour right here in Marquette County viewing of the bison, which includes hayride tours of the ranch which are held twice daily. May -October. Reservations are a must. (608)589-5500

**Amish Community** - Marquette County is home to many Amish families that sell their goods and services to residents and visitors in the county.

**Wisconsin Dells** - The vacation capital of the Midwest in only 45 minutes from Marquette County and offers a tremendous variety of activities including waterparks, shopping, boating and golfing.

**Ski Resorts** - Numerous ski resorts are within driving distance from the County including; Cascade Mountain, Rib Mountain, Devil's Head and Nordic Mountain.

## Marquette County offers diverse outdoor recreational opportunities.



**Fishing** - Marquette County offers first class fishing. Most species native to Wisconsin can be found in the county's 60+ lakes, five rivers, and 15 trout streams.

**Golf** - Two courses in the county offer 36 holes for the golfing enthusiast. Thal- Acres is an 18 hole course just south of Westfield. White Lake Country Club offers a beautiful 18 hole course near White Lake located East of Montello.

**Hunting** - The county is a sportsman's paradise. Whitetail deer are literally everywhere, waterfowl is plentiful and small game mammals and upland game birds can be found in good numbers.

**Parks** - In addition to John Muir County Park, most of the villages in the county have parks with baseball diamonds, playgrounds, shelters picnic area and restrooms.

**Boating** - Over 20 of Marquette County's lakes have public boat accesses and most lodging facilities located on the water have boat rentals. Canoe trips on the Mekan & Fox Rivers are offered.

**Winter Sports** - Over 250 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails criss-cross the county. Ice fishing and ice skating if conditions are right is a popular pastime on county lakes. Cross country skiers can enjoy 15 miles of groomed and tracked trails or partake in winter's silent sport at one of the county's public parks or natural area.

**Bike Trails** - Scenic county bike trails run throughout Marquette County. For trail map information go to [co.marquette.wi.us/bike\\_trails.htm](http://co.marquette.wi.us/bike_trails.htm)

Source: Marquette County Visitors Guide

## For More Tourism and Recreational Information

Montello Chamber of Commerce 608-297-7420

Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce 608-296-4146

Or check out the Westfield Area Tourism Booth at the I-39 Westfield Exit

## Colleges & Universities

### **UW Stevens Point**

Population 36,000  
 Total enrollment 8,735  
 213 Old Main  
 2100 Main St  
 Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897  
 Phone (715) 346-0123  
 admiss@uwsp.edu

### **UW Oshkosh**

Population 62,000  
 Enrollment 10,929  
 800 Algoma Blvd  
 Oshkosh, WI 54901  
 Phone (920) 424-1234  
 oshadmuw@uwosh.edu

### **UW Madison**

Population 203,000  
 Enrollment 40,877  
 161 Bascom Hall 500 Lincoln Dr  
 Madison, WI 53706  
 onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu

### **UW Baraboo/Sauk**

One of 13 freshmen /sophomore  
 UW colleges in the UW System  
 1006 Connie Rd  
 Baraboo, WI 53913-1098  
 Phone (608) 356-8724  
 boouinfo@uwc.edu

### **Madison Area Technical**

16,113-Program students  
 30,059 Continuing Ed  
 3550 Anderson St  
 Madison, WI 53704  
 Phone (608)246-6100  
 www.matcmadison.edu

### **Campus Locations Ripon College**

Fort Atkinson  
 Madison  
 Reedsburg  
 Watertown  
 Portage  
 Address:  
 300 Seward St  
 Ripon, WI 54971  
 Phone (920)748-8115  
 www.ripon.edu/

## K—12 Education

	# of Schools	Enrollment	Student/Teacher Ratio
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	7		
Westfield		330	1 to 20.63
Coloma		131	1 to 18.7
Oxford		128	1 to 18.3
Neshkoro		95	1 to 12.3
Briggsville		83	1 to 13.83
Endeavor		122	1 to 20.33
Montello		370	1 to 20.56
<b>Middle Schools</b>	2		
Westfield		215	1 to 26.88
Montello		134	1 to 22.33
<b>High Schools</b>	2		
Westfield		434	1 to 18.60
Montello		453	1 to 17.42

## Libraries

### **ENDEAVOR PUBLIC LIBRARY**

413 Academy Boulevard  
 Endeavor, WI, 53930  
 (608) 587-2111 [www.endeavorlibrary.org](http://www.endeavorlibrary.org)

### **ETHEL EVERHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

117 East Third Street  
 Westfield, WI, 53964  
 (608) 296-2544 [www.westfieldlibrary.org](http://www.westfieldlibrary.org)

### **MONTELLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

128 Lake Court  
 Montello, WI, 53949  
 (608) 297-7544 [www.montellolibrary.org](http://www.montellolibrary.org)

### **NESHKORO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

132 South Main Street  
 Neshkoro, WI, 54960  
 (920) 293-4026 [www.neshkorolibrary.org](http://www.neshkorolibrary.org)

### **OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

129 South Franklin Avenue  
 Oxford, WI, 53952 [www.oxfordlibrary.org](http://www.oxfordlibrary.org)  
 (608) 586-4458

### **PACKWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

W5960 Walnut Street  
 Packwaukee, WI, 53953  
 (608) 589-5202 [www.packwaukeeelibrary.org](http://www.packwaukeeelibrary.org)

## Local Newspapers

Marquette County Tribune  
608-297-2424

Rural Rambler  
608-586-5461



## Agriculture

Number of Farms	443
Land in Farms	124,804
Average size of Farm	282 Acres
Value of Land and Buildings	
Average per acre	\$1,981
Dairy Farms	68
Dairy Cows	6000
Cattle/Calves Farms	205
Cattle & Calves	15,500

Source:  
Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service 2003 Data  
1997 Census of Ag Volume #1

Marquette County is part of the South Central Agricultural Development Zone - for tax credit information and program details, contact Keith Vander Velde, UW Extension at 608-297-9153 x 4

## Health Care

**Adams County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Care Unit**— Is located in Friendship, Adams County 38 miles northwest of Montello. The hospital has eight active Physicians and works with many consulting, specialized Physicians. Specialists are from UW Health Heart & Vascular Care in Madison, providing specialty procedures and surgeries at UW Hospital & Clinics & Meriter Hospital both in Madison, Wisconsin Heart-Madison and Portage. Located 402 W Lake Street, Friendship, WI 53934. (608)-339-3331

**Berlin Memorial Hospital**—Located 30 miles northeast of Montello. It has 24 hour emergency department. Additional Services Surgical Services, Rehabilitation, Diagnostic Services, Family Birth Center & Occupational Health. Located at 225 Memorial Dr, Berlin, WI (920) 361-1313

**Divine Savior Healthcare**—24 hour Emergency room care available. Additional service include Diagnostics, Inpatient Care, Long term care, Obstetrics, rehabilitation, Specialty Medicine, Speech & Audiology. Located at 2817 New Pinery Rd, Portage, WI 53901. (608)742-4131 Mileage 20 miles south of Montello.

**Saint Michael's Hospital**— Located 50 miles north of Westfield in Stevens Point. Emergency room care is available 24 hours a day. Services Cancer Center, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, Chronic care, Diabetes Education, Dialysis Unit, Gastrointestinal Services, General Medical nursing unit Intensive care unit, Mental health, Patient/Family Services, Pediatrics Nursing Unit, Surgery , Urgent Care & Women & Infants Care Center. St Michael's is located at 900 Illinois Ave, Stevens Point, WI. (715) 346-5000

## Churches

Community	4
Bible	3
Catholic	4
Evangelical	1
Lutheran	10
Presbyterian	3
Methodist	5

## County-wide Health Care

Pharmacies	3
Chiropractor	2
Dentists	3
Residential Care Facilities	3
CBRF	3

Marquette County Health/Nursing  
County wide EMS coverage 70 EMT's

## Financial Institutions

Bank	Locations
Royal Bank	2
1st National Bank	2
M & I	2
National Exchange Bank	2
Grand Marsh State Bank	1
Farmer's Exchange Bank	1

## Government

Marquette County is governed by a Board of Supervisors elected for two year terms from each of the 17 districts. Marquette County provides a wide range of services to its citizens, businesses and visitors in a fiscally responsible manner. Some of the services provided include: maintenance of public records, law enforcement, county highways, zoning, conservation issues, education, court system, health services, emergency government, veteran's counseling, social services, and 911 emergency management.

### Tax Structure

State Sales Tax	5%
County Sales Tax	.5%

## Local Organizations

Marquette County has many very active communities as shown by the support and participation in a number of local organizations. The county is home to two Chambers of Commerce, the Westfield Area and Montello Area Chamber of Commerce. Both chambers are very active in promoting their community and the county. Other organizations include Lions, Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Home and Community Education, 4-H, Master Gardeners and Farm Bureau.

## Local Units of Government

Villages/City	Clerk	Phone Number
Village of Endeavor	Lucy Krukar	608-587-2486
Village of Neshkoro	Lynn Gohlke	920-293-4410
Village of Oxford	Betty Subera	608-586-4488
Village of Westfield	Linda Quinn	608-296-2363
City of Montello	Karlene Utke	608-297-2727
<b>Towns:</b>		
Buffalo	Rebecca Kearns	920-394-3732
Crystal Lake	Sandra Vaughan	920-293-4681
Douglas	Barbara Arnswald	608-981-2023
Harris	Phyllis Ingram	608-296-2892
Mecan	Arlowayne Wegner	920-295-3456
Montello	Eileen Napralla	608-297-7469
Moundville	Carol Lillge	608-587-2169
Neshkoro	JoAnn Krause	920-293-4376
Newton	Sandra Wright	920-787-4561
Oxford	Mary Walters	608-586-4366
Packwaukee	Janny Slama	608-589-5626
Shields	Patrick Tierney	608-297-9253
Springfield	Debra Kemnitz	608-296-3223
Westfield	DaWayne Schatzka	608-296-2500

**Marquette County Web Site**  
[co.marquette.wi.us](http://co.marquette.wi.us)

**Montello Chamber of Commerce**  
**Web Site**  
[www.montellowi.com](http://www.montellowi.com)

**Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.westfieldwi.com](http://www.westfieldwi.com)

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# Industrial Sites

**Montello Industrial Park**  
**City of Montello**  
 State Highway 22  
 5th Street



Total Acreage 32  
 Acres Available 13  
 Parcel Size Available .5  
 Maximum Acreage 8

Purchase Cost per acre Negotiable  
 Ownership Municipal  
 Zoning Industrial

- Community Development Zone
- Paved street to park
- Level/rolling topography

**Contact Information:**

Fire Insurance Classification 5

**Karlene Utke**  
**608-297-2727**

**Endeavor Industrial Park**  
**Village of Endeavor**  
 S. Limits Drive/Industrial Drive



Total Acreage 40  
 Acres Available 20  
 Parcel Size Available Negotiable  
 Maximum Acreage Negotiable

Purchase Cost per acre Negotiable  
 Ownership Municipal  
 Zoning Industrial

- Community Development Zone
- Paved street to park
- Level topography
- Protective Covenants
- Soil Borings

**Contact Information:**

Fire Insurance Classification Unknown

**Arlene Stahmer**  
**608-587-2486**

**Westfield Industrial Park**  
**Village of Westfield**  
 East Pioneer Park Road - Just off of I-39 Exit



Total Acreage 27  
 Acres Available 18  
 Parcel Size Available Negotiable  
 Maximum Acreage Negotiable

Purchase Cost per acre Negotiable  
 Ownership Municipal  
 Zoning Industrial

- Community Development Zone
- Paved street to park
- Level topography

**Contact Information:**

Fire Insurance Classification 9

**Linda Quinn**  
**608-296-2363**

# Marquette County Business Assistance

## Marquette County Economic Development Corporation

Your link to local, county, and state information, resources and assistance.

**ONE CALL to get connected to Marquette County!**



### MCEDC Board of Directors

**Dean Alexander**, President - 608-296-3273  
Village of Westfield Trustee  
Retired Business Owner

**Ron Subera**, Treasurer - 608-586-4114  
Vice President, Royal Bank - Oxford

**Bill Brakebush** - 608-296-2121  
President, Brakebush Bros. Inc.

**Mike Jacobi** - 920-787-4808  
County Board Supervisor

**Arlene Stahmer**, Vice President - 608-587-2719  
President, Village of Endeavor

**Diane Grzes**, Secretary - 608-297-7550  
Employee Relations Specialist, Marquette County Job Center

**Larry Gohlke** - 920-293-4603  
Owner, Gohlke Realty

**Jim Kruger** - 608-547-2296  
Owner, So Fine Bovine

**Greg Sondalle** - 608-297-7154  
Owner, Rivers Bend Resort

### Marquette County Job Center

Diane Grzes, Job Center Coordinator  
P.O. Box 99 Montello, WI 53949  
dgrzes@co.marquette.wi.us  
www.co.marquette.wi.us/Job\_Center  
608-297-7550 - fax 608-297-2148

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Labor Market Information
- Job Training
- Occupational Skills Training
- Job Search Assistance
- Employer/Employee Assistance

### WHEDA

Arlene Scalzo  
201 West Washington Avenue Suite 700 P.O. Box 1728  
Madison, Wisconsin 53701-1728 www.wheda.com  
608-266-7884 1-800-334-6873

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Small Business Financing
- Home Loans & Home Improvement Loans
- Agricultural Financing

### USDA - Rural Development

Peg Jones - Community Development Manager  
2912 Red Fox Run Portage, Wisconsin 53901  
608-742-5361

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Community Facilities Loans and Grants
- Water and Waste Disposal Loans
- Home Loans & Home Improvement Loans
- Business Loan and Guarantee Program
- Multi-Family Home Construction Loans

### CAP Services

Michelle Fenske, Business Development Coordinator  
P.O. Box 99 Montello, WI 53949  
www.capserv.org michellefenske@vbi.biz  
608-297-7550

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Business and Economic Development
- Business Facility Lease/Purchase Program
- Family Services including health care, employment assistance and emergency services
- Housing

### Wisconsin Department of Commerce

Kathy Heady - Development Manager  
201 W. Washington Ave P.O. Box 7970  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707 www.commerce.state.wi.us  
608-266-9944

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Business Expansion and Development
- Labor Training Program
- Technology Development
- Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Program
- Industrial Revenue Bonds
- Public Facilities Grants

### Marquette County UW Extension

Patricia Watson—Community Resource Development Agent  
480 Underwood Ave Montello WI 53949  
patty.watson@ces.uwex.edu  
608-297-9153 x 5

#### Areas of Assistance...

- Business and Economic Development
- Community
- Government
- Natural Resources