

County's wages come from a variety of sources

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Dane County's economy is considered to be very stable, especially compared to most other areas in the state. This stability and a low unemployment rate are generally attributed to the presence of state government and the University of Wisconsin.

However, the local economy is much more diverse than that.

The following chart depicts total wages generated in 2007. Like many other major population areas, Health care and social assistance

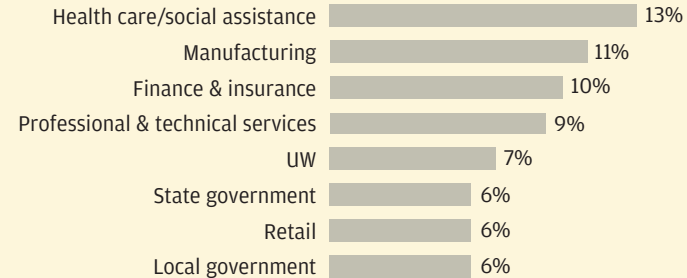
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is the largest wage-producing category. More than two-thirds of that category's wages are generated by the private sector, but it does include more than \$500 million in public-sector wages.

Perhaps most surprising, manufacturing occupies second position, followed by finance and insurance, professional services, UW-Madison and state government. In total, these eight categories accounted for more than two-thirds of the total wages in Dane County in 2007.

Tracking Dane County's wages

Top economic generators in Dane County by percentage:



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