

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

According to the U.S. Census, Wisconsin households earning wages and salaries realized an average increase in wage and salary income of 50 percent between 1989 and 1999. The increase was even greater in most area communities. During the 1990s, average wage and salary income per household increased by more than 60 percent in Stoughton, Verona, Middleton and Dodgeville. In Portage, the average increased by over 70 percent. In Dane County, only Madison (41.7%) and Monona (33.8%) saw increases in average wage and salary income less than the Wisconsin average.

Of course wages and salaries

were not the only thing increasing between 1989 and 1999. UW-Extension professor Bill Pinkovitz suggests that adjusting the increase in wages and salaries by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) provides a more meaningful measure of the real increase in wage and salary income. After adjusting for inflation, several communities still realized a gain of more than 20 percent. Similar data for every community in Wisconsin is available at the Center for Community Economic website at: www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/indicate.html. Send your questions or comments to bill.pinkovitz@uwex.edu.

Household income up for most

Increase in household income from 1989 to 1999 for some area communities

Adjusted for inflation



SOURCE: Center for Community Economics

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