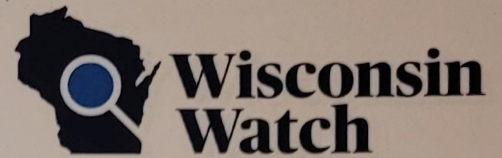


Who we are



Wisconsin Watch is a nonpartisan, nonprofit newsroom that reports fearlessly on issues of importance to the state. We tell stories about and for people in vulnerable circumstances, expose wrongdoing and deficiencies in systems and explore solutions to problems. Our accountability journalism covers state and local government, criminal and racial justice, education, health, the economy and the environment.

We launched in 2009 and currently have reporters in Milwaukee, Madison and Oshkosh. We also invest in journalism's future by training early-career and student reporters. We fact-check every story to ensure accuracy and fairness. Our work fosters an informed citizenry and strengthens democracy.

We believe in collaborating with, rather than competing against, other news outlets as we strive to build a better and more sustainable news ecosystem. You can find our reports at wisconsinwatch.org and in hundreds of other news outlets, which republish our stories for free. We push the traditional boundaries of accountability reporting to better connect with and serve the diverse communities of our state.

Find our work, subscribe to our newsletters and make a donation by visiting wisconsinwatch.org.

Major projects



News414

In partnership with Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, News414 uses text messages, social media and in-person conversations to engage traditionally underserved Milwaukee residents and deliver accountability journalism. News414 has delivered direct impact to our audience and has inspired Wisconsin Watch and NNS to incorporate resident-centered "news you can use" into local reports and statewide investigations.

Mississippi River Basin Ag & Water Desk

In 2022, Wisconsin Watch joined the Mississippi River Basin Ag & Water Desk, an independent reporting collaborative from the Missouri School of Journalism, in partnership with Report for America and the Society of Environmental Journalists. Wisconsin Watch's Report for America corps member is among 10 journalists producing stories about environmental and agricultural issues that impact people in the Mississippi River Basin.



Statehouse bureau

In 2022, we launched a statehouse bureau that consists of an editor and three investigative reporters, including a Report for America corps member. The team focuses on threats to Wisconsin's democracy and investigates actions of the governor, Legislature, state agencies and state Supreme Court. The bureau provides in-depth reporting on how policy is impacting the lives of residents while investigating the state of Wisconsin's democracy.

NEW News Lab

The NEW News Lab is a collaboration of six news organizations in Northeast Wisconsin: Fox Valley365, The Post-Crescent, Green Bay Press-Gazette, The Press Times, WPR and Wisconsin Watch. The collaboration is advancing solutions-focused reporting on a range of topics of importance to residents. Those include public health, affordable housing, education, criminal justice and social welfare.