



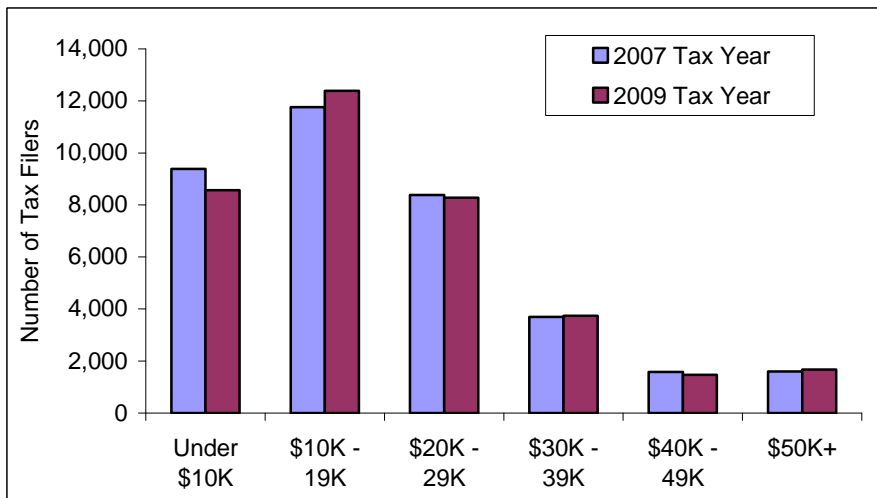
# Milwaukee Drilldown, October 2010

for the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

## Single parents from Milwaukee inner city neighborhoods continue working during the recession; only a 1% drop in earners in 2009 compared to 2007, according to state tax returns

Wisconsin state income tax data for 2009 showed single parents in nine inner city Milwaukee ZIP codes hard hit by the recession remaining in the labor force and continuing to work, although a majority (58%) earned less than \$20,000 a year. In 2007 there were 36,407 single filers with dependents from the 9 ZIP codes. In 2009 that number had dropped by less than 300 (or 1%) to 36,114 in spite of record high unemployment. (At the same time the number of single tax filers without dependents declined by 5%.)

### Income Earnings of Single Tax Filers with Dependents



A fourth of the tax filers with dependents (and filing returns as single rather than married filers) earned less than \$10,000 in 2009, suggesting high job turnover, low wages, part-time jobs, and less than year-round employment. Less than a fifth of single tax filers with dependents from the 9 ZIP codes earned \$30,000 or more. Most currently and recently employed single parents are ineligible for W-2 cash assistance.

### Adjusted Gross Income of Single Tax Filers with Dependents: 9 ZIP Codes

Income Range	2007	2009	Change	% Change
Under \$10,000	9,389	8,565	-824	-9%
\$10,000-19,999	11,765	12,392	+627	+5%
\$20,000-29,999	8,378	8,274	-104	-1%
\$30,000-39,999	3,696	3,740	+44	+1%
\$40,000-49,999	1,579	1,471	-108	-7%
\$50,000 and above	1,600	1,672	+72	+4%
All	36,407	36,114	-293	-1%

Source: UWM Employment and Training Institute analysis of Wisconsin Department of Revenue tax return data for non-elderly single tax filers with dependents residing in ZIP codes 53204, 53205, 53206, 53208, 53210, 53212, 53216, 53218 and 53233.

## Monthly Economic Data for Milwaukee County

**Unemployment:** The City of Milwaukee unemployment rate was estimated at 11.5% for August 2010. Suburban unemployment was estimated at 6.7%.

**Workers on UI:** In the second week of October 2010, 41,804 Milwaukee County workers were laid-off and receiving weekly unemployment insurance checks, and 2,951 more claimants (54% males, 46% females) applied for benefits. Almost half (48%) of the new claimants were minorities.

**Firm closings and layoffs:** Two plant closings were announced in September: the J C Penny Outlet Store (expecting to lay off 120 workers) and American Concrete Pipe (expecting to lay off 10 workers).

**Families receiving W-2:** The W-2 program reported 9,491 Milwaukee County families receiving cash assistance in September 2010. Payment cases are up by 66% over a year ago and more than double the number receiving aid in September 2008.

**Wisconsin Shares:** The number of Milwaukee County children in subsidized child care in September 2010 totaled 25,837 children. 13,512 families are currently participating in the program.

**FoodShare:** Enrollments in FoodShare are at an all-time high in Milwaukee County, with 213,231 residents receiving benefits in August. One in 5 Milwaukee County residents is using the FoodShare program to help meet their food costs.

**BadgerCare Plus:** Enrollments totaled 200,778 Milwaukee County residents (including 123,848 children) in September 2010, up by over 58,000 since January 2008. One in 2 Milwaukee County children (under age 19) is now enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus program.

Drilldown Data Sources: Wisconsin departments of Children and Families, Health Services, and Workforce Development. (10/21/2010)