The Milwaukee metro area added 22,000 more private sector jobs from March to August 2010. 31% of the jobs were in construction, 24% in food service + drinking places, 14% in manufacturing, and 14% with temp agencies. With students and others seeking summer work, unemployment rose to 9.6% in June and July in the county.

With federal unemployment insurance extensions, over 45,000 laid-off workers in Milwaukee County received UI payments in September 2010.

213,000 county residents (1 in 5) use FoodShare program; usage is also up in rest of the state.

Only 9,055 families receive W-2 cash support.

1 out of every 2 children in Milwaukee County is now enrolled in BadgerCare Plus. In all, 201,000 residents are in the program.

13,300 Milwaukee County families received child care subsidies for 25,700 children in August.