

# Lincoln County



## State Budget Overview

2-year budget: 2011-2013

### Sample cuts

K-12 public schools	\$822 million
Medical assistance	\$480 million
UW and tech colleges	\$322 million
Local government	\$173 million
Low-income & students	\$173 million
Tuition increases	\$107 million
Unemployment benefits	\$96 million



### Loss in state general aid for public schools

(2011 –2012 fiscal year)

<b>TOTAL IMPACT</b>	<b>-\$1.6 million</b>
Merrill Area	(\$1,319,023)
Tomahawk	(\$312,952)

### **Estimated impact of cuts to public workers' take-home pay:**

There are **1,751** public workers in Lincoln County. Under the proposed state budget, each will lose about **\$2,067** in take-home pay.

This will reduce local buying and economic activity by **\$3.6 million** leading to closed businesses and retail job losses.

### Cuts to Cities and County - \$584,250

(for calendar year 2012)

<b>Lincoln County</b>	<b>(\$357,815)</b>
City of Merrill	(\$106,750)
City of Tomahawk	(\$47,016)
Town of Birch	(\$1,352)
Town of Bradley	(\$13,261)
Town of Corning	(\$2,988)
Town of Harding	(\$530)
Town of Harrison	(\$2,659)
Town of King	(\$2,801)
Town of Merrill	(\$19,726)
Town of Pine River	(\$13,267)
Town of Rock Falls	(\$1,463)
Town of Russell	(\$1,756)
Town of Schley	(\$3,343)
Town of Scott	(\$7,858)
Town of Skanawan	(\$586)
Town of Somo	(\$50)
Town of Tomahawk	(\$663)
Town of Wilson	(\$366)

Sources: Wisconsin Departments of Public Instruction, Administration, and Workforce Development, and the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## Under Walker, Wisconsin is 33,800 jobs short of matching the national pace of job creation



The chart shows the percent change in the number of jobs in Wisconsin and the U.S. since April 2011. The pink area is when Gov. Walker's budget has been law. If only we'd matched the US trend, we'd have 33,800 more jobs.

### Cutting is the worst choice

Money circulating throughout the economy—cycling among businesses, households and governments—makes for prosperity.

But when huge amounts of money are taken out of the economy, as Gov. Walker's policies are doing, it hurts almost everyone. Businesses have fewer customers; workers have fewer jobs; state and local governments have less tax revenue.

*In tough times, the worst thing a governor can do is further shrink the economy.*



### Four ways Walker's policies hurt Wisconsin's economy



- 1** The 2011-'13 state budget cuts about one billion dollars each year from education, health care and other basic services.
- 2** The state budget also slices household incomes through higher taxes on low-income families, higher college tuition and delayed unemployment benefits.
- 3** Act 10—passed in Special Session—hobbled collective bargaining and undermined the right of workers to have unions. It also takes over \$700 million-a-year out of the state's economy, by making massive cuts in public workers' take-home pay.
- 4** Federal funds that could have been used in Wisconsin were either rejected outright or lost because the programs they were to help fund have been slashed.