

Wood 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)

TOTAL IMPACT	-\$7.4 million
Auburndale	-\$170,246
Marshfield	-\$2,366,022
Nekoosa	-\$394,238
Pittsville	-\$388,451
Port Edwards	-\$314,003
Wisconsin Rapids	-\$3,754,803

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

There are **4,701** public workers in Wood County. Under the proposed state budget, each will lose about **\$1,999** in take-home pay.

This will reduce local buying and economic activity by **\$9.4 million**, leading to closed businesses and retail job losses.

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

Cuts to Cities and County -\$1.7 million

(for calendar year 2012)

Wood County	-\$813,560
City of Marshfield	-\$360,875
City of Nekoosa	-\$34,914
City of Pittsville	-\$18,123
City of Wisconsin Rapids	-\$288,120
Village of Auburndale	-\$6,306
Village of Biron	-\$7,660
Village of Hewitt	-\$2,627
Village of Port Edwards	-\$21,181
Village of Vesper	-\$3,068
Town of Arpin	-\$3,307
Town of Auburndale	-\$2,834
Town of Cameron	-\$1,001
Town of Grand Rapids	-\$70,223
Town of Hansen	-\$1,824
Town of Lincoln	-\$9,214
Town of Marshfield	-\$2,237
Town of Milladore	-\$1,824
Town of Port Edwards	-\$7,803
Town of Richfield	-\$9,250
Town of Rock	-\$2,801
Town of Rudolph	-\$4,049
Town of Saratoga	-\$44,390
Town of Seneca	-\$4,807
Town of Sherry	-\$2,471
Town of Sigel	-\$4,233
Town of Wood	-\$2,428

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.