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# About Us

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## UW-Extension: Who We Are/What We Do

The University of Wisconsin-Extension works in partnership with 26 UW System campuses, 72 Wisconsin counties, three tribal governments, and other public and private organizations to fulfill its public service mission. This is the "Wisconsin Idea" – extending the university's boundaries to the corners of the state.

Through statewide outreach networks, UW-Extension also connects university research to the specific needs and interests of residents and communities. Educators, working on campuses and in communities, use up-to-date research and careful analysis to help Wisconsin people address economic, social and environmental issues.

### Organizational Charts

## Benefits for All Ages and Stages

UW-Extension educational programs help people grow and succeed at all stages of life. Our programs serve children, retirees and working adults who need updated education to pursue new career paths. Flexible delivery methods, including the use of distance-learning technologies, let people enjoy the benefits of "anytime, anyplace" education.

## Institutional Organization

UW-Extension is made up of four divisions:

- Cooperative Extension**  
 Works with individuals, families, farms, business and communities, applying university knowledge and research to address issues in rural, suburban and urban settings. Locally-based Cooperative Extension staff collaborates with University of Wisconsin campus specialists to provide educational programming in Wisconsin's 72 counties and within three tribal nations. The [Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey](#) and [Leadership Wisconsin](#) are part of this division.
- Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning**  
 Provides continuing education services through all 26 UW System campuses, including these leading-edge new online degrees: [bachelor of science degree in health and wellness](#), [bachelor of science degree in health information management and technology](#) and [bachelor of science degree in sustainable management](#).
- Business and Entrepreneurship**  
 Supports the [Center for Technology Commercialization](#) and the [Wisconsin Small Business Development Center](#), with locations at the University of Wisconsin System four-year institutions.
- Broadcasting and Media Innovations**  
 Responsible for [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) and [Wisconsin Public Television](#) as well as distance-learning and conferencing technology services.

### Are you one of the 150,000+ people UW-Extension reaches in just one day?

3,529	community members who have contact with community-based Cooperative Extension educators [1]
524	learners in a Continuing Education course or distance-learning program
488	aspiring students who submit an electronic application through UW HELP
58,133	participants at sessions held at Extension Conference Centers [2]
18	participants in training courses at Small Business Development Centers
68,057	listeners to Wisconsin Public Radio
80,000	viewers of Wisconsin Public Television

[1] Calendar year 2011.

[2] Calendar year 2014.

All other figures are for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

### Popular Links

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### UW-Extension/UW Colleges

- [Employee Assistance Program](#)
- [Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [UW-Extension/UW Colleges joint website](#)

### Give To UW-Extension

In 2012 more than 500 UW-Extension programs served 1.6 million interactions across our state. Your gift helps to build a strong Wisconsin. [Learn more and donate](#)

## Chancellor

The [chancellor](#) of UW-Extension also serves as chancellor of the [University of Wisconsin Colleges](#), freshman/sophomore campuses of the UW System, although the two remain separate institutions. The Chancellor's office as well as UW-Extension's main offices are located at:

432 N. Lake Street  
Madison, WI 53706

## Diverse Funding Sources and Partners

Ongoing support for UW-Extension comes from state, county, tribal and federal government sources. Fees, gifts, grants and contracts from the public and private sectors provide additional revenue.

UW-Extension allocates 42% of its expenditures to the 26 UW campuses.

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Supporting the UW System's public service mission, these dollars are used for business and management education and continuing education courses, as well as research in agriculture, nutrition, economics, natural resources, human development and other areas.

