



GPR funding inequities *within* UW System

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INTERNAL FUNDING

WHY CARE?

- Success of whole system
 - Currently setting up winners and losers
- Board of Regents has fiduciary responsibility to allocate funds under two principles (36.09(h)):
 - “comparable budgetary support for similar programs and equitable compensation”
 - “recognizing competitive ability to recruit and retain qualified faculty and academic staff”
- President Rothman’s proposed budget request
 - Goal of “Up to the Middle” to meet the national average



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NATIONAL RANKINGS UW SYSTEM

Ranked 43rd

in funding for 4year campuses

Ranked 42nd

in funding for 4year campuses



Data Sources: Wisconsin Policy Forum, 2023, https://wispolicyforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Focus_23_07_HigherEd.pdf

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, 2024, <https://shef.sheeo.org/report/>



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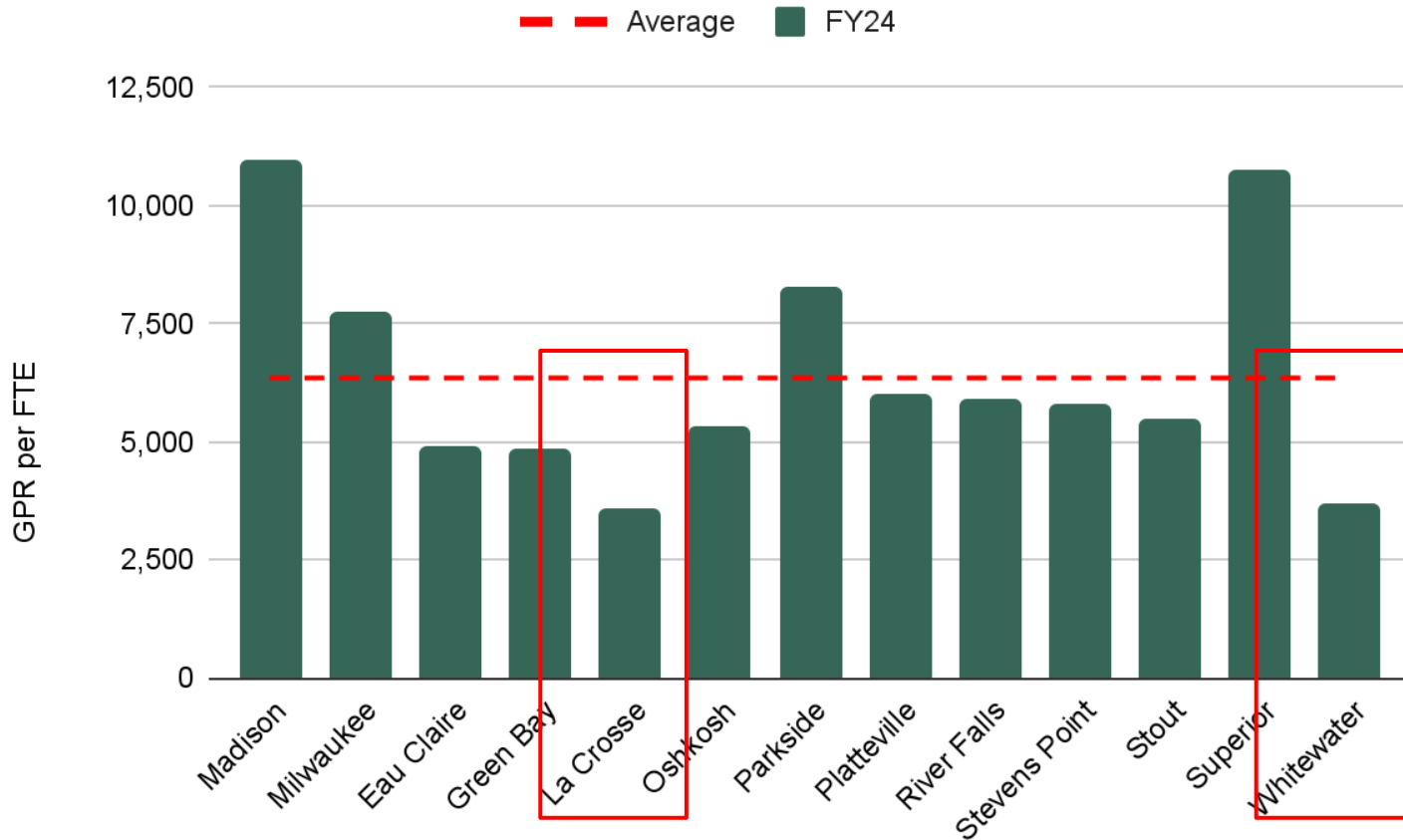
KEY METRIC

- Key metric for comparing across states and campuses:
state funding per fulltime equivalent (FTE) student
- In Wisconsin, equivalent to general program revenue (GPR) per FTE



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GPR per FTE, 2024

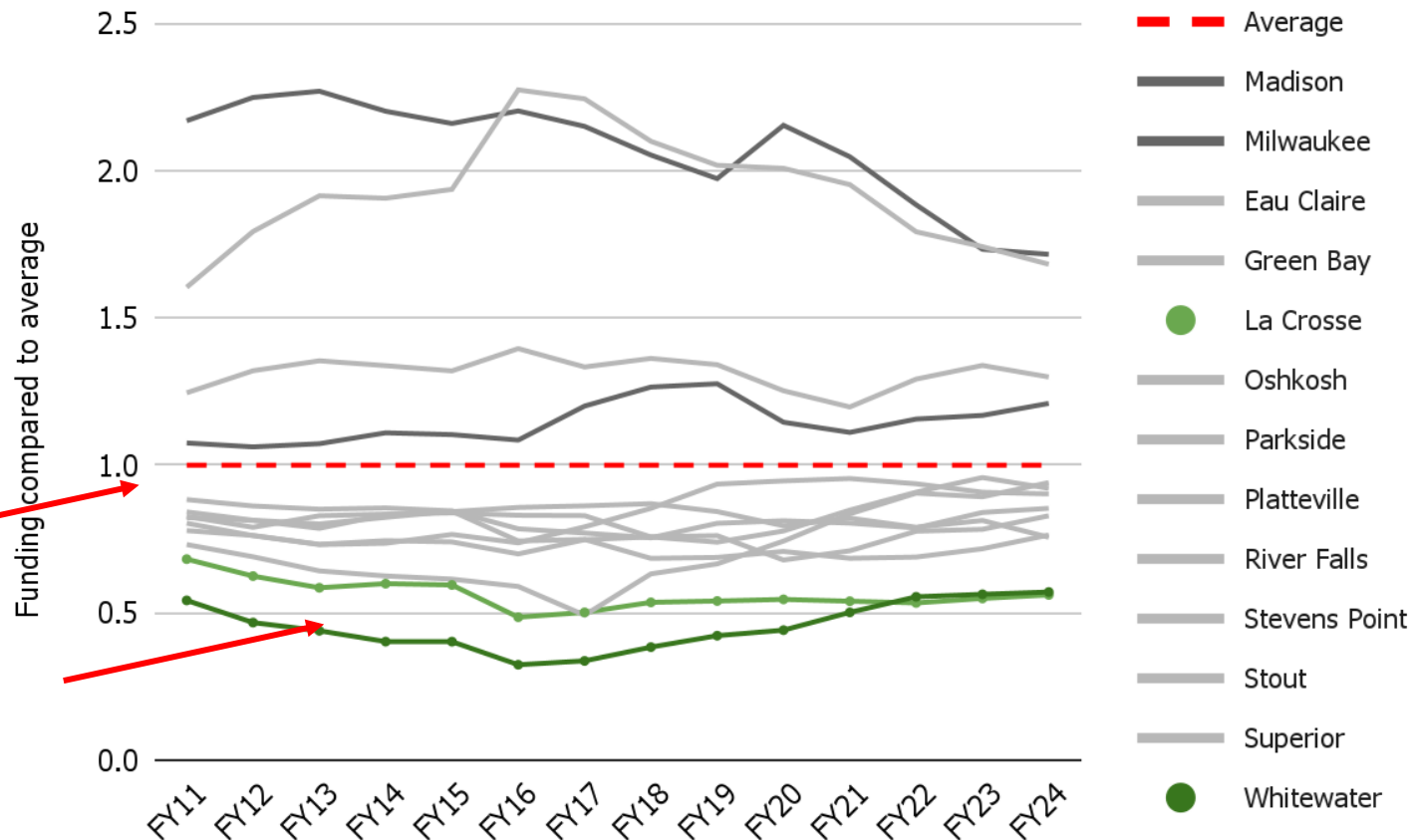


Data Source: UW System, Office of Finance



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GPR PER FTE, 2010-2024



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UW SYSTEM FINANCIAL REPORT

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EDUCATION

The future of some UW campuses is at risk without major changes, new financial reports show



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FISCAL IMPACT

“UP TO THE MIDDLE”

- In just FY2024, UW -Whitewater would have received
 - \$26 million more if received UW System average
 - *11% increase in our total budget*
- In the last 10 years, UWWhitewater would have received
 - \$238 million more if received UW System average



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CAMPUS IMPACTS

- Competitive disadvantage
- Less money for
 - Recruitment & retention
 - Scholarships
 - High-impact practices
 - New program development
- Fewer resources for
 - Students with disabilities*
 - First-generation students
 - Vets and mature-aged students
 - Underrepresented minorities



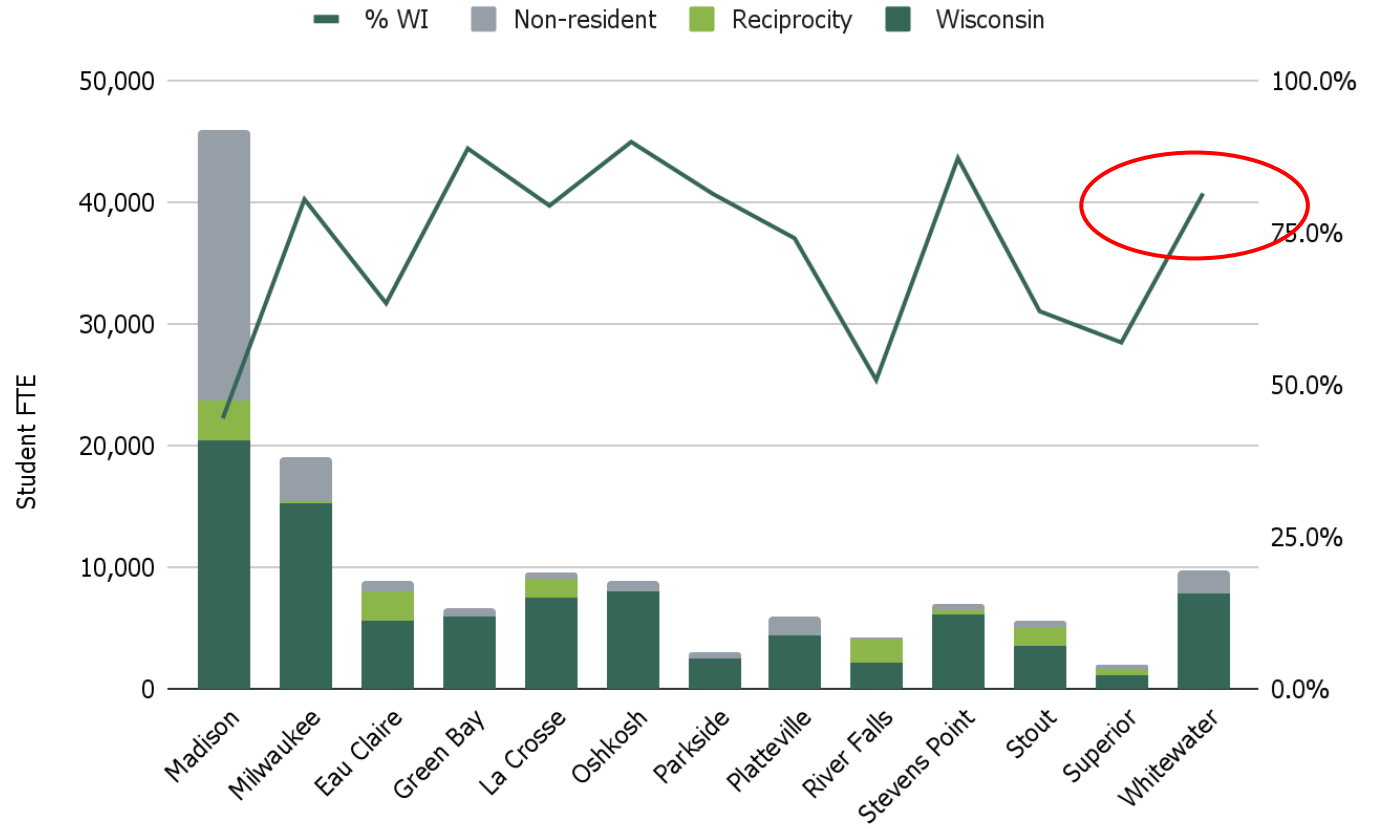
**Part of UW-Whitewater's unique mission*



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PERCENT OF WISCONSIN STUDENTS, FY23

Rank	Campus	% WI
1	Oshkosh	90%
2	Green Bay	89%
3	Stevens Point	87%
4	Whitewater	81%
5	Parkside	81%
6	Milwaukee	80%
7	La Crosse	79%
8	Platteville	74%
9	Eau Claire	63%
10	Stout	62%
11	Superior	57%
12	River Falls	51%
13	Madison	44%

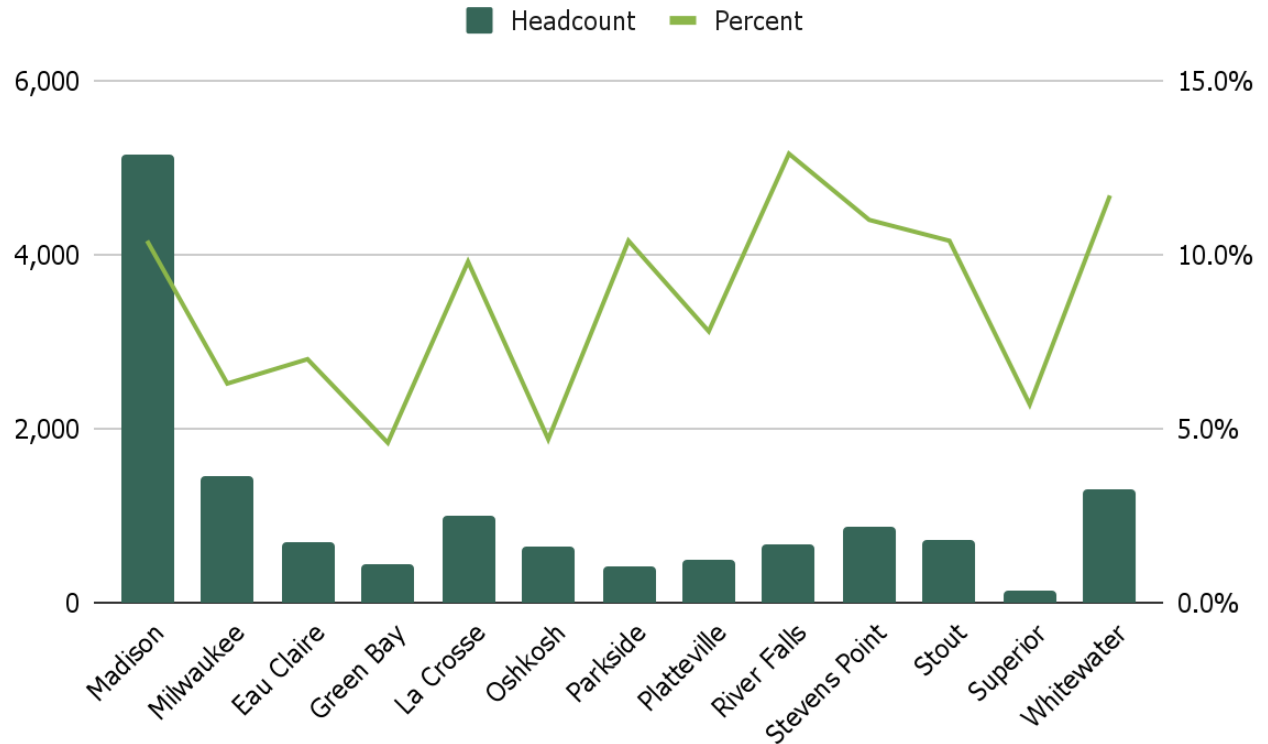




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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, FY23

Rank	Campus	Headcount	Percent
1	River Falls	671	12.9%
2	Whitewater	1,295	11.7%
3	Stevens Point	881	11.0%
4	Stout	723	10.4%
5	Madison	5,160	10.4%
6	Parkside	412	10.4%
7	La Crosse	1,002	9.8%
8	Platteville	506	7.8%
9	Eau Claire	700	7.0%
10	Milwaukee	1,447	6.3%
11	Superior	154	5.7%
12	Oshkosh	639	4.7%
13	Green Bay	441	4.6%

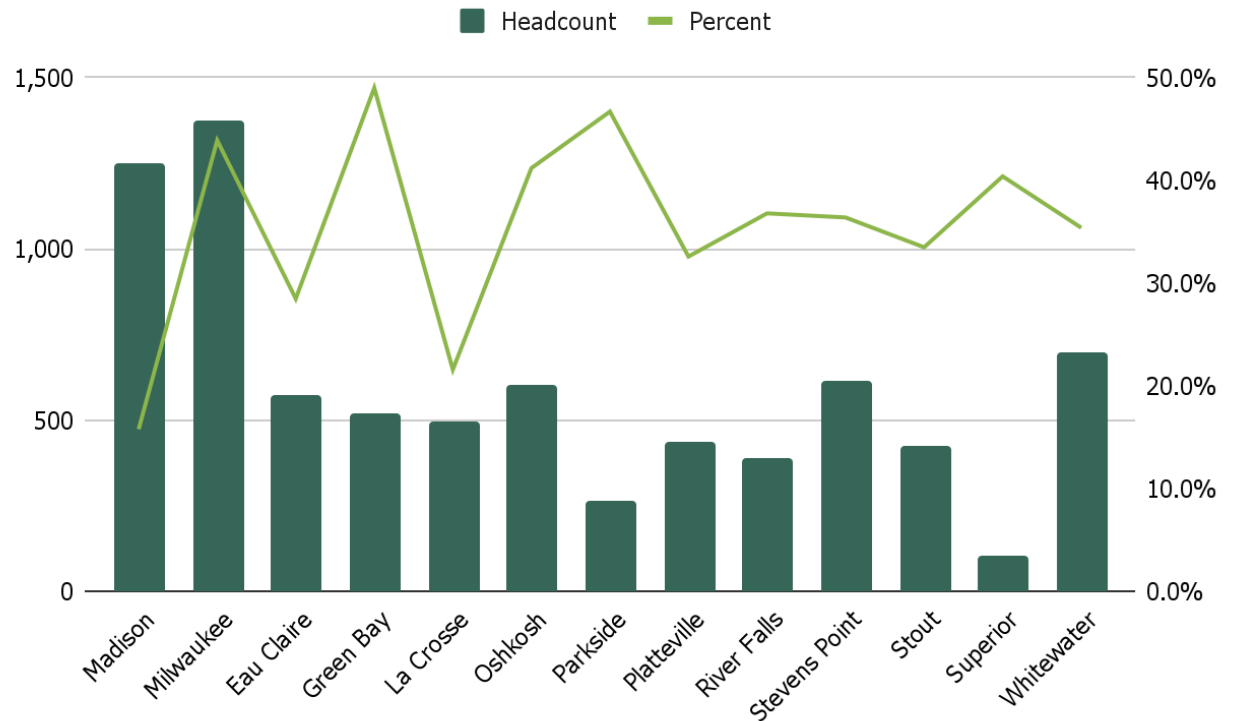




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FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

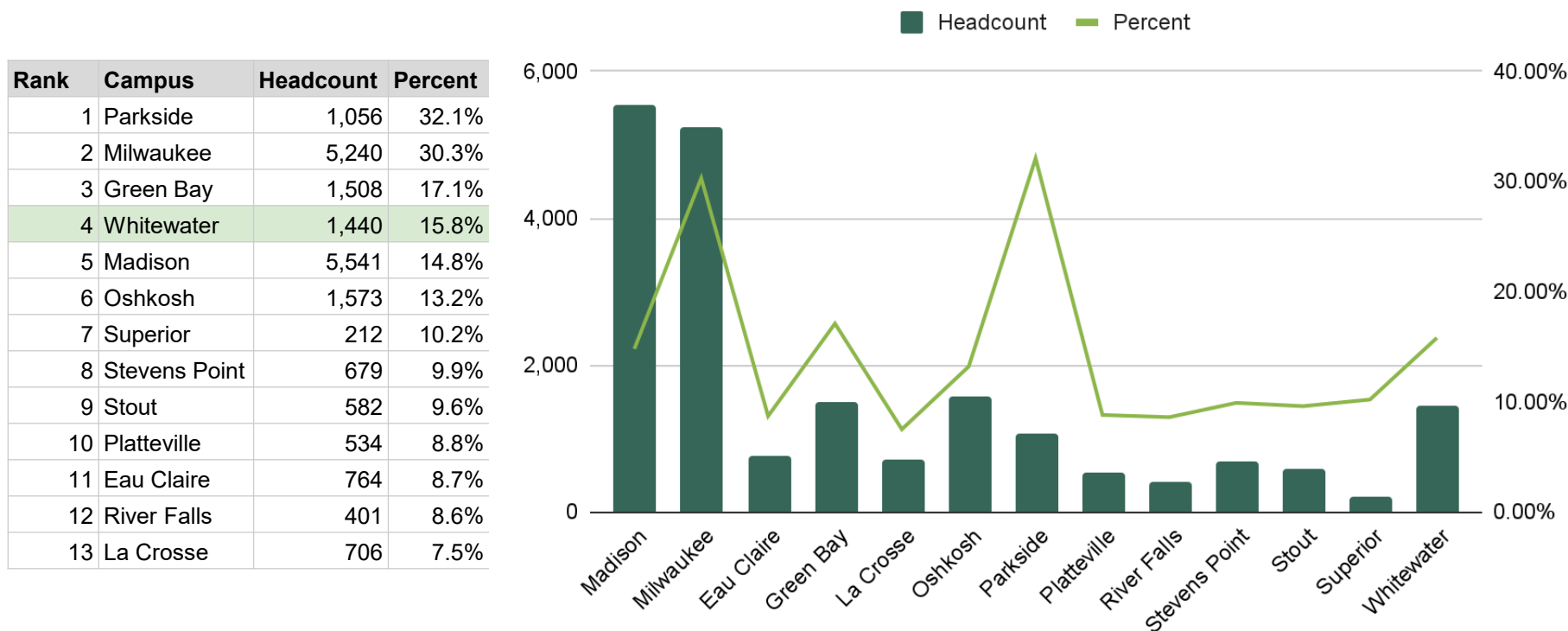
Rank	Campus	Headcount	Percent
1	Green Bay	520	49.0%
2	Parkside	264	46.7%
3	Milwaukee	1,373	43.9%
4	Oshkosh	602	41.2%
5	Superior	105	40.4%
6	River Falls	391	36.8%
7	Stevens Point	618	36.4%
8	Whitewater	699	35.4%
9	Stout	424	33.5%
10	Platteville	440	32.6%
11	Eau Claire	576	28.5%
12	La Crosse	498	21.6%
13	Madison	1,253	15.8%





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UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENTS

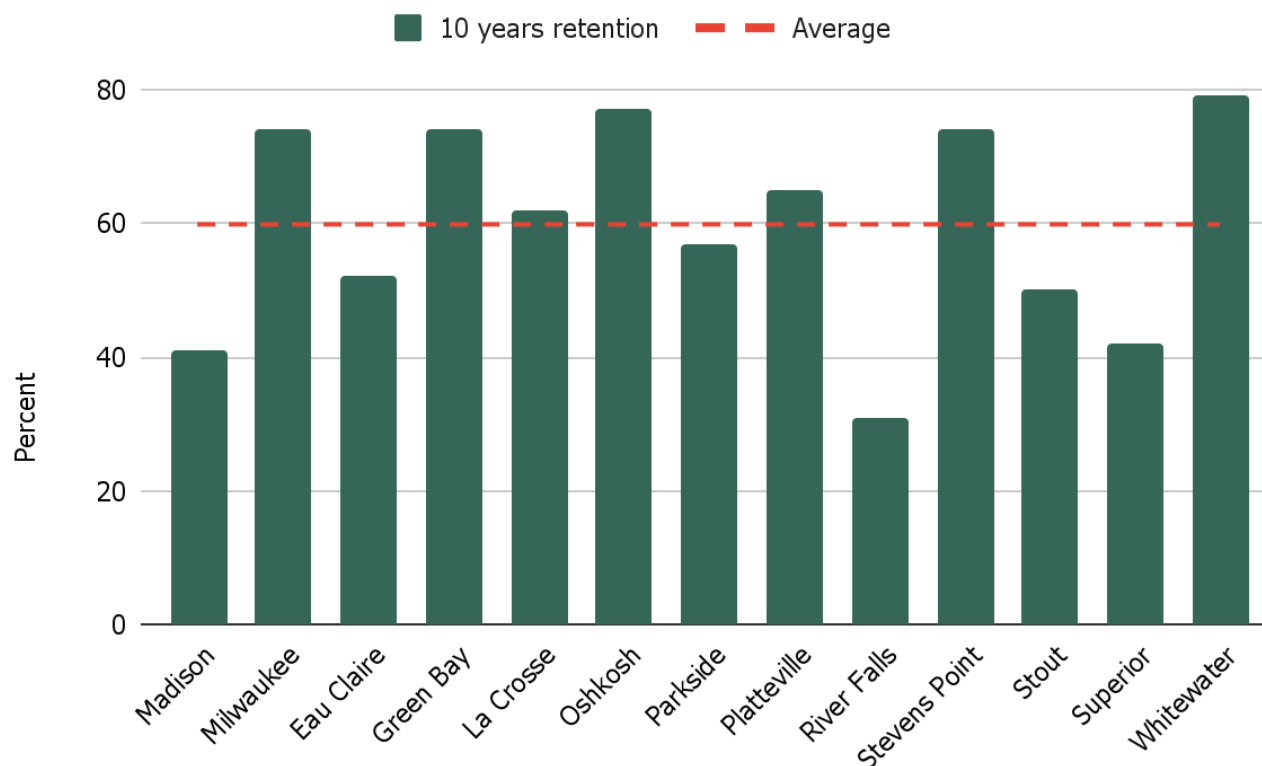




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RETURN ON INVESTMENT? GRADS THAT REMAIN IN WI

Rank	Campus	% still in WI after 10 years
1	Whitewater	79
2	Oshkosh	77
3	Stevens Point	74
4	Milwaukee	74
5	Green Bay	74
6	Platteville	65
7	La Crosse	62
8	Parkside	57
9	Eau Claire	52
10	Stout	50
11	Superior	42
12	Madison	41
13	River Falls	31





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OTHER FACTORS

- Pell Grant Recipients
- Student debt load
- Performance-based metrics, e.g. retention rates
- Types of programs
 - Engineering
 - Nursing
 - Business
- *Need rational approach to allocating funding*



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CLOSING THOUGHTS

- Attempts by UW-Whitewater to fix for 10+ years
 - *No change by Board of Regents or UW System*
- What is the rationale for the current funding arrangement?
- How is this budget allocation fair to taxpayers from different regions of Wisconsin?
- What can be done to help the Board of Regents meet its fiduciary responsibility?

Thanks for your time

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