



Portage, Wisconsin is the county seat and largest city

in Columbia County. At the split of the Wisconsin and Fox River, the city is surrounded by prairies and grasslands.

With over 60% of the population not involved in a church and little reformed influence, the opportunity to see lives changed by the gospel in Portage is immense.

A church planter in Portage would have the prayer and financial support of "On Wisconsin," the local church planting network.

The majority of churches in the Wisconsin Presbytery are invested in this network and its goal of planting 16 more churches in Wisconsin in 10 years.

Since 2012, 5 churches have taken root, 5 new works have started and 2 RUF chapters have begun.

By the grace of God, a church in Portage will soon be added to those numbers.



<http://onwisconsinpca.com/>

By the Numbers

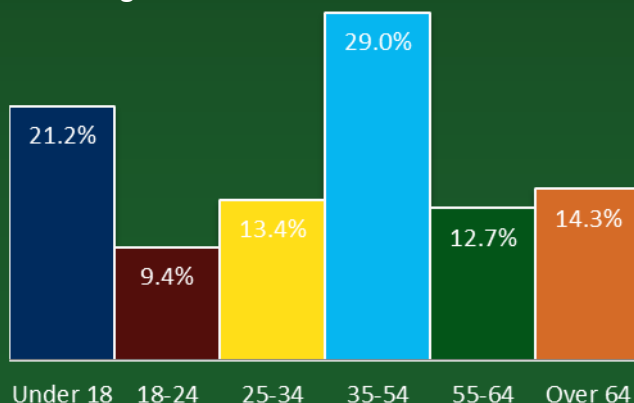
2018 - 2019 Estimates, census.gov/MissionInsite.com

Population:	10,586
Median family income:	\$63,949
Median home value:	\$122,400
Median rent:	\$706
Families below poverty line:	10.9%
Crime Index:	158.5

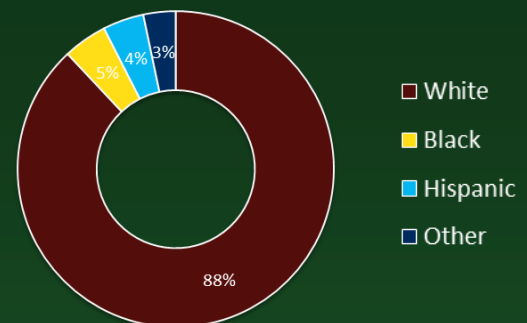
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)

Population by Age

Median age: 38



Racial Demographics



Education (population over age 25)

91.0% High School Graduate or higher
10.3% Bachelor's Degree
4.1% Graduate or Professional Degree

Marital Status

Married	40.5%
Not Married	59.9%

Households with Children

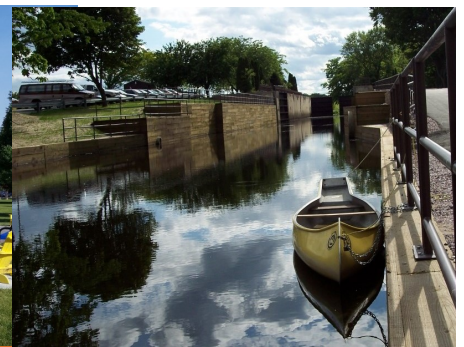
Married Couple	55.1%
Single Parent	44.9%



Portage Center for the Arts



Portage Canal



Portage Canal

Candidate Strengths

- Has a heart for reaching Wisconsin with the gospel just as the gospel reaches his own heart.
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Effective communicator - able to communicate the gospel to a secular community
- Skilled at gathering, training, and empowering people to reach others for Christ.

Support Network

- Presbytery committed and mobilized for church planting
- "On Wisconsin" network providing structure and vision to support church planters, apprentices, and students who feel called to Wisconsin

To Learn More

Contact Chris Vogel

On Wisconsin Network Director

chrisvogel@ngpastors.com

262.501.1161

Vision

The kingdom of God expanding in Portage

A committed, winsomely reformed church

A church plant that loves and serves the community

A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Portage that joins hands with a network committed to planting more churches.

Local Highlights

Only 45 minutes from Madison, Wisconsin.

Ten Universities within 50 miles of the city.

A total of 21 park and open spaces with 15 of those containing play and/or park structure developments.

Historical landmarks of the city include the Museum at the Portage, the Indian Agency house, and the Surgeons Quarters.

In addition to the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, the city has access to Swan Lake and Silver Lake.



Portage School District Report Card



Most Common Occupations

Professional Specialty Construction
Office Administration Managerial Executive
Production Transportation