

Cooperative Extension

An overview of the organization

The Wisconsin Idea:

The boundaries of the University are the boundaries of the State.

From the Wisconsin Statutes

59.56(3) University Extension Work (a)

Creation. A board may establish and maintain an educational program in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin, referred to in this subsection as "University Extension Program."

Cooperative Extension Mission

Cooperative Extension helps the people of Wisconsin apply University research, knowledge and resources to meet their educational needs wherever they live and work.

UW System Structure



University of Wisconsin Board of Regents

University of Wisconsin System

**2 Doctoral
Universities
(UW-Madison &
UW-Milwaukee)**

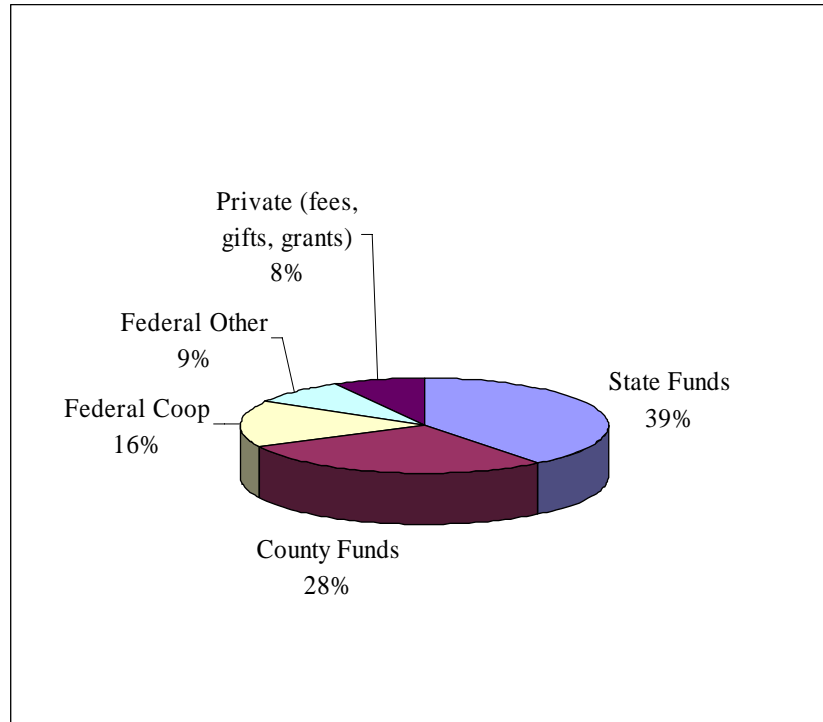
**11
Comprehensive
Universities**

**13 Freshman/
Sophomore
Colleges**

UW-Extension

Extension: Partnership in Education

- County Partner
- State/University Partner
- Federal Partner



Source of Funds	Percent of Total
State Funds	39%
County Funds	28%
Federal Coop	16%
Federal Other	9%
Private (fees, gifts, grants)	8%
TOTAL	100.00%

University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin Counties Fund Local Extension Education

A funding partnership of UW-Extension and County government supports the Extension education programs in Wisconsin's 72 counties.

County

Employee salary 40%

Fringe benefits 40%

Office facilities

Office support staff

UW-Extension

Employee salary 60%

Fringe benefits 60%

WisLine satellite networks and other technology services

Campus based specialists and access to UW system resources



University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin Counties Fund Local Extension Education (cont.)

County

Expense account (mileage, meals, lodging, reservations, inc.)

Capital equipment

Professional development support

Postage

UW-Extension

Expenses for selected training and administrative meetings

Computer and technology training and support

Professional development programs and some professional development support

Postage allocation

Employee assistance

Hiring and recruitment services and financial support, orientation program

Grants and contract coordination

Publications, videos, software

Program Area Focus

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development
- Family Living Programs
- 4-H and Youth Development

County/Local Extension Educators

- Teach
- Conduct applied research
- Interpret Knowledge/understand local conditions
- Link to the University campus specialists
- Resource

County Partners

- Extension Education Committees
- County Government
- Community Partner Advisory Groups
- Civic, Volunteer, Business and Educational Groups
- Others

Responsibilities of County Extension Department Heads

- Provide leadership for comprehensive local program
- Maintain stakeholder relationships
- Represent the office
- Maintain communication
- Provide administrative leadership