

Milwaukee Homeless Timeline

1980s	Major industries move out of Milwaukee—loss of thousands of family-supporting jobs
1980s	De-institutionalizing the mentally ill
Late 1980s	Homelessness emerges as a serious social and economic problem in Milwaukee
Early 1990s	Crack cocaine spreads throughout Milwaukee
1993	General Assistance is dropped, increasing homelessness
1997	Wisconsin Works (W-2) replaces Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), increasing homelessness
Post 1997	Homelessness in Milwaukee doubles