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**COVID-19 DEATHS**

Wisconsin ranks 41st among states

22 people per 100,000 at end of September

At the end of July, the death rate was 15 people per 100,000, but the state’s ranking dropped eight places.

Sources: Wisconsin Department of Health Services; 24/7WallStreet

**ADULTS AGES 50 TO 80 WHO USED TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

- May 2019: 4.0%
- June 2020: 30.0%

Source: University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging

Of Wisconsin restaurant operators... 1 in 3 say it’s unlikely they’ll still be in business early next year if business doesn’t improve from current levels.

Source: National Restaurant Association national survey Aug. 26-Sept. 1

“**It’s an emotional roller coaster.**
I’ve cried with the respiratory unit, I’ve cried with managers. I cry at home. I’ve seen nurses crying openly in the hallway.”

– Melissa Resch, a nurse at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, discusses the coronavirus burden

Source: Badger Institute’s “State budget realities make new prison construction unlikely” report


- Wisconsin: +30%
- U.S. overall: +16%

Source: Badger Institute paper by Dr. Angela Rachidi on W-2.

**11.7%**

The second biggest average decrease in the monthly rent for a one bedroom apartment over the past year in the nation’s 100 largest cities was in Madison.

Source: MagnifyMoney study

**Source: Badger Institute’s “State budget realities make new prison construction unlikely” report**