

2025 Data Survey

City Attorney



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2025 Data Survey for City Attorney

- 42 Municipalities were sent a request for data on:
 - Attorney:
 - Elected, Appointed, or Contracted
 - If Elected, term length
 - Annual Salary
 - Hours Per Week

Summary

- Of the 42 municipalities surveyed:
 - 31 responses were received / 11 did not respond
 - 22 respondents were from Cities
 - Population ranges were from 7,515 – 34,660
 - 9 respondents were from Villages
 - Population ranges were from 14,456 – 25,284
- Population statistics were taken from www.Wisconsin-demographics.com



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Attorney Summary

Of the 31 respondents:

- 1 has an elected Attorney (Stevens Point)
 - 4-year term
- 14 have a contracted Attorney (outside firm or independent attorney)
- 12 have an appointed Attorney
 - 9 are full-time
 - Average base salary \$127,072
 - 3 are part-time
 - Average base salary \$60,000
- 4 stated no Attorney
 - Stoughton
 - Caledonia
 - Pleasant Prairie
 - Weston

Attorney by Election

There are only 7 municipalities in the State of Wisconsin with an elected Attorney position:

- Milwaukee
- Appleton
- Waukesha
- Stevens Point
- Wisconsin Rapids*
- Kaukauna
- Lake Geneva

**Surveyed but no response received*

Attorney – Appointed / Contracted

Appointed:

- Manitowoc
- West Bend
- Neenah
- De Pere
- Muskego
- Onalaska
- Marshfield
- Menasha
- Whitewater
- Hartford
- Chippewa Falls
- Ashwaubenon

Contracted

- Oconomowoc
- South Milwaukee
- Menomonie
- Pewaukee
- Bever Dam
- Hudson
- Cedarburg
- Plymouth
- New London
- Howard
- Germantown
- Bellevue
- Waunakee
- Greendale