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Official Offices in Wisconsin: USCIS, the Court, ICE and Passports 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

The map in three sentences. First, **there is no USCIS office in the capital**: the state's field office and its application support center are both in Milwaukee, about 130 kilometers away and an hour and a half by car. Second, **there is no immigration court in the state**; cases are heard at the **Chicago Immigration Court**, about 240 kilometers away. Third, and this is the good news: **you do not have to leave the state for a check-in appointment**, because ICE has its own sub-office here and its area of responsibility is written as Wisconsin. Let us name the most expensive mistake up front: **the court does not docket faxes and electronic filings it did not solicit, and discards them without notifying the sender.**

WHY SOME FEDERAL ADDRESSES DO NOT APPEAR IN THIS GUIDE

- **USCIS pages were closed to automated access during this round** and the office locator endpoints were closed too. On top of that, the agency itself states that it **recently relocated** the application support center in Milwaukee, and the old location is circulating today as the address of a different federal body.
- **ICE and customs pages were closed as well.** We do not publish an address taken from an old archive record, because going to the wrong building means a three-hour round trip between the capital and Milwaukee.
- **The only correct sentence is this: the address you go to is the address printed on your appointment notice.** If you want to look it up yourself, egov.uscis.gov/office-locator; for check-in locations, ice.gov/contact/check-in.
- **"We do not publish the address" and "there is no office" are not the same thing.** There is an office in Milwaukee; its address is on your notice. There is likewise an SSA field office in the state, but we could not verify its address from an official source and we do not print it; the locator is ssa.gov/locator, general line 1-800-772-1213.

The USCIS side: two offices, two separate jobs

- **The application support center** handles fingerprint and photo appointments; green card and naturalization **interviews happen at the field office**. In this state both are in Milwaukee.
- **No walk-ins.** Field offices do not take walk-in visitors; appointments are set through the **Contact Center, 1-800-375-5283**, and they are **free**. Third-party sites that charge for an appointment are a scam.

- **You do not choose your biometrics location:** which center you go to is printed on the **I-797C** notice, and you have to go on or before the date on that notice. To reschedule, request it from your online account or the Contact Center.
- **What the center does not do:** support centers do not give information about your case and provide no service other than collecting biometrics. Ask case questions of the Contact Center, not the center.
- **Winter closures are a real risk.** Offices can close in a snowstorm and the agency publishes closings on its own notice page. In January and February, leave early and factor in the drive between the two cities.
- **Asylum interviews:** we **could not verify** that there is a separate asylum office in the state. Form I-589 is not handed in at an asylum office; it is sent through the filing route the agency designates.
- **Processing times** are updated monthly: egov.uscis.gov/processing-times. Select the form, the category and the office holding your case.

The immigration court: out of state

ITEM	INFORMATION
Court	Chicago Immigration Court, 55 E. Monroe St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60603. The building is also reachable from the E. Adams St. entrance
Phone and email	312-220-0965 · Chicago.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov
Hours	Public hours and window filing 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; closed on federal holidays
Case status	The automated case information system online or at 800-898-7180
Asylum work authorization clock	There is a separate email address for this topic only: Asylum.Clock.Chicago@usdoj.gov
Number of judges	Twenty immigration judges assigned
Distance	About 240 kilometers from the capital, two and a half to three hours by car

TWO THINGS SAVE THE DAY AND THE CASE

- **Faxes and emails are discarded.** This is the court's own statement: unless staff or the judge specifically requested it, faxes and electronic filings are not accepted, and unauthorized submissions **are not docketed and are discarded without notice to the sender.** Faxing a time-sensitive document produces the same result as not sending it at all. File in person during window hours, or ask your attorney which channel to use.
- **Read the hearing location off your own notice, and the reason is a concrete conflict:** the Justice Department's operational status page lists **two separate locations** for Chicago and shows both as open; one is the Monroe Street address above, the other is a Clark Street site. Whether the second is active as of 2026 we **could not resolve.** So do not look at that page and drive to a building: **the address on your hearing notice controls,** and if you are unsure, call the court before the hearing.
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, apart from the limited statutory exceptions, no advance notice is needed to observe; you can see a courtroom before your first hearing. Every visit involves a metal detector and a bag search, and cameras and recording are prohibited in the courtroom.
- There is paid parking in the building and a transit stop next door. Do not underestimate the drive in winter: **consider leaving the day before the hearing.**

The ICE side: sub-office in state, decisions in Chicago

- **Check-in appointments are in state:** the area of responsibility of ICE's Milwaukee sub-office is written as Wisconsin, and check-in appointments are given **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This differs from some states in the series: **you do not leave the state for a check-in, you do for a hearing.**
- **There is a phone conflict and we print it:** two separate ICE pages give two different numbers for Milwaukee. The check-in page updated in 2026 gives **(414) 792-7198**; a bond page dated around 2020 gives a different number and **we do not publish that one.** If you are posting a bond, call the current number first and ask **at which location and during which hours** bonds are accepted that day.
- **The deciding field office is in Chicago** and its area of responsibility covers six states; the DHS attorney side runs from there as well. Seeing the two city names side by side in your correspondence is normal.
- **Detention information:** if a relative is detained, ask through ICE's information channels rather than assuming which facility they are in, and talk to an attorney immediately. A list of which facilities are used for immigration detention in this state **could not be verified** and we do not guess.
- **287(g) agreements vary by county** and we **could not verify** which counties have one; this guide prints no county name. Check your own county against the participant list ICE publishes.
- **State law does not regulate this subject.** As of October 8, 2026 we **found no state statute in force** that either requires or restricts cooperation between state and local agencies and immigration authorities: the mandating bill passed the Assembly, the Senate rejected a substitute amendment, **the Governor vetoed it on April 3, 2026 and the veto stood**; the restricting bill **failed on March 23, 2026.** So there is neither a requirement nor a protection, and **the choice is left to the sheriffs of 72 counties.** Ask your own county's sheriff office about its policy and ask for the answer in writing. The only thing a veto does is **prevent a new obligation from arising**; it does not change existing practice, it does not bind federal authorities, and it gives you no right. **And do not use this to decide where to live.**

The Border Patrol map: this is not an interior state

This item does not come up for most interior states in the series; it does here. Wisconsin sits inside the Border Patrol's **Grand Forks Sector**; the sector is responsible for eight states and consists of **seven stations** along **861 miles of land and water border** with Canada. The Lake Superior and Lake Michigan shorelines are counted as part of that water border. **What we are writing is a map of jurisdiction, not a claim about enforcement**: what this arrangement means in daily life, and whether there is any interior checkpoint practice, we **could not verify**, and we make no claim. The customs agency has **seven ports** in the state, all under the same field office; **we could not verify their street addresses and do not print them**. There is also a phone conflict: two customs pages give two different numbers for the Green Bay port, so **we print no single number**; confirm it from the agency's own port list, cbp.gov/about/contact/ports/WI. The practical takeaway: if you travel in the northern and eastern lakeshore counties, carry your immigration document with you. You can download your I-94 record at i94.cbp.dhs.gov; whether the offices that correct entry errors exist in this state we **could not verify**, and we print no address or hours.

Passport acceptance facilities: all of them post offices

If you have naturalized, a first U.S. passport is obtained in person on Form **DS-11**. There are **180 acceptance facilities** registered statewide, and **nine** of them in and around the capital. One detail reverses a question that comes up often in this series: **in this county the clerk's office is not an acceptance facility**, they are all post offices. The list below comes from the State Department's own machine-readable facility file, downloaded on October 8, 2026; you book through usps.com/scheduler.

FACILITY	ADDRESS	HOURS
Main post office	3902 Milwaukee Street, Madison, WI 53714 · (608) 246-1250	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to noon
West station	733 Struck Street, Madison, WI 53711 · (608) 274-1793	Weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
South station	820 W. Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715 · (608) 250-6514	Weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Middleton	7613 Elmwood Ave., Middleton, WI 53562 · (608) 831-5501	Weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sun Prairie	1715 Linnerud Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590 · the number in the official data file is truncated, so we do not publish it	Weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to noon
Waunakee	101 N. Klein Dr., Waunakee, WI 53597 · (608) 850-4177	Weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Oregon (same county)	102 Alpine Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575 · (608) 835-1705	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed noon to 1 p.m.
DeForest	619 S. Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532 · (608) 846-5910	Weekdays 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

FACILITY	ADDRESS	HOURS
Stoughton	246 E. Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589 · (608) 877-9020	Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to noon

- **Which transactions are in person:** first-time adult applicants, children under 16, anyone whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and anyone whose passport was issued before age 16 or is more than 15 years old. **Renewal is done by mail**, with no acceptance facility needed.
- **We do not print the fees.** The Department's fee page was closed to us this round and we do not invent figures. We can say this: you make **two separate payments**, the passport fee to the Department and the acceptance fee to the facility you visit. Ask which payment methods are accepted before you go; some windows do not take cards.
- **For urgent travel the nearest passport agency is in Chicago**, 101 Ida B. Wells Drive, 9th floor. We read this **indirectly** from the Department's page; rely on the information in your appointment confirmation. **The mailing address differs from the building** and the Department expressly says not to send documents to the physical address. **There are no walk-ins**; the appointment line is **877-487-2778**. There are two appointment types: **life-or-death emergency** (travel within 14 days because of the death, imminent death or life-threatening illness of an immediate family member abroad) and **urgent** (urgent international travel within 14 calendar days, or a foreign visa needed within 28 calendar days).
- **There is a conflict about weekend hours and we print it:** one Department page says the appointment line is open Saturday and Sunday, while another says it is closed on weekends and federal holidays. The only thing we can state with confidence is the **weekday window**. We also **could not verify** which agency officially serves Wisconsin residents; whichever agency the booking system directs you to is the one that governs.

Voter registration and jury duty: one is clear, one is unknown

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have severe consequences for your immigration case and is also a crime.
- **This state calls for extra care:** on the transportation agency's new resident page, a few lines below the license instructions, sits the sentence "you will need to show ID at the polls, you can use your driver license or ID card," and **voter registration is one of the same agency's tests for being a resident**. With the two pieces of information side by side it is easy to draw the wrong conclusion. To be clear: **the state's driver license or ID card does not confer the right to vote**.
- **Read the form at the counter.** If an application has a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as a **sworn statement that you are a citizen**. How the license application is linked to voter registration here we **could not verify**, and that is exactly why: do not sign a section you do not understand, do not answer yes to the citizenship question if you are not a citizen, and if you are unsure ask the clerk "I am not a citizen, do I need to complete this section" and wait for the answer. Do not fill out registration forms handed to you door to door or at events.
- **On jury duty we say that we do not know:** we **could not verify** which records the state builds its jury master list from, meaning whether driver license records feed that list. In some states the license pool feeds the jury list; whether that is the case here we do not know, so we do not say "you will not be

summoned." We also could not read the text on juror qualifications, so we write neither "you are qualified" nor "you are not."

- **If a summons arrives:** do not throw it away. Call the jury office of the county court named on it as soon as possible, or respond online as the letter instructs, and state that you do not meet the qualifications. The process varies by county, so use **the number on your letter**, not a general number. A summons is not a mistake and does not mean any action has been started against you; it is not something to panic about, and not something to leave unanswered.
- **If you were registered somewhere by mistake**, or voted without being a citizen, talk to an immigration attorney before you answer a citizenship question on any official form. The relevant policy chapter: uscis.gov/policy-manual.



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