

Experience Placemaking: Kenosha, WI

Welcome to Kenosha, Wisconsin!

Kenosha is a unique community located between Milwaukee, WI and Chicago, IL. Located in Kenosha County, it is the 4th largest city in Wisconsin and offers Lake Michigan views, great dining options, lots of local history, and plenty of entertainment.

The city was originally incorporated in 1850. As a harbor town, industry and people were attracted to Kenosha's active shipping port. **Its rich history is present in its current culture.** Visitors can experience this history in many ways including the Civil War, Public, and Dinosaur museums, the Kenosha Historical Center, rides on the electric streetcar, and classic car showrooms and events. Kenosha also has many art galleries, a Harbor market, and many miles of beautiful public lakefront to be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

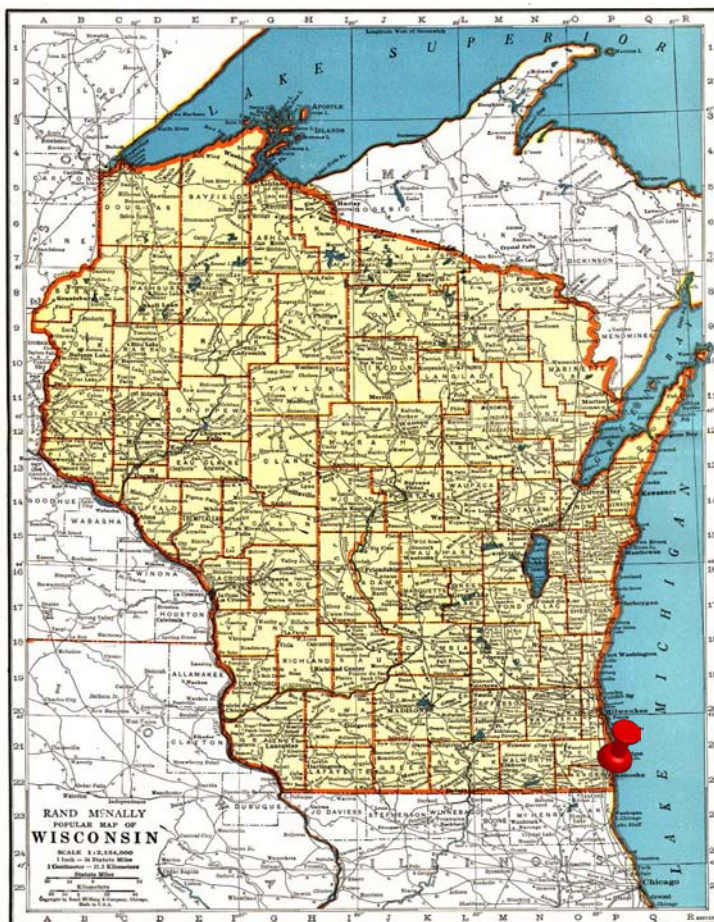


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Kenosha in a Nutshell

Population: 99,889 (2013)

Land area: 26.93 mi²

Walkability score: 45

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Kenosha has a great selection of food and drink. Over a hundred restaurants and bars give visitors a wide variety of dining to choose from. Seen below is Frank's Diner, where customers sit inside a train car and experience that classic diner feel accompanied by their local favorite dish, the Garbage Plate.



Also in great variety, entertainment in Kenosha includes historic theaters, pop-up art galleries, summer fresh food markets, lakefront festivals, outdoor recreation and more.



Built in 2000, electric streetcars returned to Kenosha after having been absent for 68 years. The streetcar drives a route through downtown Kenosha, giving visitors a short tour and a transportation option for spending a day exploring the area.



When Kenosha developed into a small industrial town, local electric streetcars and trolleys were put into service. In the 1930s, Kenosha was the only city in the US with public transportation system made entirely of electric trolleys.



Downtown Kenosha is a growing business district. Here you will find art galleries, music venues, theaters, restaurants, bars, and plenty of boutique shops. Kenosha's downtown is all nestled right along Lake Michigan, so summer activities like boating, swimming, biking, volleyball, charter fishing or walking in the public parks are close by.



You'll find nods to Kenosha's diverse history throughout the city, including murals, architecture, and classic cars. Visitors can learn more about the history of Kenosha by visiting any number of museums, including the History Center, the Public Museum and the Civil War Museum, which takes a look at the Civil War from the perspective of the Midwest.

