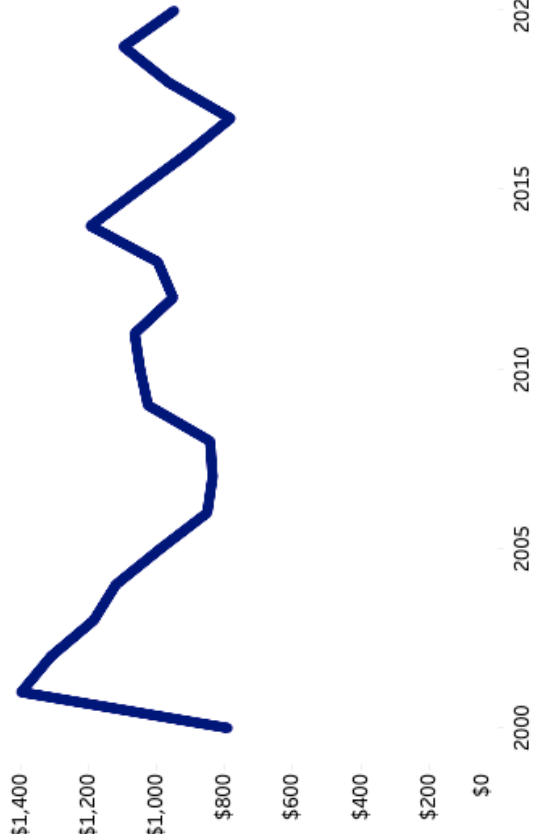


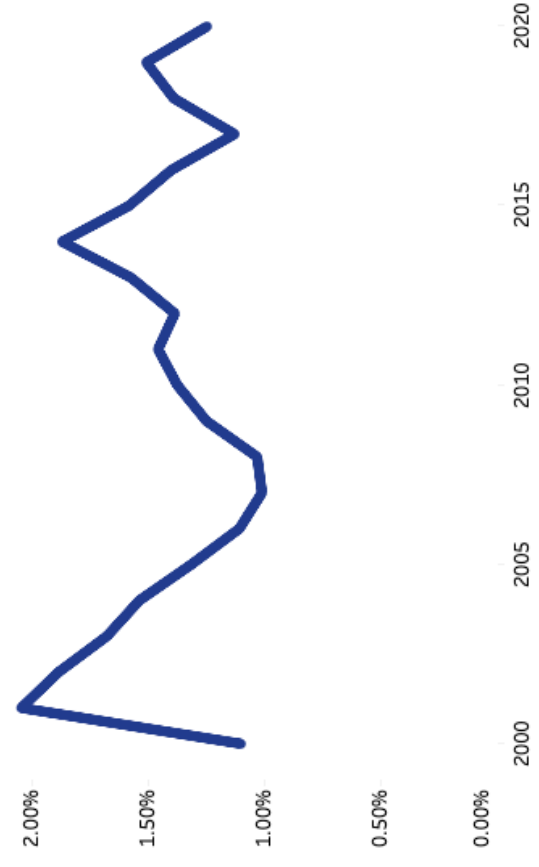
A Look at Local Government Debt Levels

Over the past two decades, general obligation (G.O.) debt levels have been rising for local governments in Wisconsin, particularly for municipalities such as cities and villages. Rising property values, however, have helped to lighten the load of growing debt for many municipalities. Select a municipality or county from the dropdown menu to see the change over time in both its inflation-adjusted debt per capita and its debt as a share of property values.

Per capita G.O. debt in Jefferson (2020\$)



G.O. debt as a share of equalized property values in Jefferson



Sources: Wisconsin Department of Revenue and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; debt amounts are as of Dec. 31 of each year and property values are as of Jan. 1 of that year.