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***Milwaukee Careers Cooperative is a non-profit employment agency that links individuals to jobs.***

*The Cooperative works toward this goal by:*

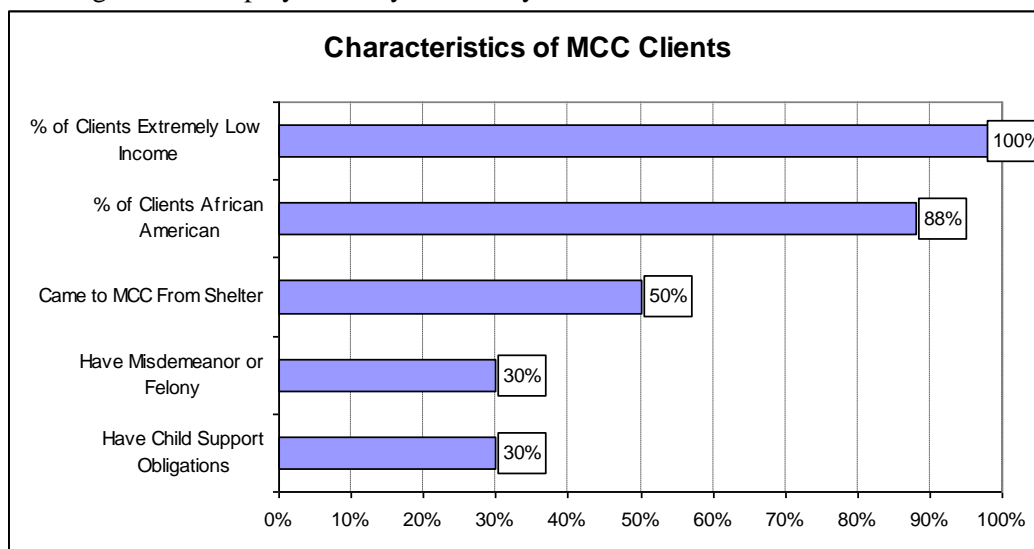
- *Affirming positive employment behaviors and practices*
- *Creating alliances with religious communities, business, governments, labor unions and community groups*
- *Managing growth towards stable, self-sufficient operations that can achieve objectives*
- *Leveraging public policy*

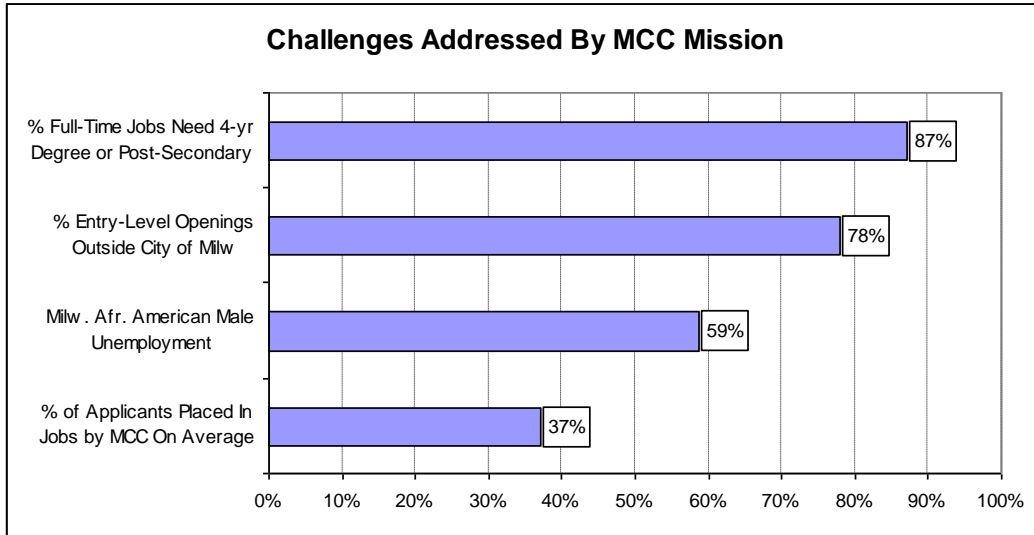
## Organization Information

MCC was founded in 1987 by a collaborative of Milwaukee churches, the Archdiocese and Jesuit Fr. Warren Sazama, over concern about high unemployment among African-American males and other minorities. MCC currently has over 30 member organizations. It remains true to its faith-based roots by respecting each individual while working to identify a path that leads to economic self-sufficiency.

MCC also honors the fact that for many individuals the path will be a long one. Because of the time and additional services needed pre/post placement, conventional, “for profit” staffing agencies cannot afford to serve this group of job seekers. MCC as a not-for-profit 501C(3) corporation absorbs these large additional costs through aggressively pursuing grants and contracts from a wide variety of public and private funding sources. It is the only alternative staffing service in the Milwaukee area. The two graphs below highlight MCC client characteristics and the challenge of carrying out MCC’s mission.

MCC’s primary target area is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) area within the City of Milwaukee. However, the other primary customer served (employers) is located in outlying counties in Southeastern Wisconsin. This connection is possible because MCC as the fiscal and managing agent for the Milwaukee Area JobRide Coalition (MAJC), in partnership with the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, and Esperanza Unida provides transportation to and from the worksites funded by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) offering rides to employment beyond county bus routes.





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