

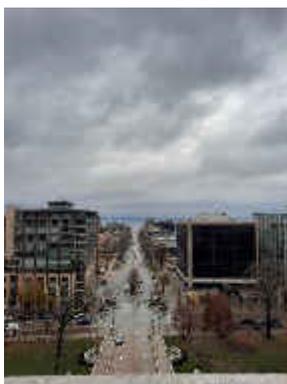
The Wisconsin State Capitol Building – by Linda Drewelies

The Wisconsin State Capitol is located in Madison, the capitol city of the American State Wisconsin. It was built in the early 20th century and was completed after eleven years in 1917, which means they started constructions in 1906. Therefore, the building is over 100 years old. Still, it has five floors and is over 85m high. The architect of the state capitol building was George B. Post.

There have been four capital buildings in Wisconsin before this one was built. The capitol building before was built between 1857 and 1869, but in 1904 a gas jet ignited a part of the building and left severe damages. That was the reason why the government was in need for an immediate new building, so the present building was developed.

Each state typically has its own State Capitol (as its name already says). It is the meeting place for governmental purposes. It houses the Wisconsin legislature, the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the office of the governor. However, that is not true for every state; some only house the governors' offices, which is the exceptional case though.

The capitol has four wings that face the four diagonal streets of the City of Madison. The west wing houses the State Assembly. The governor's conference room and the Supreme Court are found in the east wing. The south wing contains the State Senate. The North Hearing Room and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Hearing Room are in the north wing of the state capitol building. On top of the dome, you might have already discovered a statue. The gilded bronze statue is named "Wisconsin" (just like the state) and is said to symbolize the states motto "forward".



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