

# MILWAUKEE CIVIL RIGHTS CARDS: PART 1



The cards in Part 2 of this activity list events from Milwaukee's civil rights history on one side and corresponding dates on the other. Pick a few and arrange them in the order **YOU think** the events occurred. Then, flip them over to check your work. The cards are color-coded by topic if you wish to learn more about something specific:

**Housing - Red**  
**Education - Orange**  
**Voting Rights - Green**  
**Black Experience - Blue**  
**Law and Activism - Purple**

Consider how the results of the struggle for racial justice are significant but hard-fought: Milwaukee's **fair-housing legislation** passed in 1968, but Milwaukee remains one of the most **racially segregated cities** in America; too few **Black students graduate** from high school, and the disparity between Black and White students is great; **housing, unemployment, and health issues** continue to plague the Black population; **police issues** disproportionately impact Black citizens. Still, while Black history includes oppression and inequity, there are also stories of **joy, resilience, hope, and determination**.

## FURTHER READING & RESOURCES:

- Wisconsin Black Historical Society
- Wisconsin Historical Society
- "Reflections on Wisconsin's Brown Experience" by Phoebe Weaver Williams, *Marquette Law Review*
- *More Than One Struggle: The Evolution of Black School Reform in Milwaukee* by Jack Dougherty
- *Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee* by Patrick D. Jones
- *Educating Milwaukee: How One City's History of Segregation and Struggle Shaped Its Schools* by James K. Nelsen
- *Black Milwaukee: The Making of an Industrial Proletariat 1915-45* by Joe William Trotter, Jr.
- Encyclopedia of Milwaukee: [emke.uwm.edu/](http://emke.uwm.edu/)
- March on Milwaukee: [uwm.edu/marchonmilwaukee/](http://uwm.edu/marchonmilwaukee/)