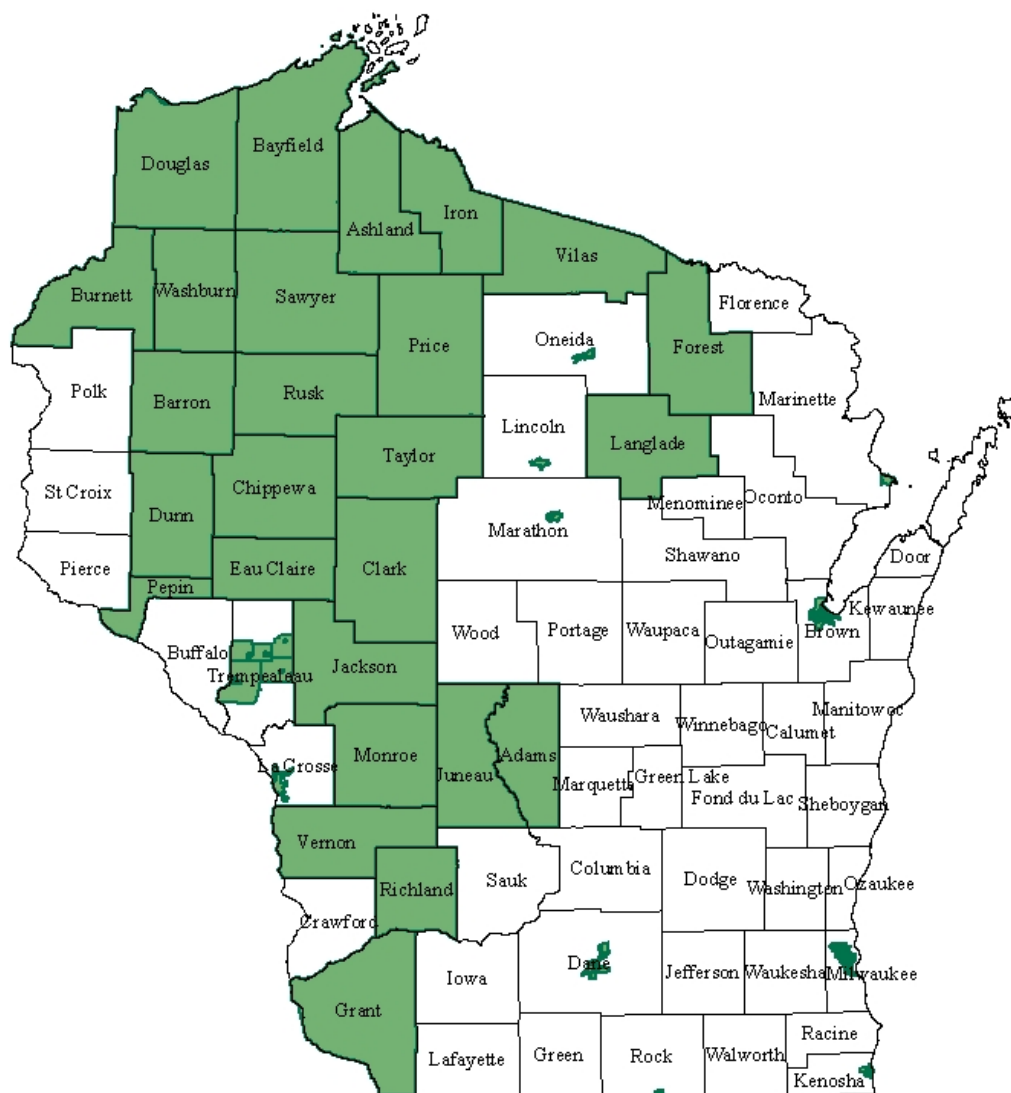


Wisconsin Dental HPSAs

Federally Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas

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Designated Dental HPSAs

(low-income population HPSAs)

Definitions and notes are on following page. See Primary Care Office web site for more information on shortage designations and linked benefits.

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Dental HPSA map

Definition HPSAs – Health Professional Shortage Areas:

- Indicate a significant shortage of dentists providing care to the low-income population (below 200% of the federal poverty level) in a service area (county, towns, and census tracts). Wisconsin does not have the detailed dentist FTE workforce data needed to meet federal criteria to designate geographic dental HPSAs (dentist shortages for the entire population).
- Federal HPSA requirements include: must be a rational service area, must have a significant shortage of provider full-time equivalents (FTEs) for the population size, and surrounding areas must have provider shortages or be excessively distant. Low-income population HPSAs must have at least 30% of the population below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Safety net clinics are eligible for “automatic HPSAs” (federally qualified health centers and tribal health centers).
- The State Health Department - Primary Care Office submits HPSA applications to the HRSA Office of Shortage Designation, and all HPSAs must be reviewed and re-designated every 4 years.

Map Notes:

- This map shows the currently designated low-income population dental HPSAs in the state (data are not available to designate geographic dental HPSAs).
- The areas with HPSAs reflect areas which have requested a HPSA and meet all federal requirements.
- The complete list of all HPSAs in each county, including automatic safety net HPSAs, can be found at: <http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/>
- Numerous federal and state programs use HPSA designations to help determine eligibility for benefits (federal and state student loan repayment). For information on the types of HPSAs and linked benefits, see the Wisconsin Primary Care Office web: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/ShortageDesignation.htm>