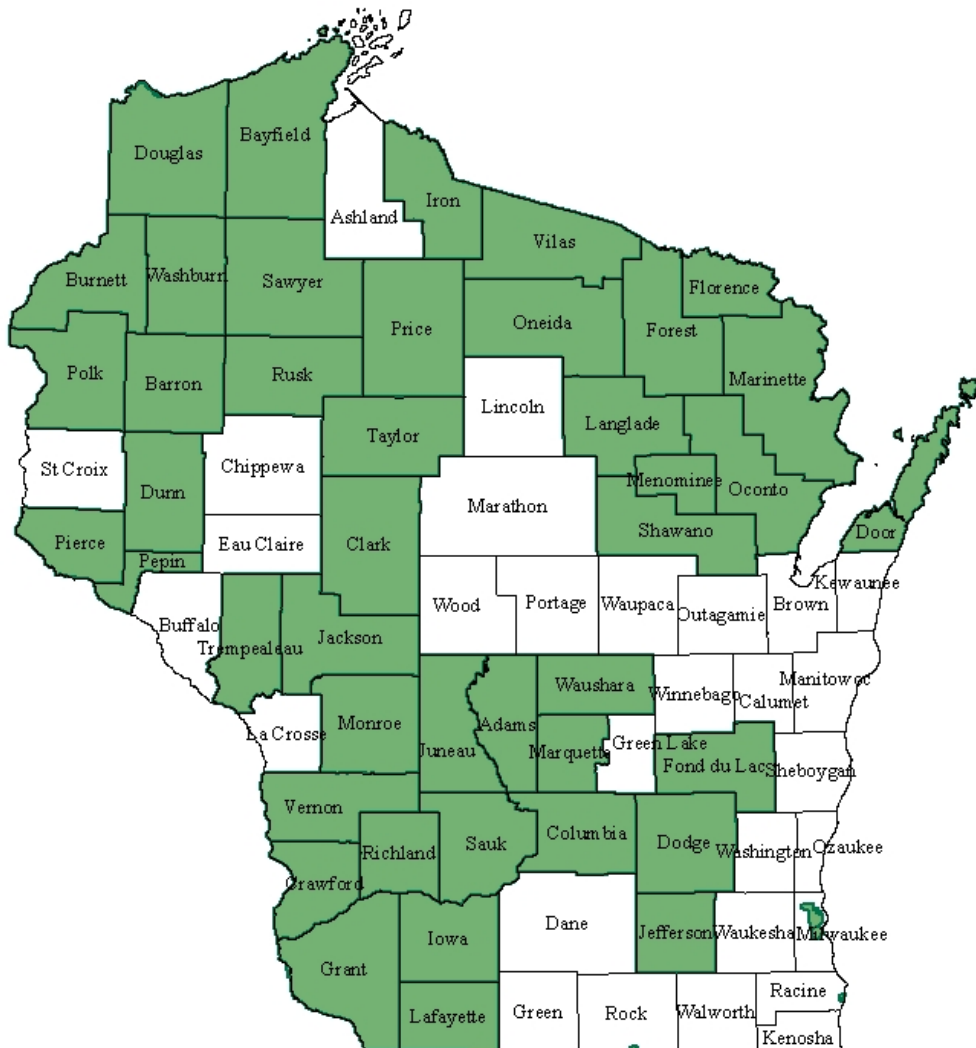


Wisconsin Mental Health Care HPSAs

Federally Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas

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Designated Mental Health HPSAs
(geographic and low-income population HPSA)

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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MH HPSA map

Definition HPSAs – Health Professional Shortage Areas:

- Indicate a significant shortage of psychiatrists in an area.
- Divided into three types: a geographic area (county, cluster of towns or census tracts), a specific population within an area (low-income population), or a facility (state correctional or mental health).
- Federal 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.
- 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 only includes geographic and low-income population 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 Facility and 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 (student loan repayment, J-1 visa waivers, Medicare provider incentive payments). 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>