Clinics and Seal-a-Smile Programs
Supported by the Wisconsin
Oral Health Program

At the Wisconsin Department of Health Service's Oral Health Program, we work tirelessly to promote and improve oral health for the benefit of all Wisconsin citizens. Part of our work supports preventive and treatment programs across the state. In 2022, our program supported 27 school-based sealant programs known as Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS) across 60 of 72 counties. In all, these programs reached 930 schools and 79,000 students during the 2022-2023 school year. We also supported three rural health clinics, and 13 safety net clinics. In fiscal year 2023 alone, rural health and dental access clinics provided care to over 34,700 patients.

113,000+ received care in 2022

**79,000+** students

**34,700+** patients

# **WISCONSIN SEAL-A-SMILE**

not served

# served by SAS served by SAS served by other sealant programs



# **SUPPORTED CLINICS**

13 safety net clinics

3 rural health clinics

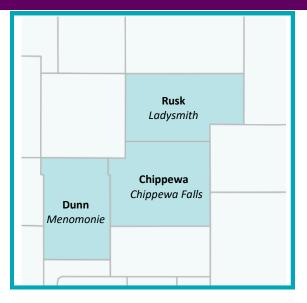
**14** counties



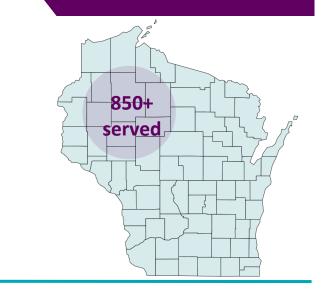
# Rural Health Clinics

Rural communities often face difficulties with dental care access due to provider shortages and longer travel distances. The Wisconsin Oral Health Program funded three rural health clinics in Chippewa, Dunn, and Rusk counties to improve access across Western Wisconsin.

Counties and cities with funded clinics in 2023 fiscal year



Funding supported three clinics, and served **850+** in Western Wisconsin.



# **Safety Net Clinics**

County, Clinic, and Patients Served in 2023 Fiscal Year

Door
Door County Medical
Center Dental Clinic
2,008

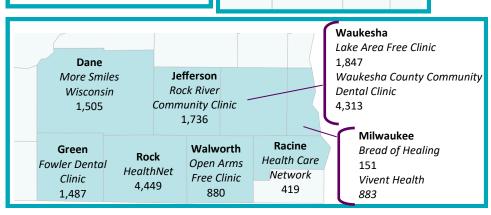
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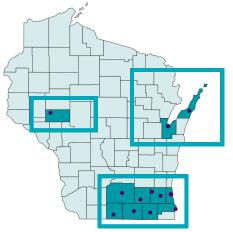
12,061

Certain populations experience considerable difficulty accessing dental care. To tackle this issue the Wisconsin Oral Health Program funded 13 clinics across four of Wisconsin's five public health regions.

In fiscal year 2023, these clinics served over **34,700 people**.

Eau Claire Chippewa Valley Technical College Dental Clinic 2,122

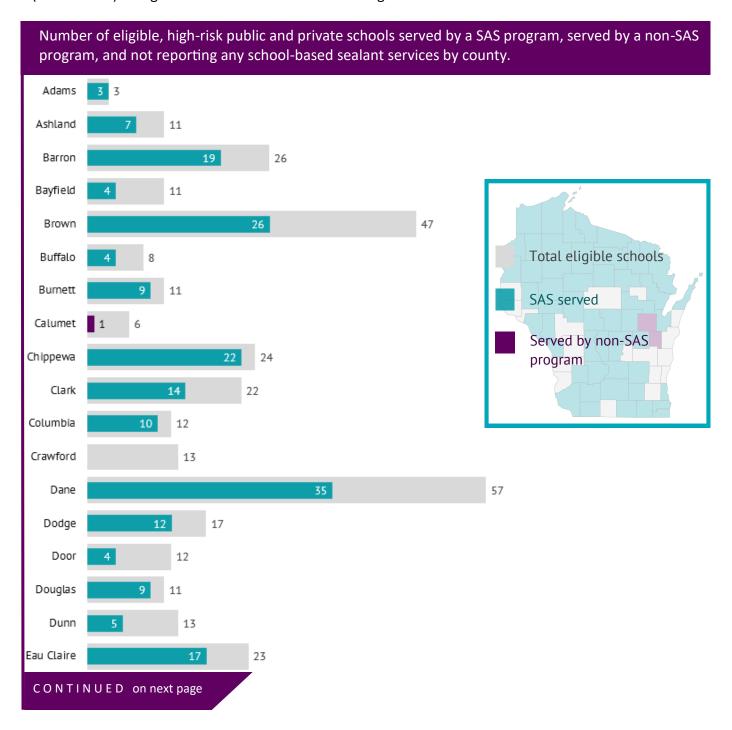




# Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile Programs

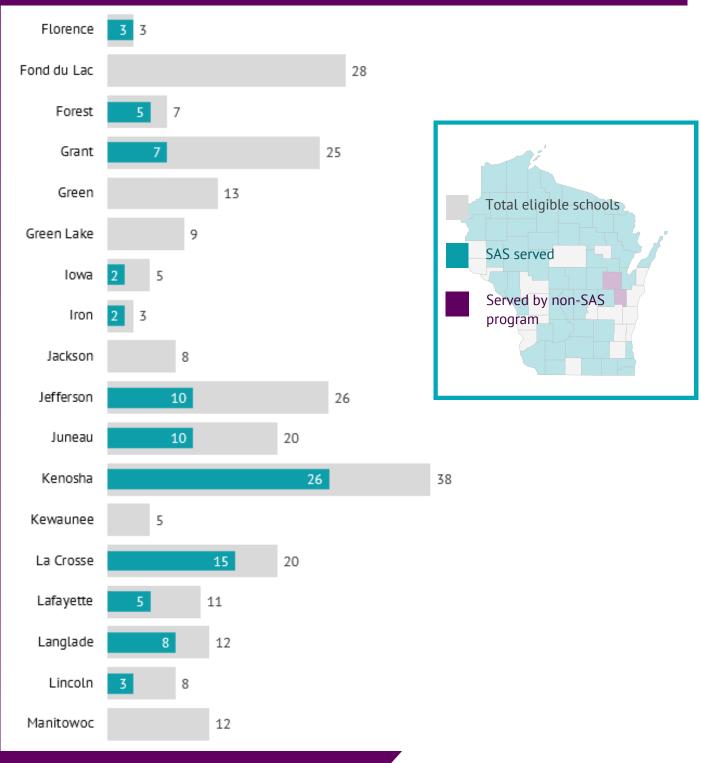
School-based dental sealant programs are highly effective at delivering sealants to children who are less likely to receive private dental care. Current policy stipulates that Wisconsin schools with 35% or more of students eligible for free or reduced price meals are considered high risk, and are therefore eligible to receive SAS services.

There are 27 SAS programs supported by the Wisconsin Oral Health Program. During the 2022-2023 school year, these programs reached 52% of eligible, high-risk Wisconsin schools (753/1,462 schools). An additional 28 eligible schools received sealant services through programs reporting to, but not financially supported by, the Wisconsin Oral Health Program. After including these programs, 53% (781 schools) of high-risk schools are still not receiving services.



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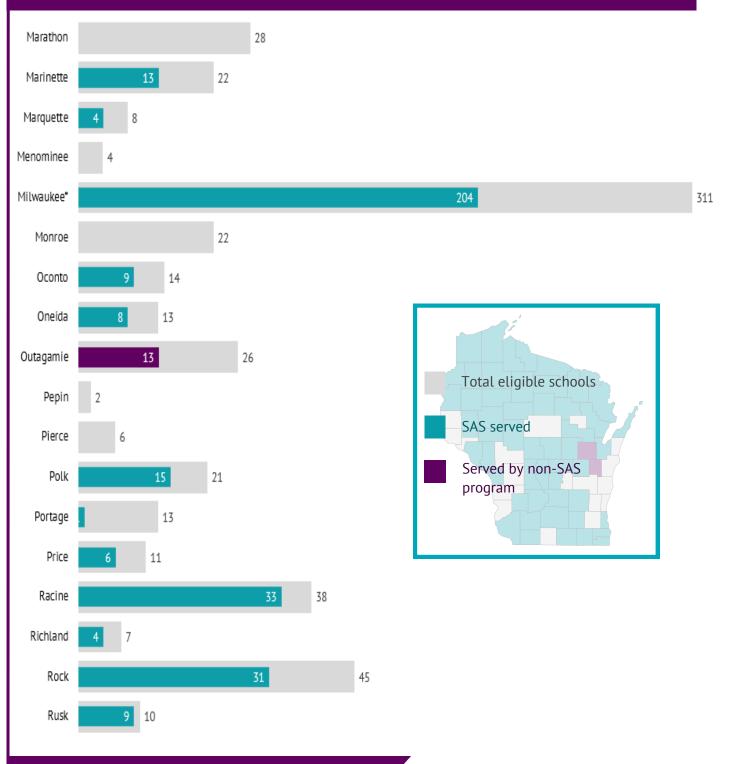
Number of eligible, high-risk public and private schools served by a SAS program, served by a non-SAS program, and not receiving any school-based sealant services by county.



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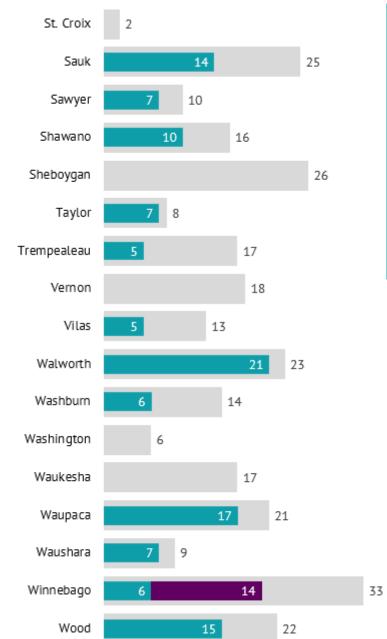
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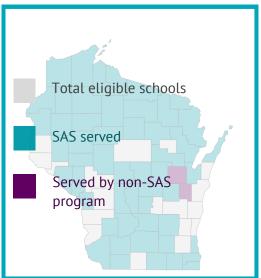


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