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 2018, our program supported 38 school-based sealant programs known as Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS) across 54 of 72 counties. In all, these programs reached 769 schools and 71,040 students during the 2017-2018 school year. We also supported three rural health clinics, and 11 safety net clinics. In fiscal year 2018 alone, rural health and dental access clinics provided care to over 29,000 patients.

100,000+ received care in 2018

71,000+ students

29,000+ patients

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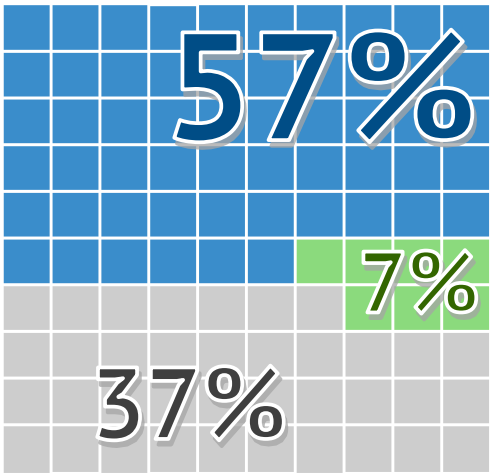


eligible schools served by SAS

served by other sealant programs

not served

54 COUNTIES

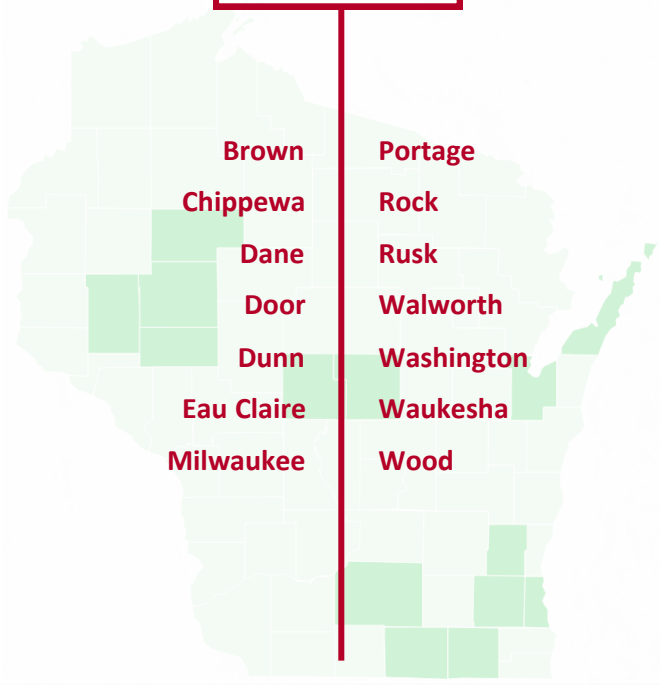
38 PROGRAMS

SUPPORTED CLINICS

11 safety net clinics

3 rural health clinics

14 counties

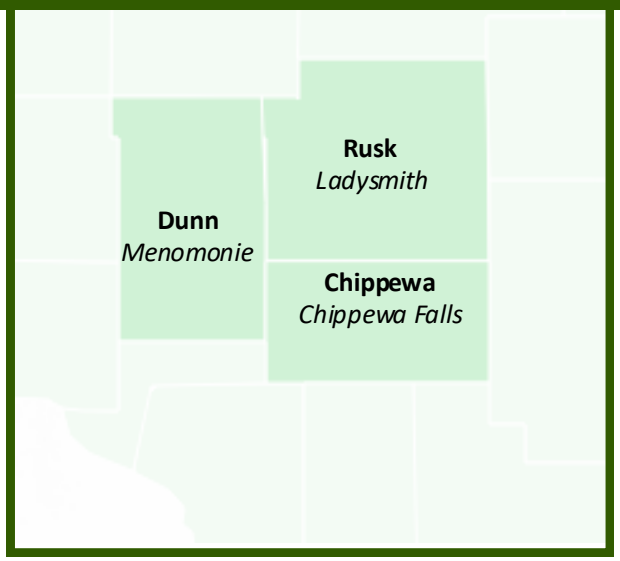


Brown	Portage
Chippewa	Rock
Dane	Rusk
Door	Walworth
Dunn	Washington
Eau Claire	Waukesha
Milwaukee	Wood

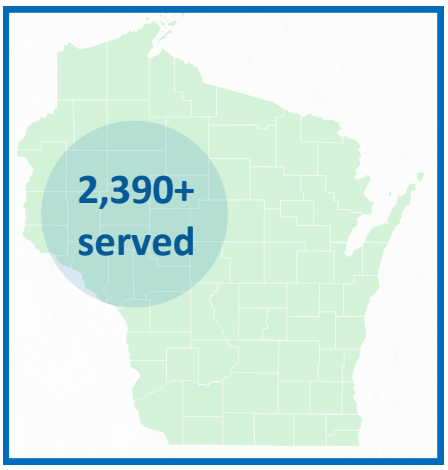
Rural Health Clinics

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 2018 fiscal year



Funding supported three clinics, and served **2,390+** in Western Wisconsin.

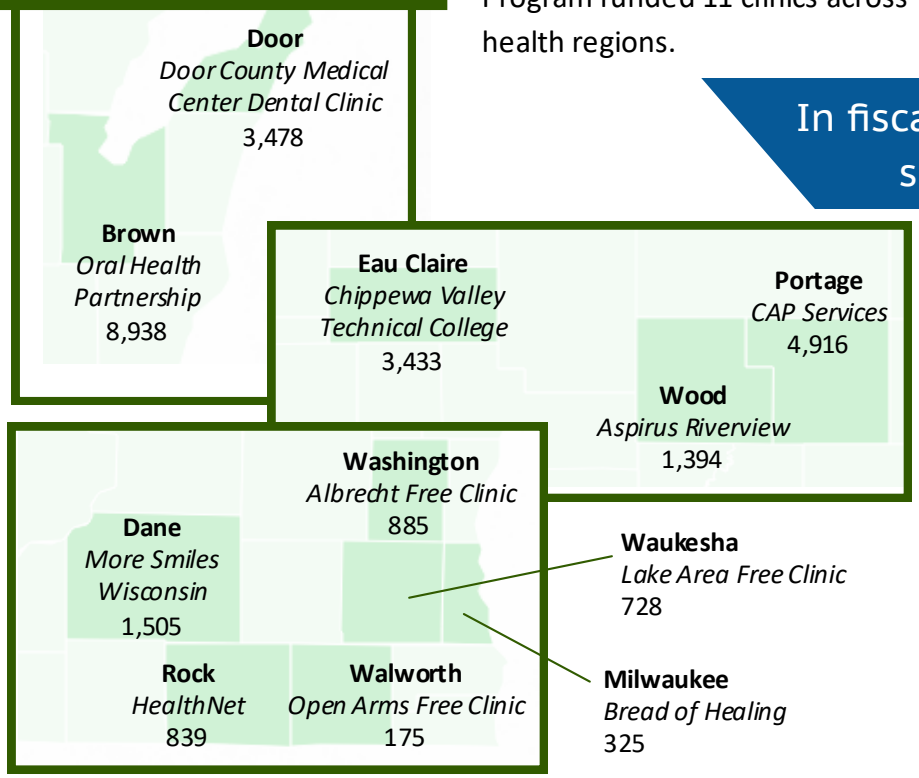


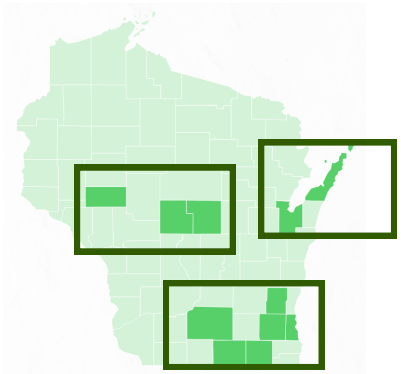
Safety Net Clinics

County, Clinic, and Patients Served in 2018 Fiscal Year

Certain populations experience considerable difficulty accessing dental care. To tackle this issue the Wisconsin Oral Health Program funded 11 clinics across Wisconsin's five public health regions.

In fiscal year 2018, these clinics served over **26,600 people.**



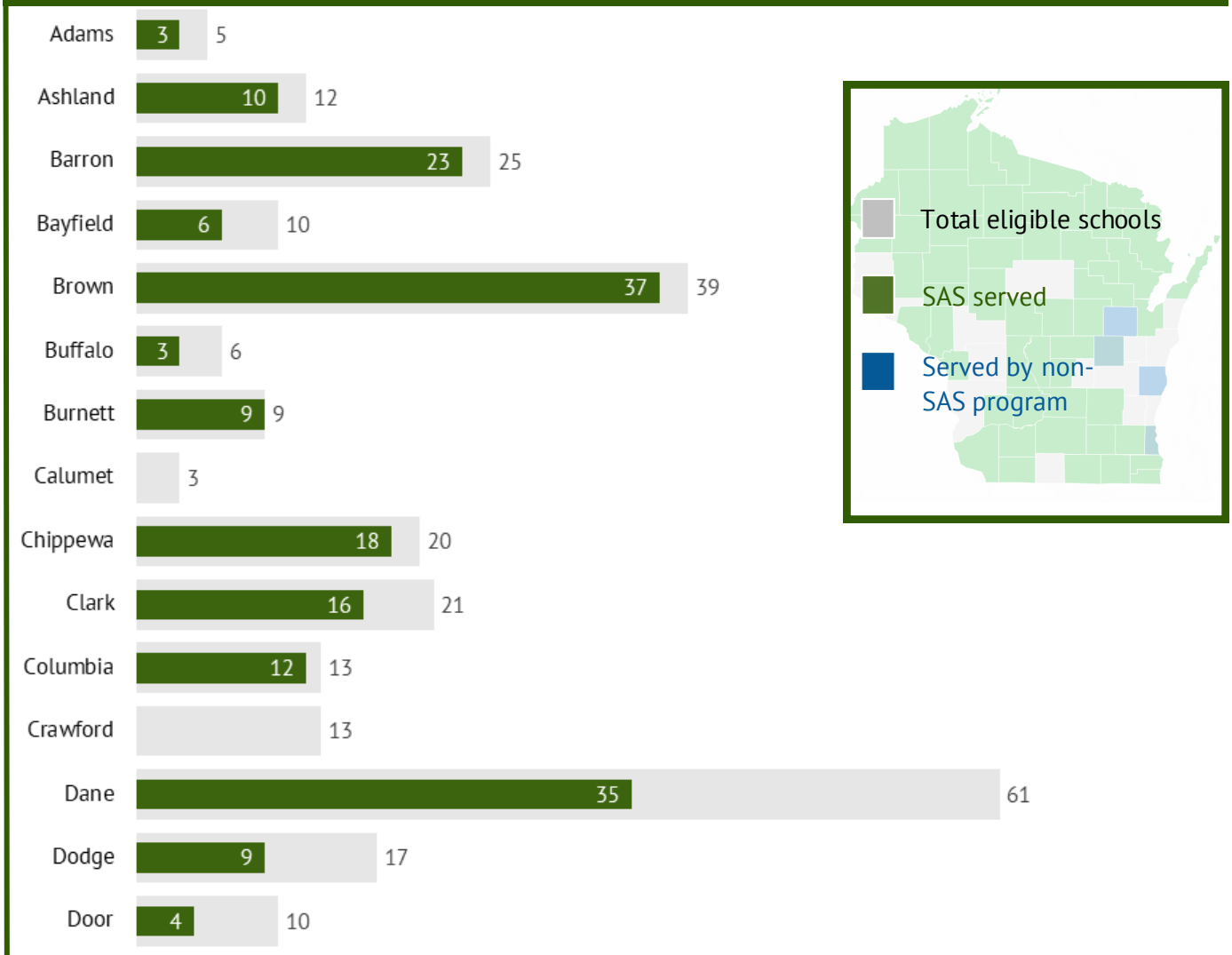


Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile Programs

School-based dental sealant programs are highly effective at delivering sealants to children who are less likely to receive private dental care. The Wisconsin Oral Health Program's school-based dental sealant program is called Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile (SAS). 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 38 SAS programs supported by the Wisconsin Oral Health Program. During the 2017-2018 school year, these programs reached 56% of eligible, high-risk Wisconsin schools (769/1,353 schools). An additional 89 schools received sealant services through programs reporting to, but not financially supported by, the Wisconsin Oral Health Program. After including these programs, 37% (440 schools) of high-risk schools are still not receiving services. Although all Wisconsin counties have eligible schools, one-fourth (17/72 counties) are not receiving school-based sealant services.

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



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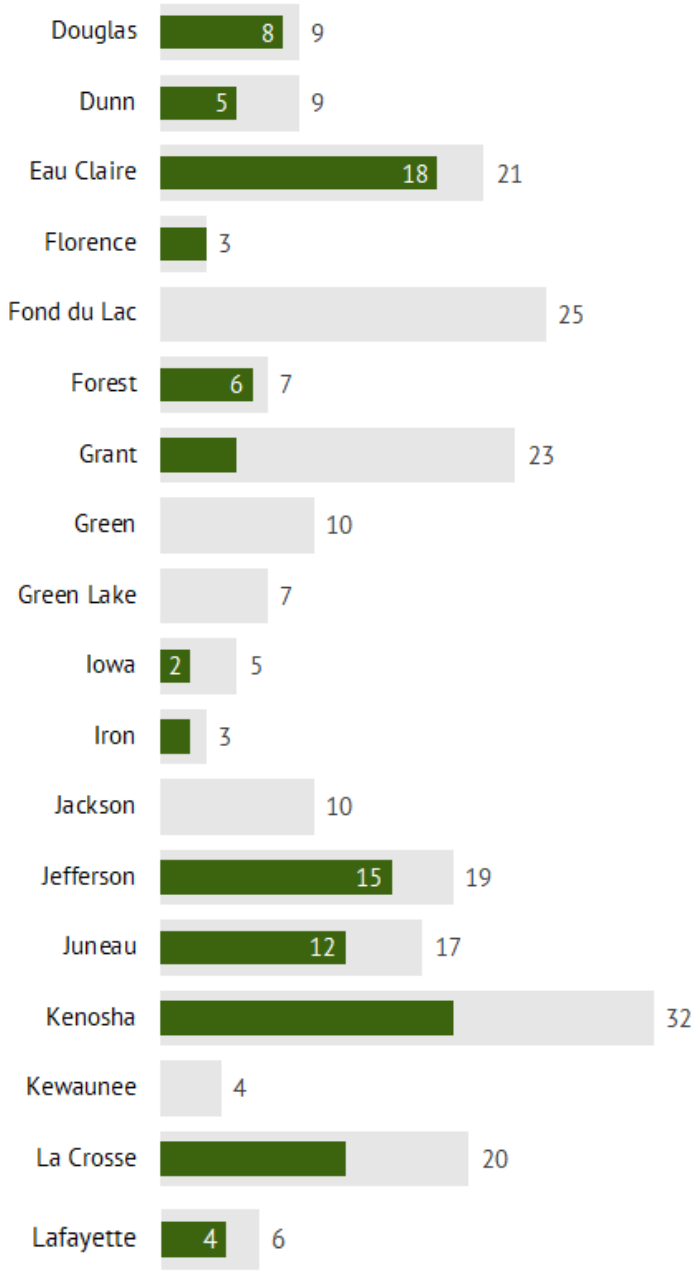

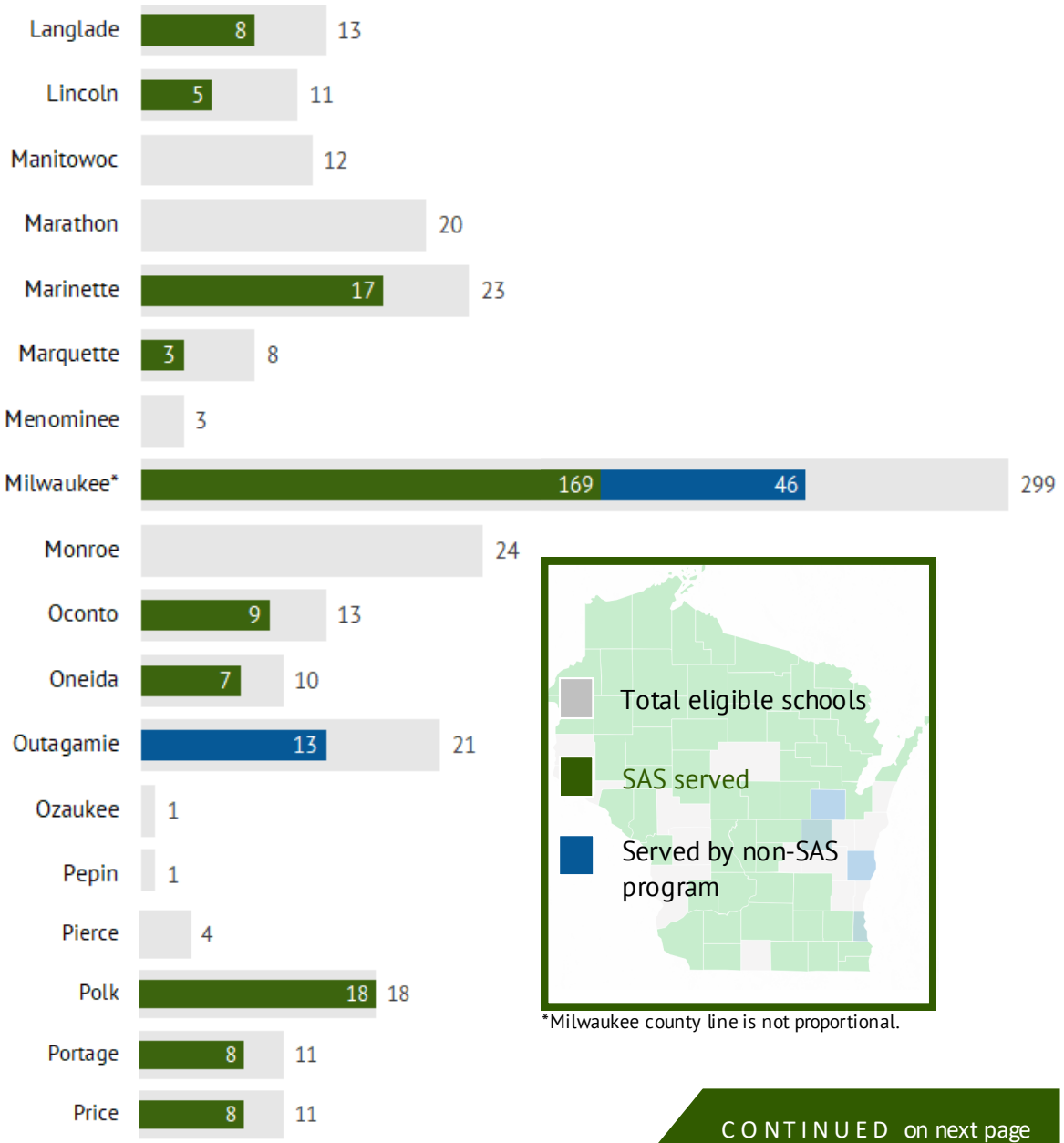

*Milwaukee county line is not proportional.

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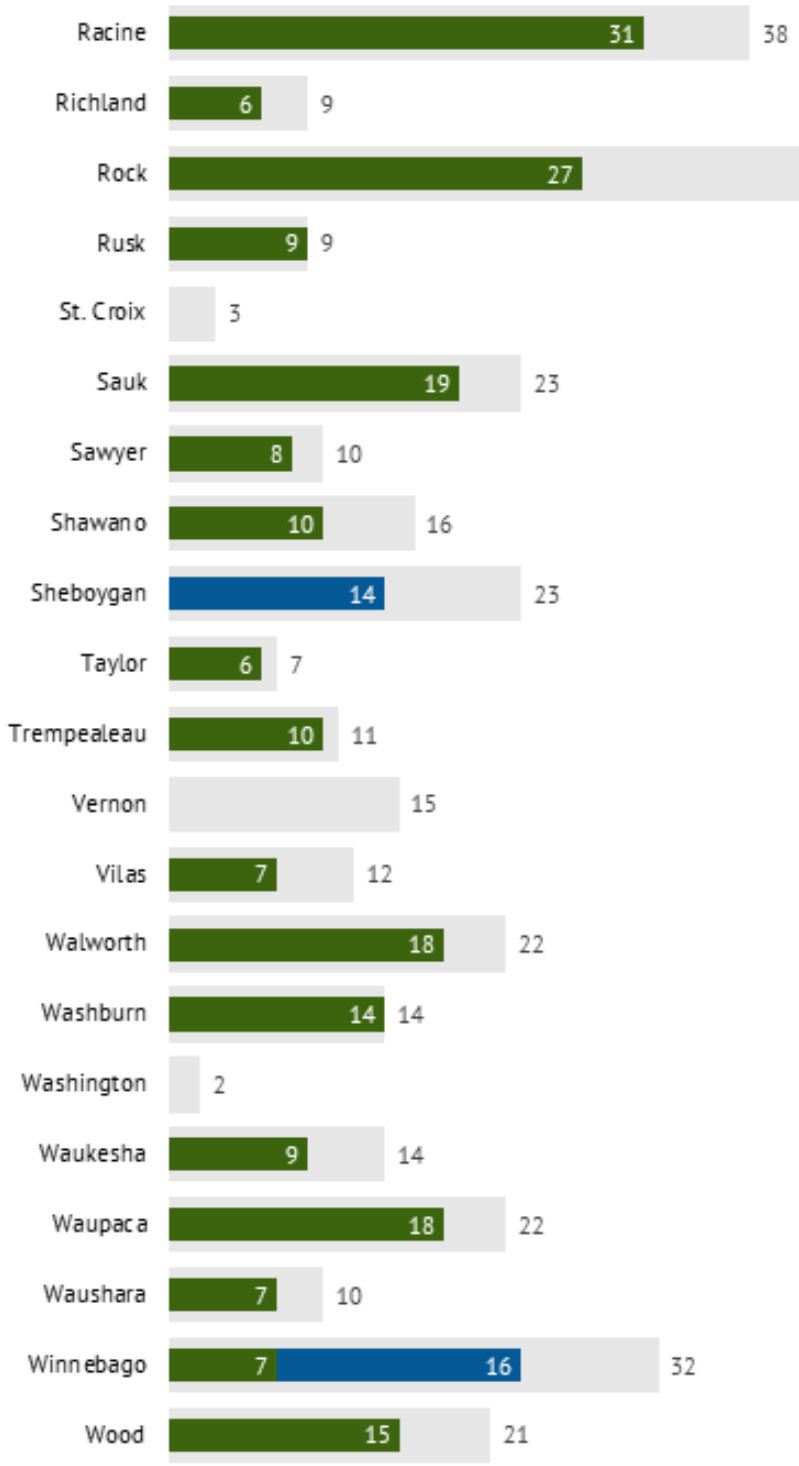

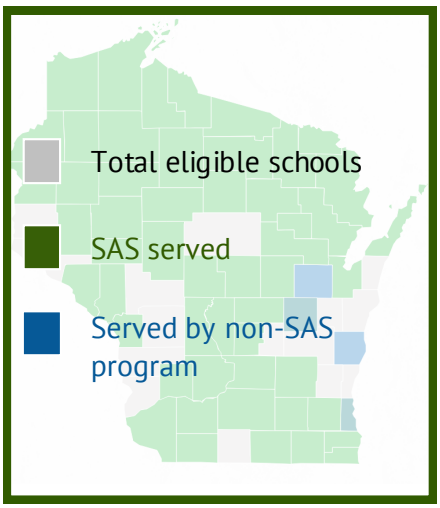

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