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

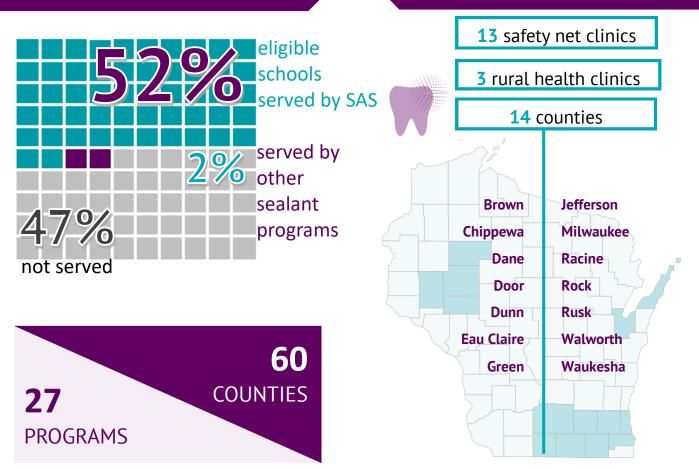
At the Wisconsin Department of Health Service's Oral Health Program, we work tirelessly to promote and improve oral health for the benefit of all Wisconsin citizens. Part of our work supports preventive and treatment programs across the state. In 2022, our program supported 27 school-based sealant programs 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

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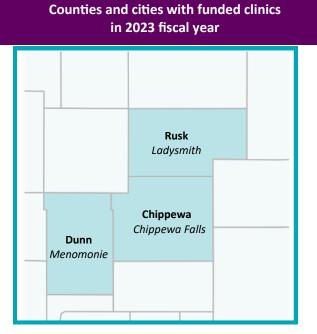
SUPPORTED CLINICS

### WISCONSIN SEAL-A-SMILE



## **Rural Health Clinics**

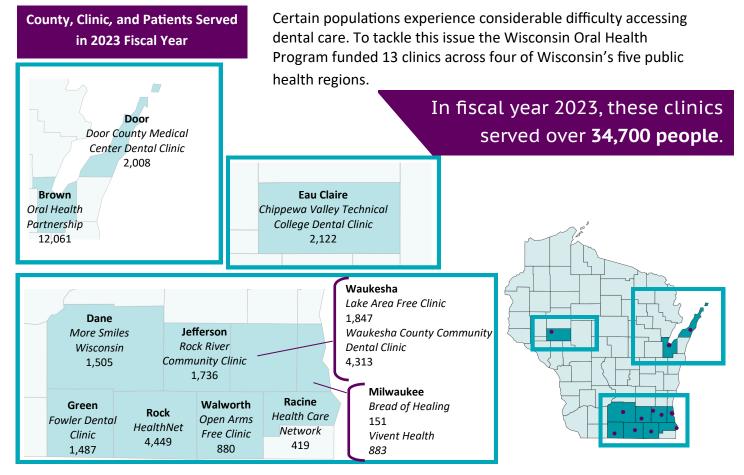
Rural communities often face difficulties with dental care access due to provider shortages and longer travel distances. The Wisconsin Oral Health Program funded three rural health clinics in Chippewa, Dunn, and Rusk counties to improve access across Western Wisconsin.



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



### **Safety Net Clinics**

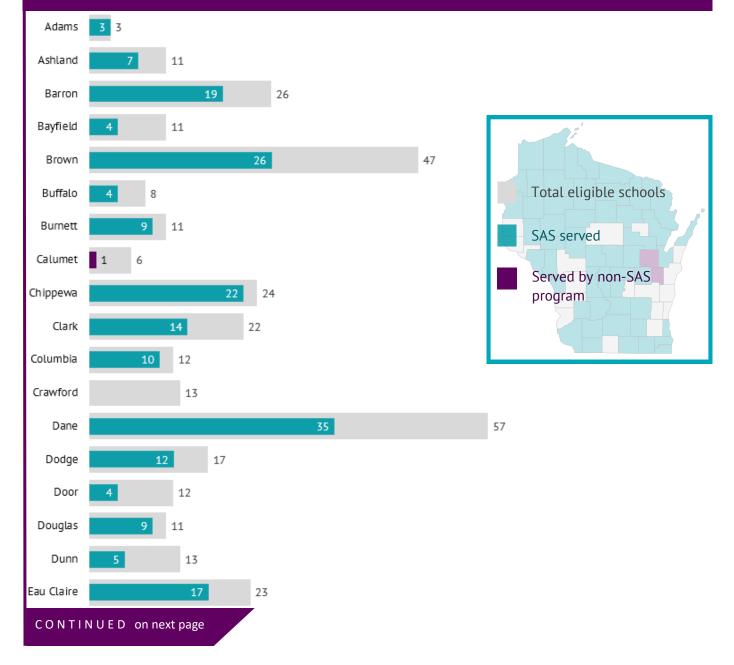


### Wisconsin Seal-A-Smile Programs

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.

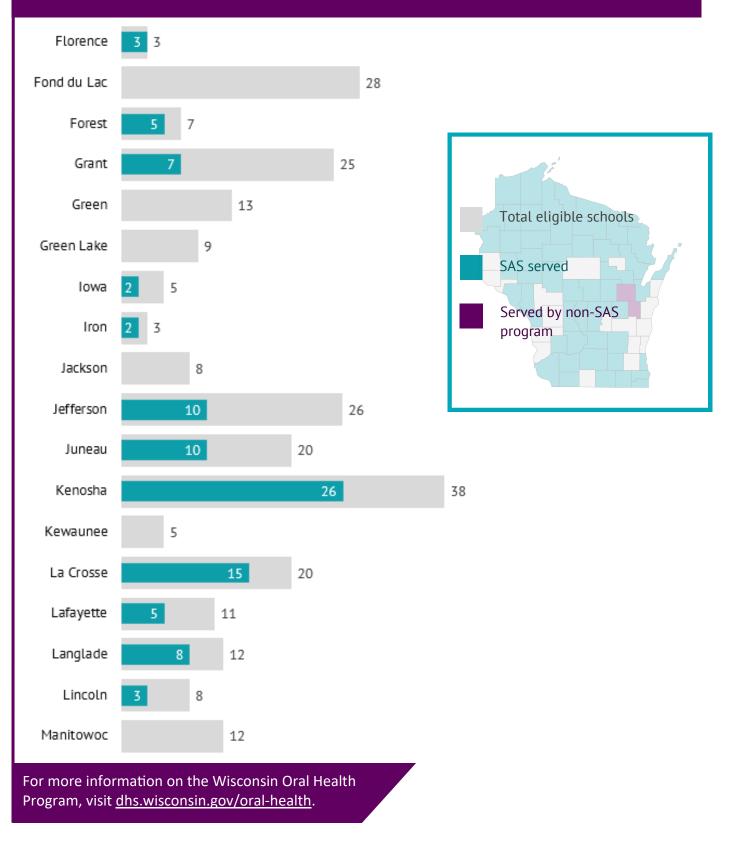
There are 27 SAS programs supported by the Wisconsin Oral Health Program. During the 2022-2023 school year, these programs reached 52% of eligible, high-risk Wisconsin schools (753/1,462 schools). An additional 28 eligible schools received sealant services through programs reporting to, but not financially 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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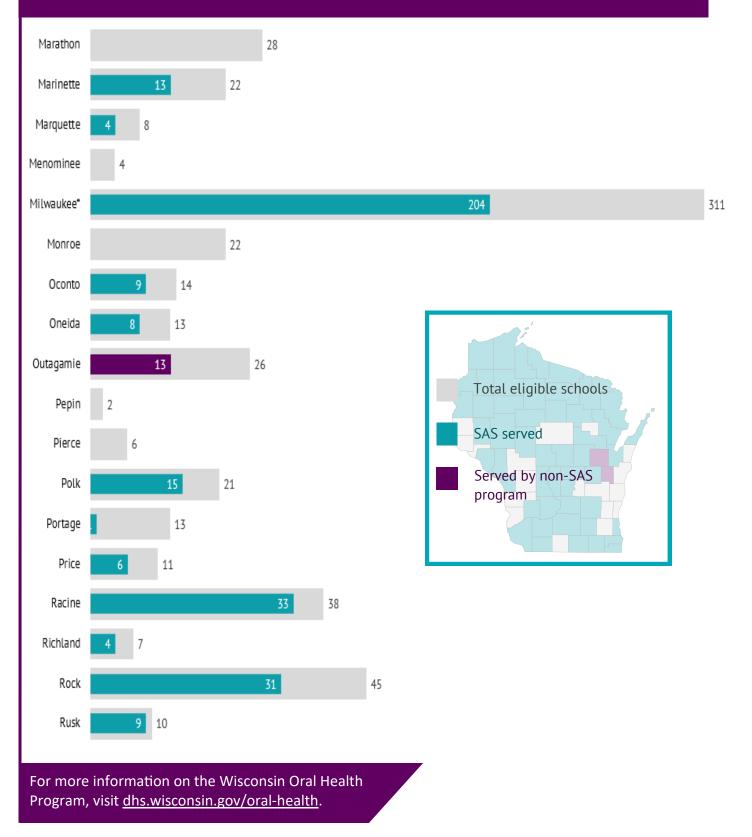
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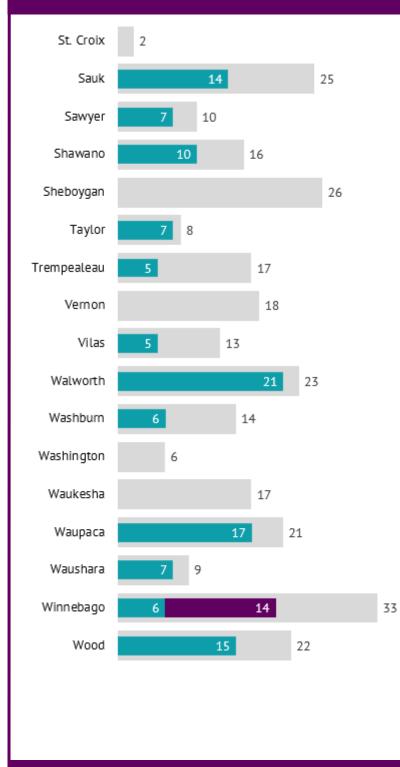
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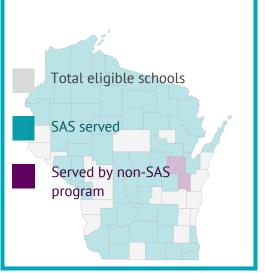
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For more information on the Wisconsin Oral Health Program, visit <u>dhs.wisconsin.gov/oral-health</u>.



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