

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN SENATE DISTRICT 14

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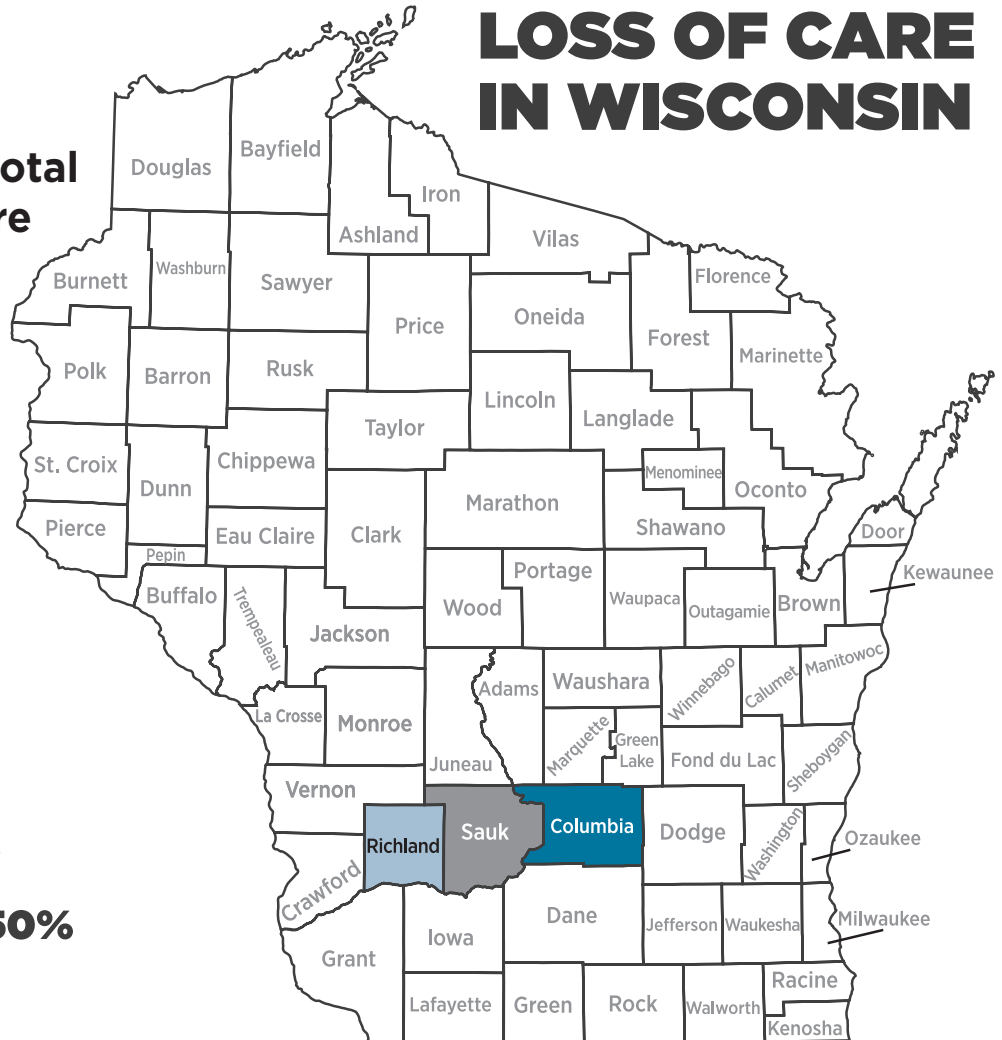
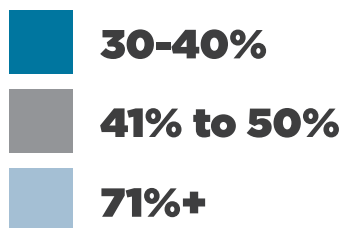
## 52%

**overall decline in total regulated child care programs**

**2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN

### PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



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<b>Columbia</b>	58	35	-23	-40%
FCC	30	8	-22	-73%
Group	28	27	-1	-4%
<b>Richland</b>	31	8	-23	-74%
FCC	27	3	-24	-89%
Group	4	5	1	-25%
<b>Sauk</b>	70	40	-30	-43%
FCC	53	24	-29	-55%
Group	17	16	-1	-6%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN SENATE DISTRICT 17

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In the **senate district 17**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

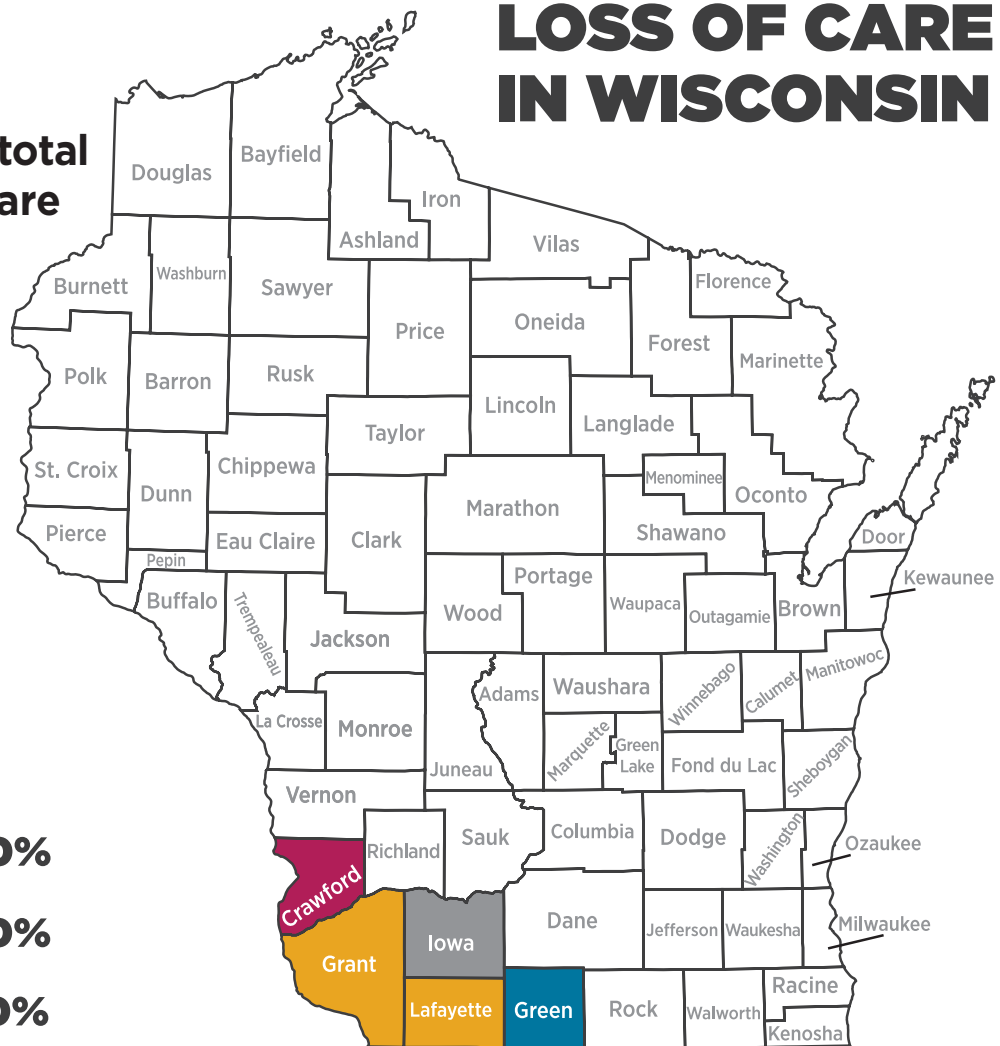
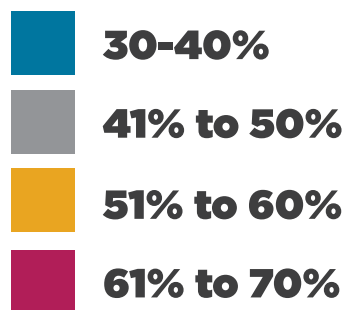
## 52%

overall decline in total regulated child care programs

2013-2024

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN

### PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



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<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Crawford</b>	21	8	-13	-62%
FCC	16	5	-11	-69%
Group	5	3	-2	-40%
<b>Grant</b>	80	32	-48	-60%
FCC	57	14	-43	-75%
Group	23	18	-5	-22%
<b>Green</b>	50	32	-18	-36%
FCC	35	14	-21	-60%
Group	15	18	3	20%
<b>Iowa</b>	31	16	-15	-48%
FCC	25	8	-17	-68%
Group	6	8	2	33%
<b>Lafayette</b>	26	11	-15	-58%
FCC	21	7	-14	-67%
Group	5	4	-1	-20%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN SENATE DISTRICT 30

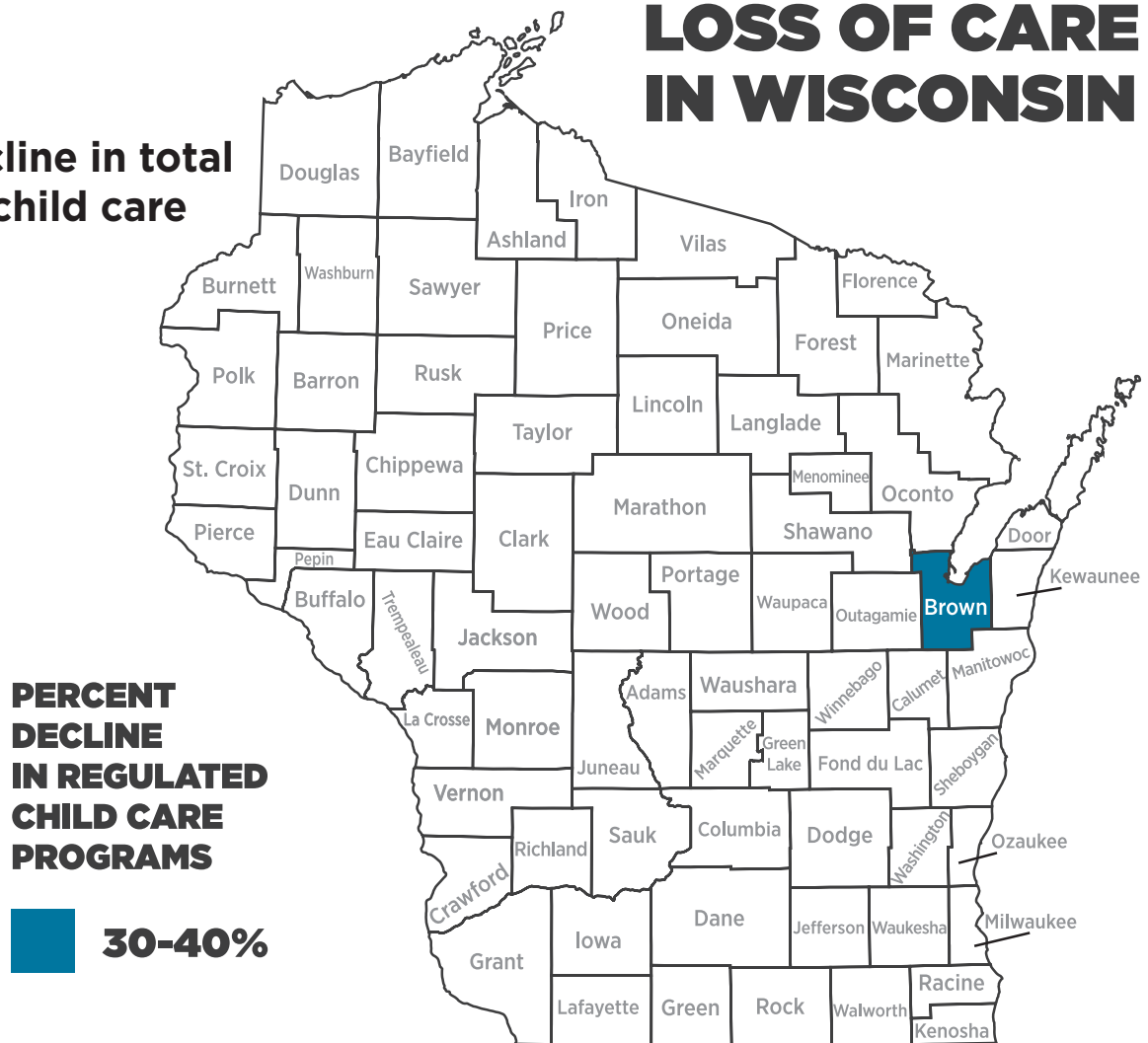
The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In the **senate district 30**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

## 38%

**overall decline in total regulated child care programs**

*2013-2024*

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



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Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Brown</b>	179	126	-53	-30%
FCC	78	36	-42	-54%
Group	101	90	-11	-11%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN SENATE DISTRICT 32

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In the **senate district 32**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

## 46%

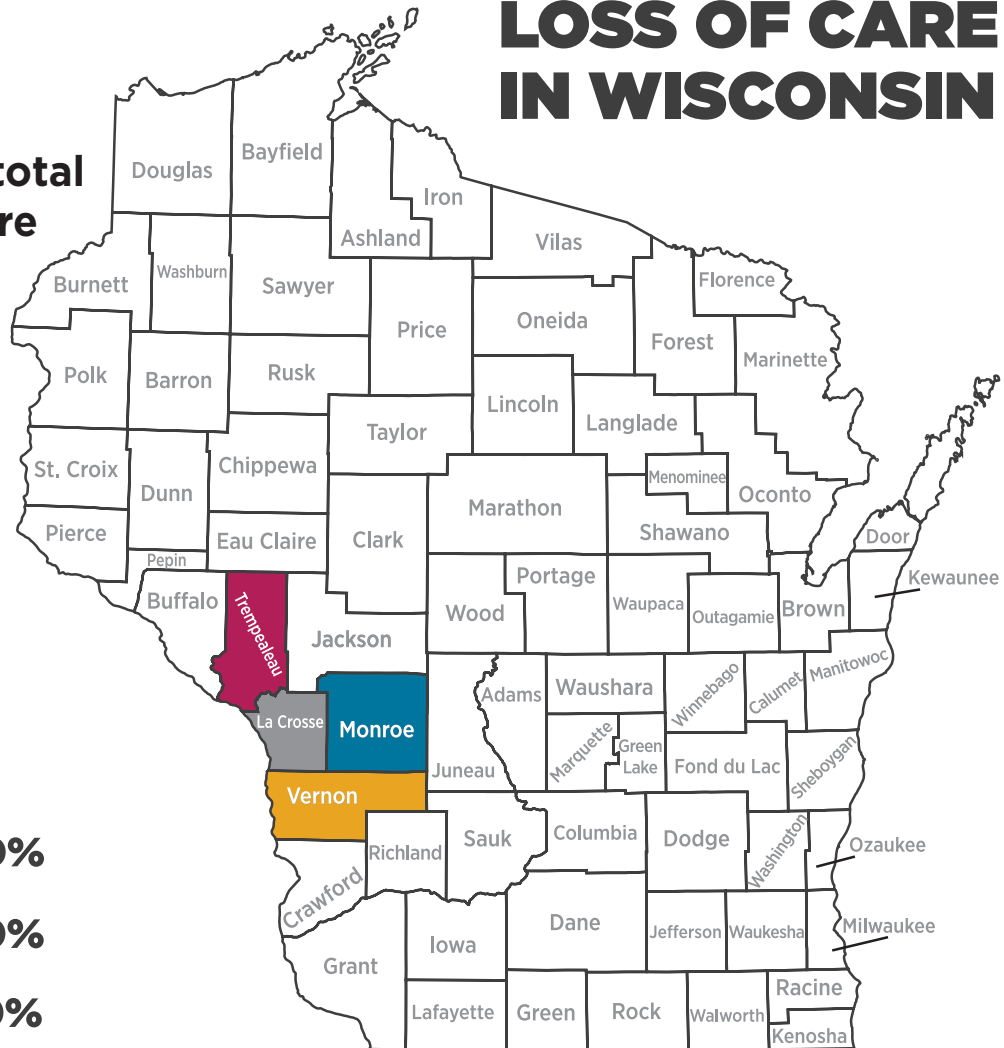
**overall decline in total regulated child care programs**

**2013-2024**

**PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

- 30-40%**
- 41% to 50%**
- 51% to 60%**
- 61% to 70%**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



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Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>La Crosse</b>	164	94	-70	-43%
FCC	101	39	-62	-61%
Group	63	55	-8	-13%
<b>Monroe</b>	49	30	-19	-39%
FCC	36	20	-16	-44%
Group	13	10	-3	-23%
<b>Trempealeau</b>	47	18	-29	-62%
FCC	34	10	-24	-71%
Group	13	8	-5	-38%
<b>Vernon</b>	32	15	-17	-53%
FCC	27	8	-19	-70%
Group	5	7	2	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>-135</b>	<b>-46%</b>



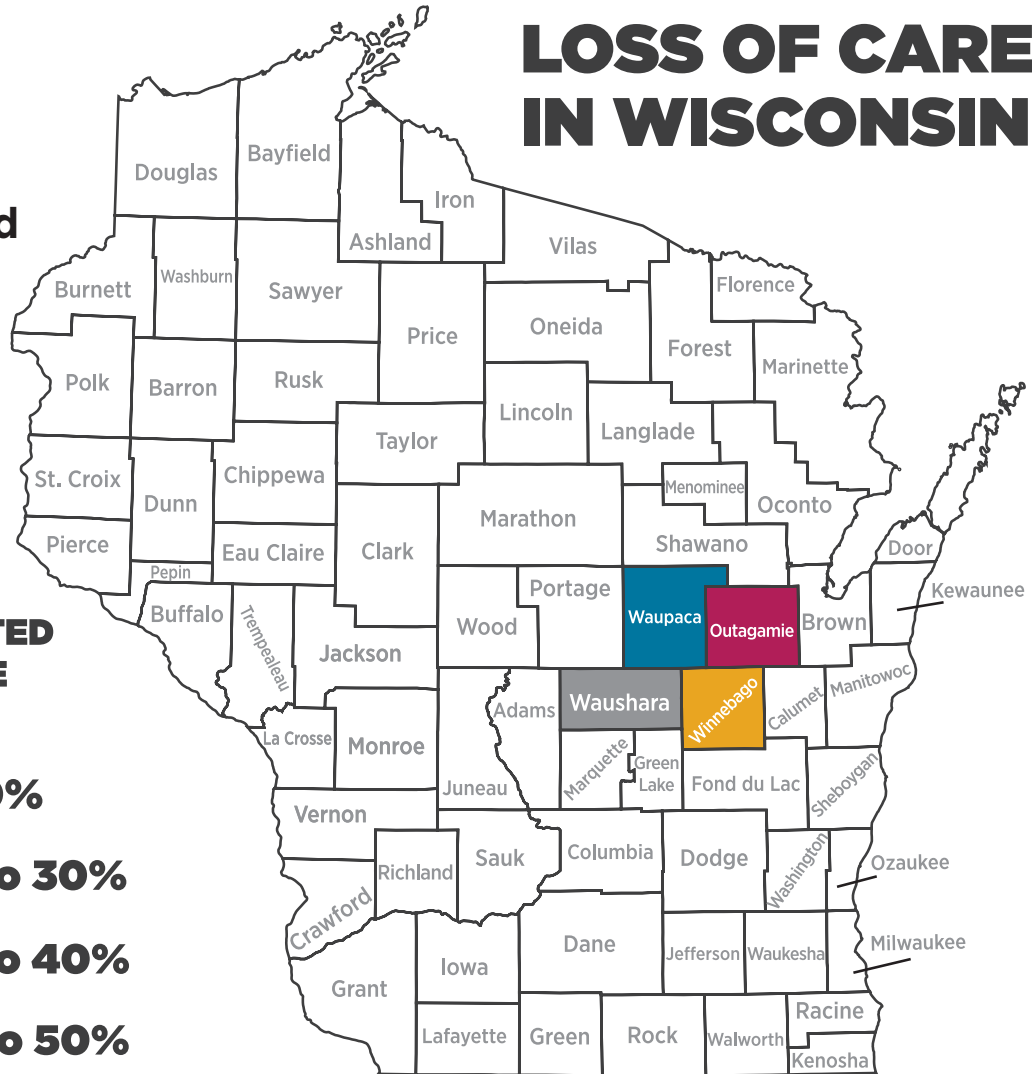
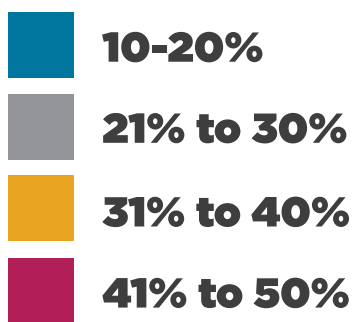
# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN THE FOX VALLEY REGION

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In the **Fox Valley region**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**35%**  
**overall decline**  
**in total regulated**  
**child care**  
**programs**  
**2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN

### PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



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Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Outagamie</b>	161	94	-67	-42%
FCC	85	33	-52	-61%
Group	76	61	-15	-20%
<b>Winnebago</b>	136	92	-44	-32%
FCC	61	37	-24	-39%
Group	75	55	-20	-27%
<b>Waupaca</b>	34	28	-6	-18%
FCC	15	11	-4	-27%
Group	19	17	-2	-11%
<b>Waushara</b>	21	15	-6	-29%
FCC	15	10	-5	-33%
Group	6	5	-1	-17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>-35%</b>

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN ONEIDA COUNTY

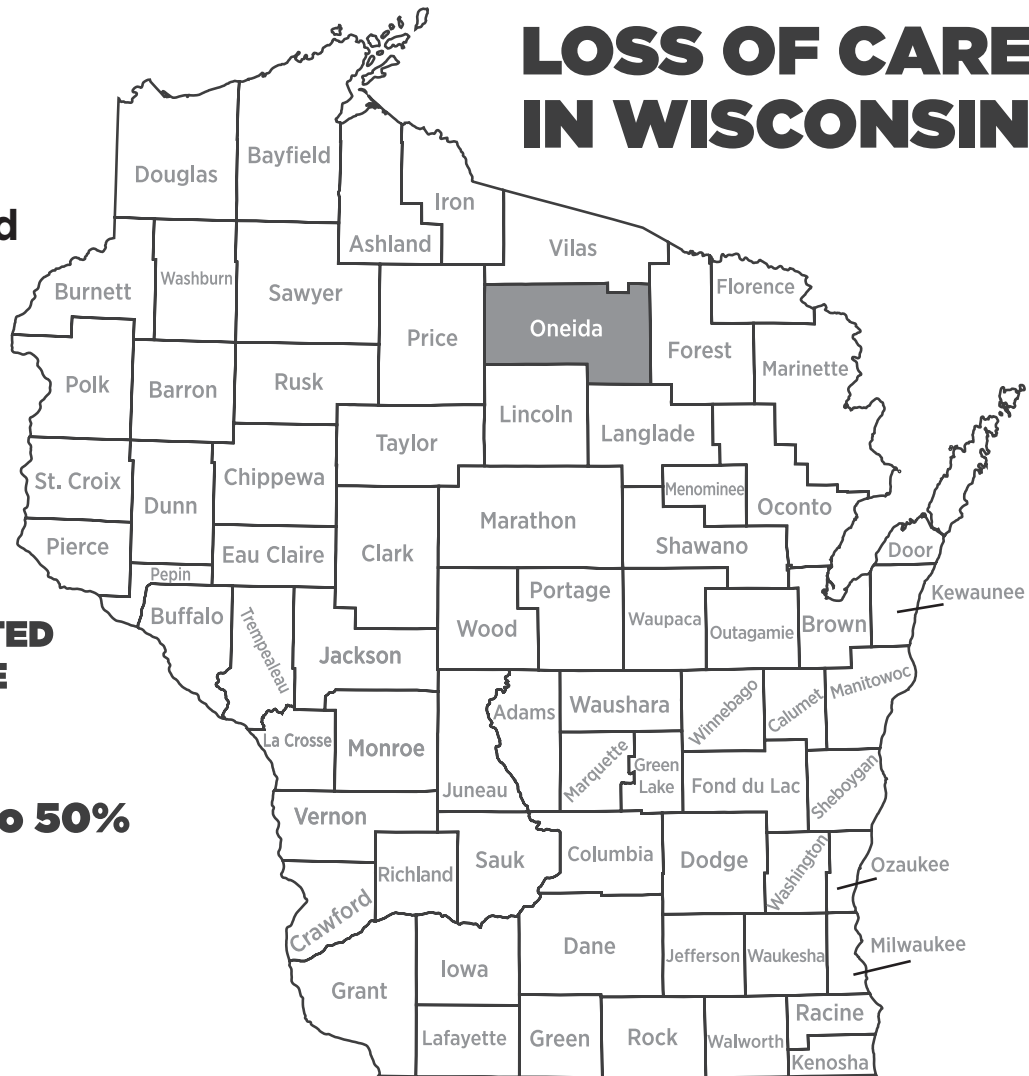
The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Oneida County**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**50%**  
 overall decline  
 in total regulated  
 child care  
 programs  
 2013-2024

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN

**PERCENT  
 DECLINE  
 IN REGULATED  
 CHILD CARE  
 PROGRAMS**

**41% to 50%**



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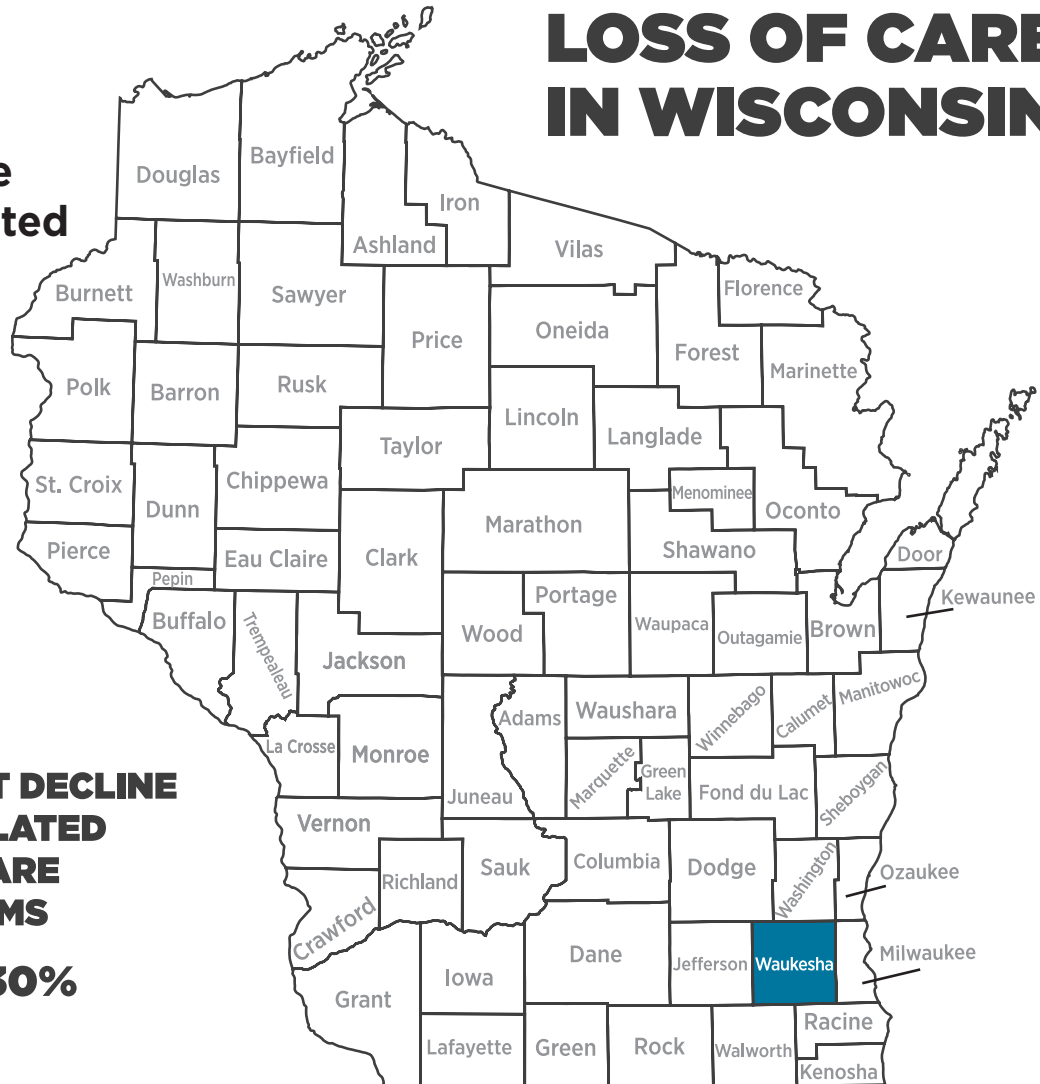
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<b>Oneida</b>	28	14	-14	-50%
FCC	11	4	-7	-64%
Group	17	10	-7	-41%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN WAUKESHA COUNTY

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Waukesha County**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**23%**  
**overall decline**  
**in total regulated**  
**child care**  
**programs**  
**2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



**PERCENT DECLINE  
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 CHILD CARE  
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**0-30%**

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Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

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<b>Waukesha</b>	238	184	-54	-23%
FCC	71	27	-44	-62%
Group	167	157	-10	-6%

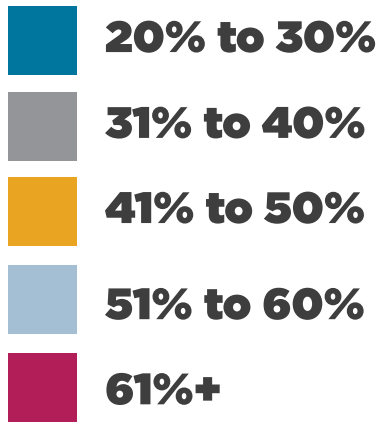
# DECLINE OF REGULATED CHILD CARE IN FARMING COMMUNITIES

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **farming communities**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth.

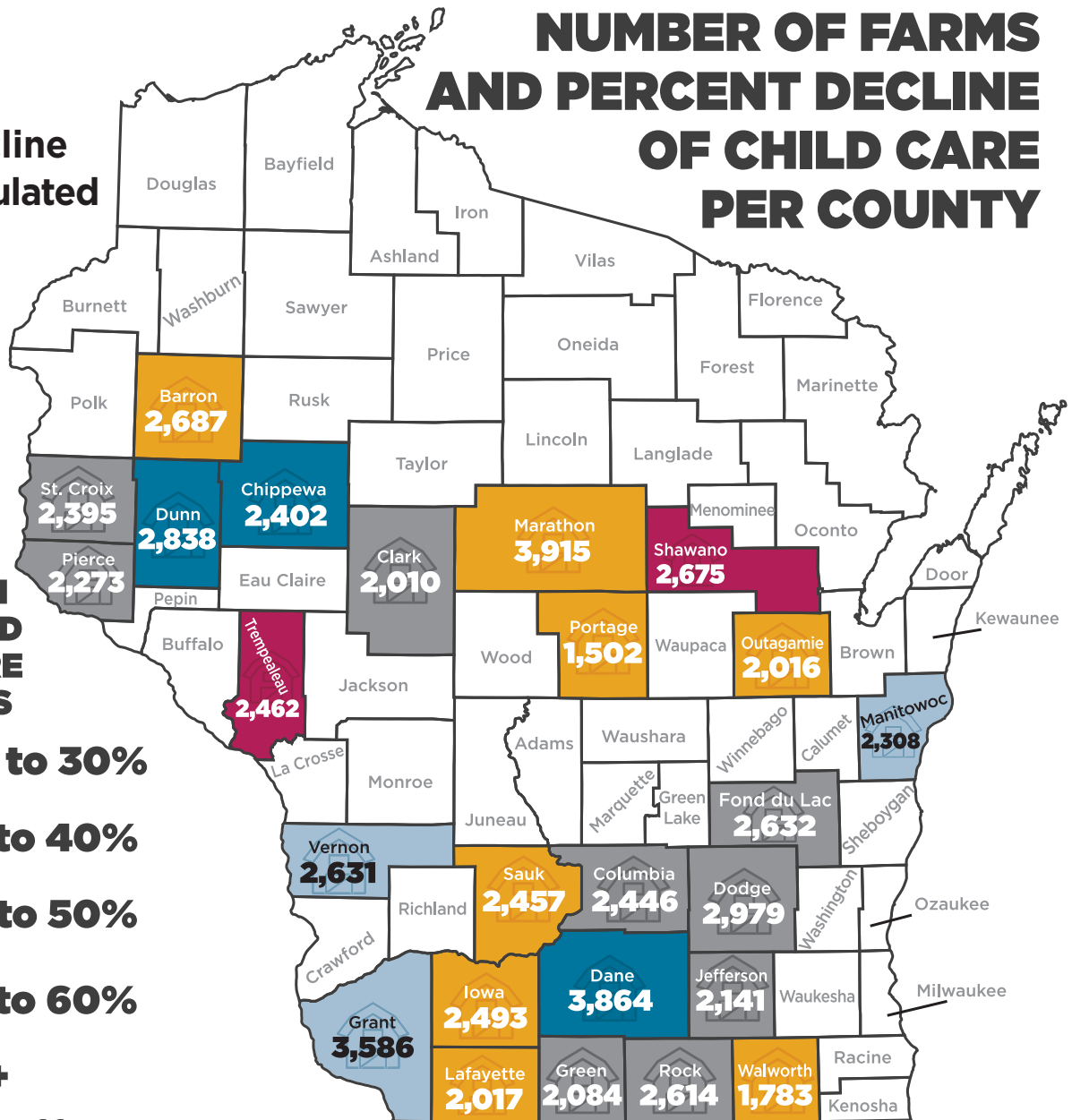
**56%**  
overall decline  
in total regulated  
child care  
programs  
2013-2024

## NUMBER OF FARMS AND PERCENT DECLINE OF CHILD CARE PER COUNTY

### PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



**Number of farms  
in county**



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Farming data: United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency | Child care data: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

## COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FARMLAND AND CORRESPONDING COUNTY SPECIFIC CHILD CARE DATA

County	Child Care Available in County (Feb. 2013)	Child Care Available in County (Jan. 2024)	Change in Number of Programs	% Change (+/-)
<b>Grant</b>	74	32	-42	-57%
Group	23	18	-5	-22%
FCC	51	14	-37	-73%
<b>Dane</b>	640	469	-171	-27%
Group	264	268	4	2%
FCC	376	201	-175	-47%
<b>Rock</b>	139	93	-46	-33%
Group	77	68	-9	-12%
FCC	62	25	-37	-60%
<b>Dodge</b>	60	36	-24	-40%
Group	34	27	-7	-21%
FCC	26	9	-17	-65%
<b>Lafayette</b>	22	11	-11	-50%
Group	5	4	-1	-20%
FCC	17	7	-10	-59%
<b>Marathon</b>	177	79	-98	-55%
Group	45	37	-8	-18%
FCC	132	42	-90	-68%
<b>Dunn</b>	28	22	-6	-21%
Group	12	10	-2	-17%
FCC	16	12	-4	-25%
<b>Fond du Lac</b>	54	34	-20	-37%
Group	34	6	-28	-82%
FCC	20	28	8	40%
<b>Green</b>	50	32	-18	-36%
Group	15	18	3	20%
FCC	35	14	-21	-60%
<b>Barron</b>	58	30	-28	-48%
Group	40	18	-22	-55%
FCC	18	12	-6	-33%
<b>Portage</b>	79	41	-38	-48%
Group	30	22	-8	-27%
FCC	49	19	-30	-61%
<b>Iowa</b>	31	16	-15	-48%
Group	6	8	2	33%
FCC	25	8	-17	-68%
<b>St. Croix</b>	88	53	-35	-40%
Group	33	30	-3	-9%
FCC	55	23	-32	-58%



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County	Child Care Available in County (Feb. 2013)	Child Care Available in County (Jan. 2024)	Change in Number of Programs	% Change (+/-)
<b>Columbia</b>	58	35	-23	-40%
Group	28	27	-1	-4%
FCC	30	8	-22	-73%
<b>Chippewa</b>	70	51	-19	-27%
Group	25	28	3	12%
FCC	45	23	-22	-49%
<b>Sauk</b>	70	40	-30	-43%
Group	17	16	-1	-6%
FCC	53	24	-29	-55%
<b>Trempealeau</b>	47	17	-30	-64%
Group	13	8	-5	-38%
FCC	34	9	-25	-74%
<b>Manitowoc</b>	51	24	-27	-53%
Group	29	18	-11	-38%
FCC	22	6	-16	-73%
<b>Outagamie</b>	161	94	-67	-42%
Group	76	61	-15	-20%
FCC	85	33	-52	-61%
<b>Walworth</b>	56	30	-26	-46%
Group	38	22	-16	-42%
FCC	18	8	-10	-56%
<b>Vernon</b>	32	15	-17	-53%
Group	5	7	2	40%
FCC	27	8	-19	-70%
<b>Pierce</b>	50	32	-18	-36%
Group	7	8	1	14%
FCC	43	24	-19	-44%
<b>Shawano</b>	27	10	-17	-63%
Group	12	7	-5	-42%
FCC	15	3	-12	-80%
<b>Clark</b>	33	20	-13	-39%
Group	12	8	-4	-33%
FCC	21	12	-9	-43%
<b>Jefferson</b>	56	38	-18	-32%
Group	30	33	3	10%
FCC	26	5	-21	-81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4422</b>	<b>2708</b>	<b>-1714</b>	<b>-39%</b>

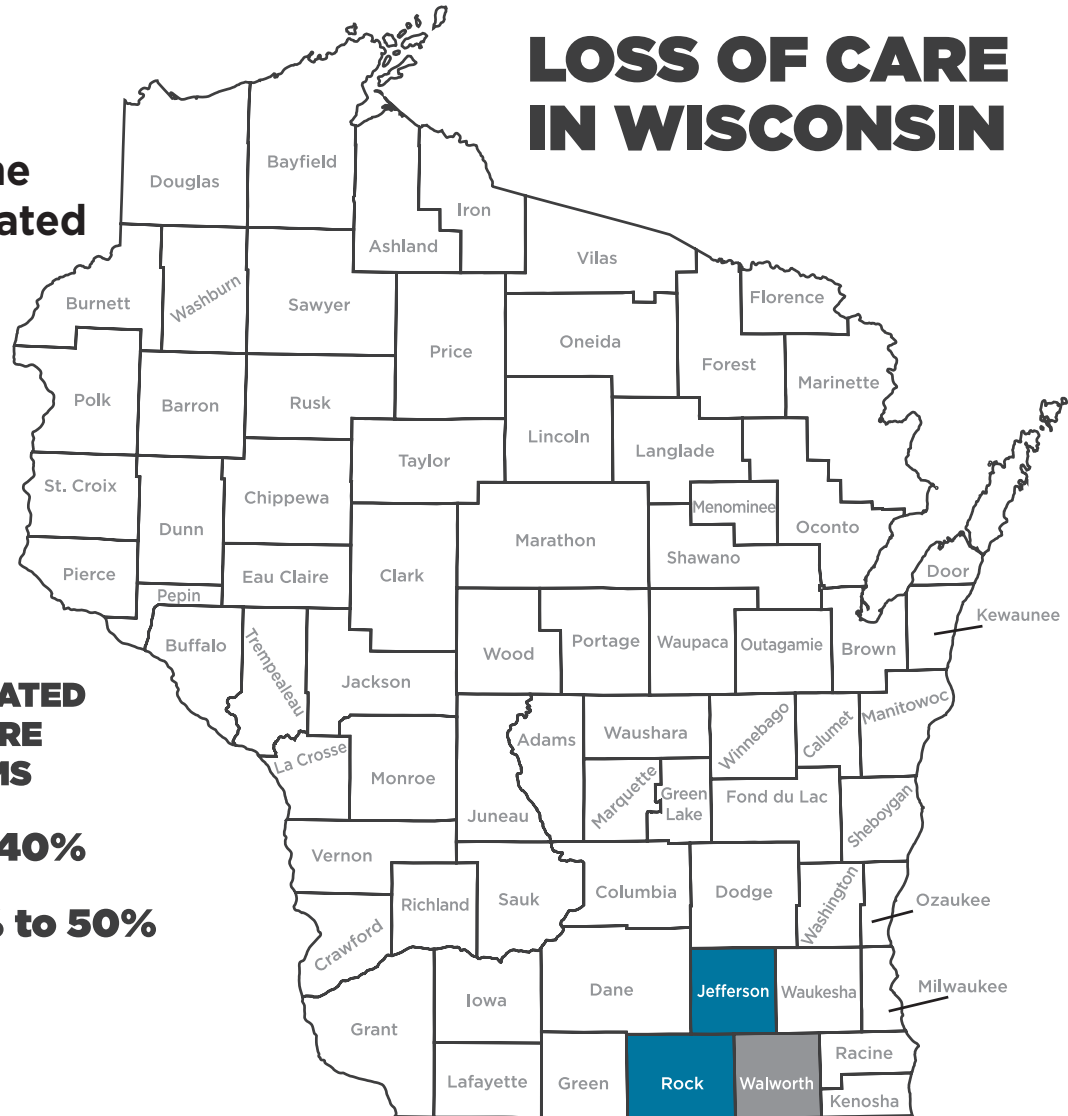
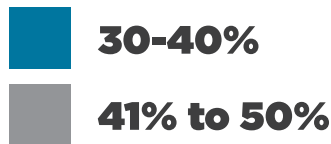
# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN WALWORTH, JEFFERSON, AND ROCK COUNTIES

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Walworth, Jefferson, and Rock counties**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**37%**  
**overall decline**  
**in total regulated**  
**child care**  
**programs**  
**2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN

### PERCENT DECLINE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



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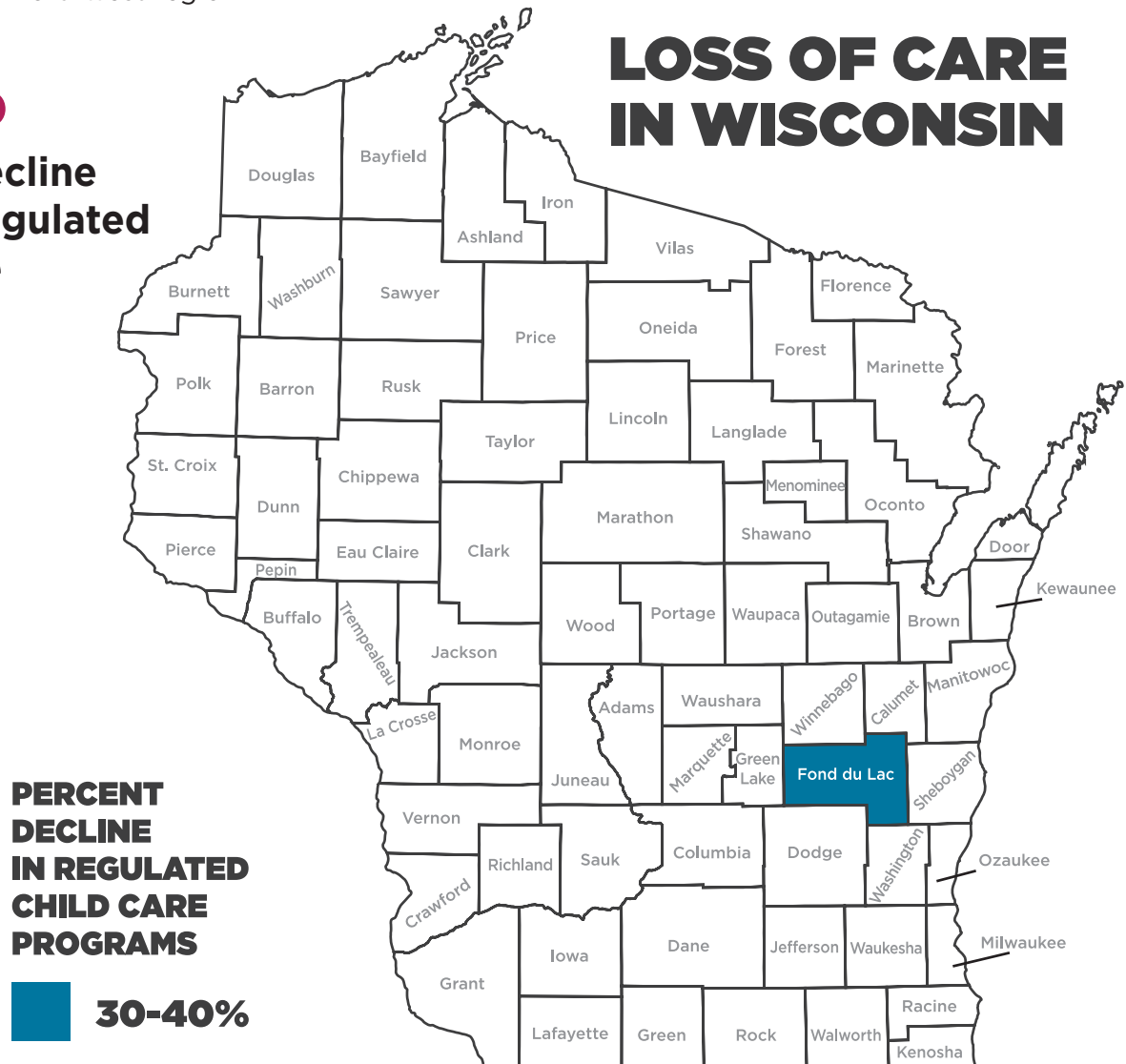
<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Jefferson</b>	56	38	-18	-32%
FCC	26	5	-21	-81%
Group	30	33	+3	10%
<b>Rock</b>	140	93	-47	-34%
FCC	64	25	-39	-61%
Group	76	68	-8	-11%
<b>Walworth</b>	56	30	-26	-46%
FCC	18	8	-10	-56%
Group	38	22	-16	-42%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN FOND DU LAC COUNTY

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<b>Fond du Lac</b>	54	34	-20	-37%
FCC	20	6	-14	-70%
Group	34	28	-6	-18%

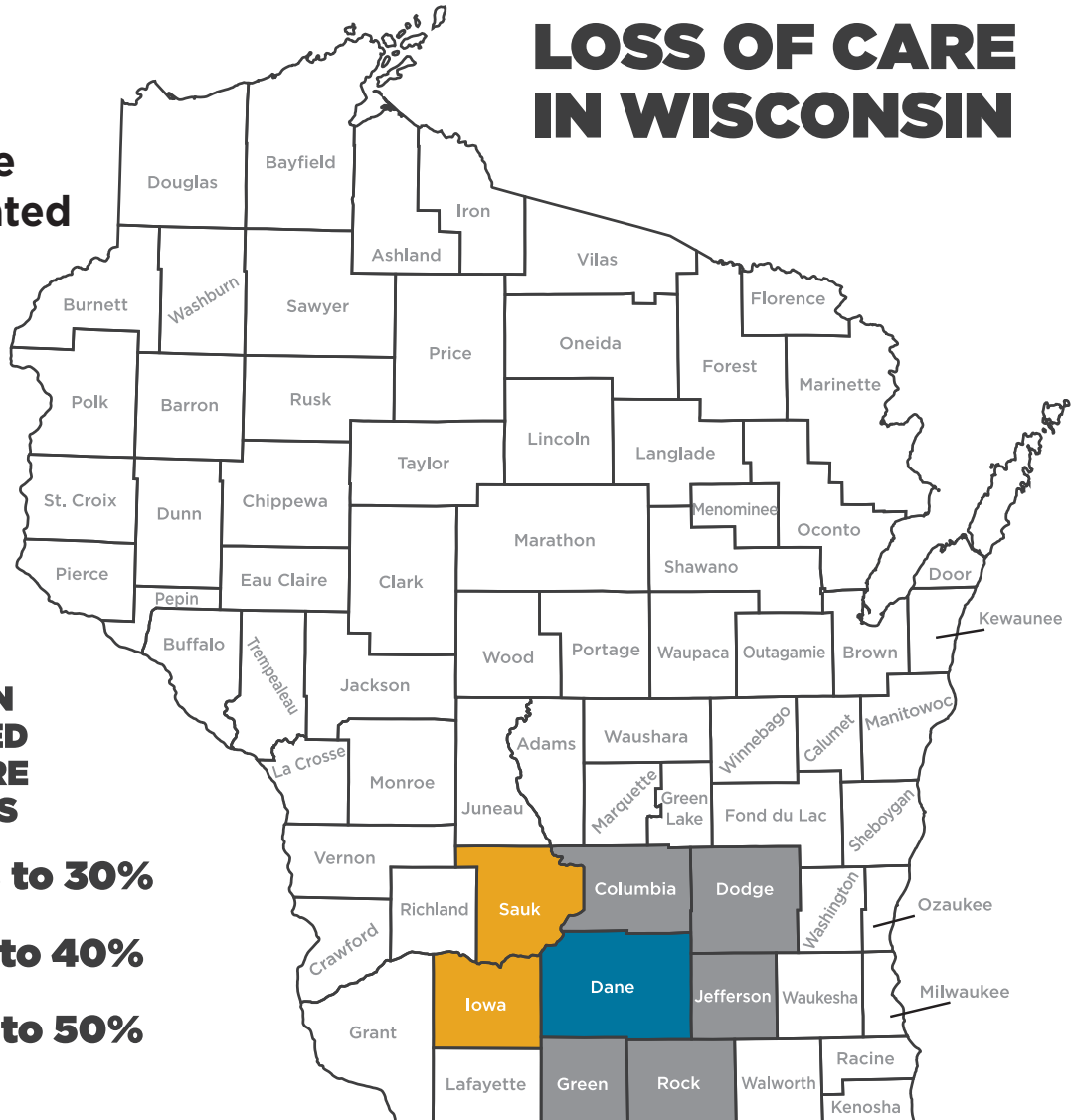
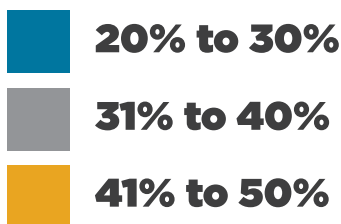
# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN THE MADISON REGION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP REGION

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FCC	30	8	-22	-73%
Group	28	27	-1	-4%
<b>Dane</b>	658	472	-186	-28%
FCC	395	204	-191	-48%
Group	263	268	+5	2%
<b>Dodge</b>	57	35	-22	-39%
FCC	27	9	-18	-67%
Group	30	26	-4	-13%
<b>Green</b>	50	32	-18	-36%
FCC	35	14	-21	-60%
Group	15	18	+3	20%
<b>Iowa</b>	31	16	-15	-48%
FCC	25	8	-17	-68%
Group	6	8	+2	33%
<b>Jefferson</b>	56	38	-18	-32%
FCC	26	5	-21	-81%
Group	30	33	+3	10%
<b>Rock</b>	140	93	-47	-34%
FCC	64	25	-39	-61%
Group	76	68	-8	-11%
<b>Sauk</b>	70	40	-30	-43%
FCC	53	24	-29	-55%
Group	17	16	-1	-6%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN POLK COUNTY

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Polk County**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**62%**  
overall decline  
in total regulated  
child care  
programs  
2013-2024

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



**PERCENT DECLINE  
IN REGULATED  
CHILD CARE  
PROGRAMS**

**61%+**

At the same time, child care deserts are prevalent across Wisconsin - 50% overall and 70% in rural areas. A desert is defined as an area where there are three or more children under age 5 for every regulated child care slot.

For more information on child care deserts, scan the code with your smartphone's camera for a visualization from Center for American Progress.  
Or, visit <https://weca.info/ccdeserts>.



Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families



<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Polk</b>	39	15	-24	-62%
FCC	31	11	-20	-65%
Group	8	4	-4	-50%

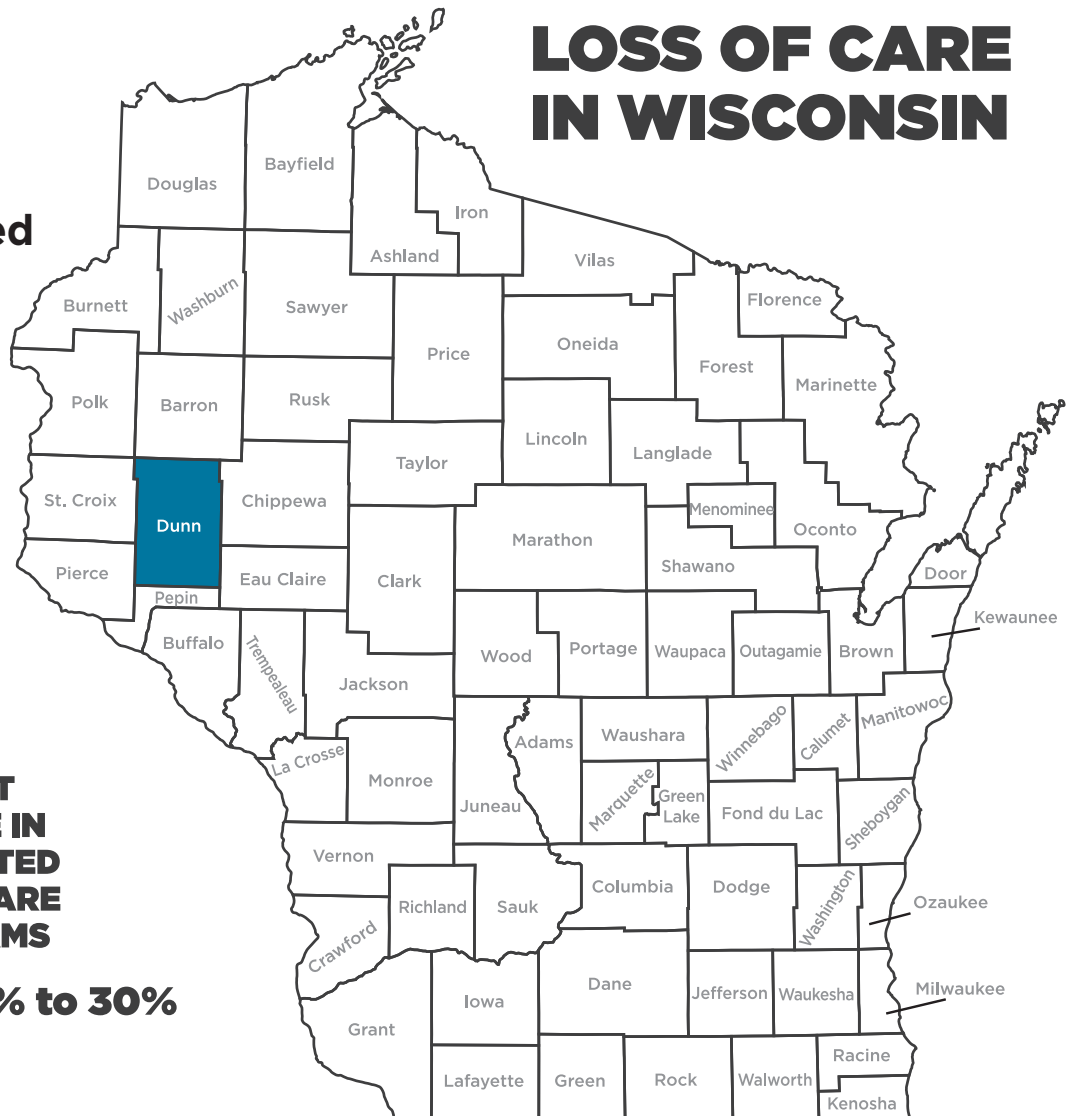
# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN DUNN COUNTY

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Dunn County**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

## 15%

**overall decline  
in total regulated  
child care  
programs  
2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



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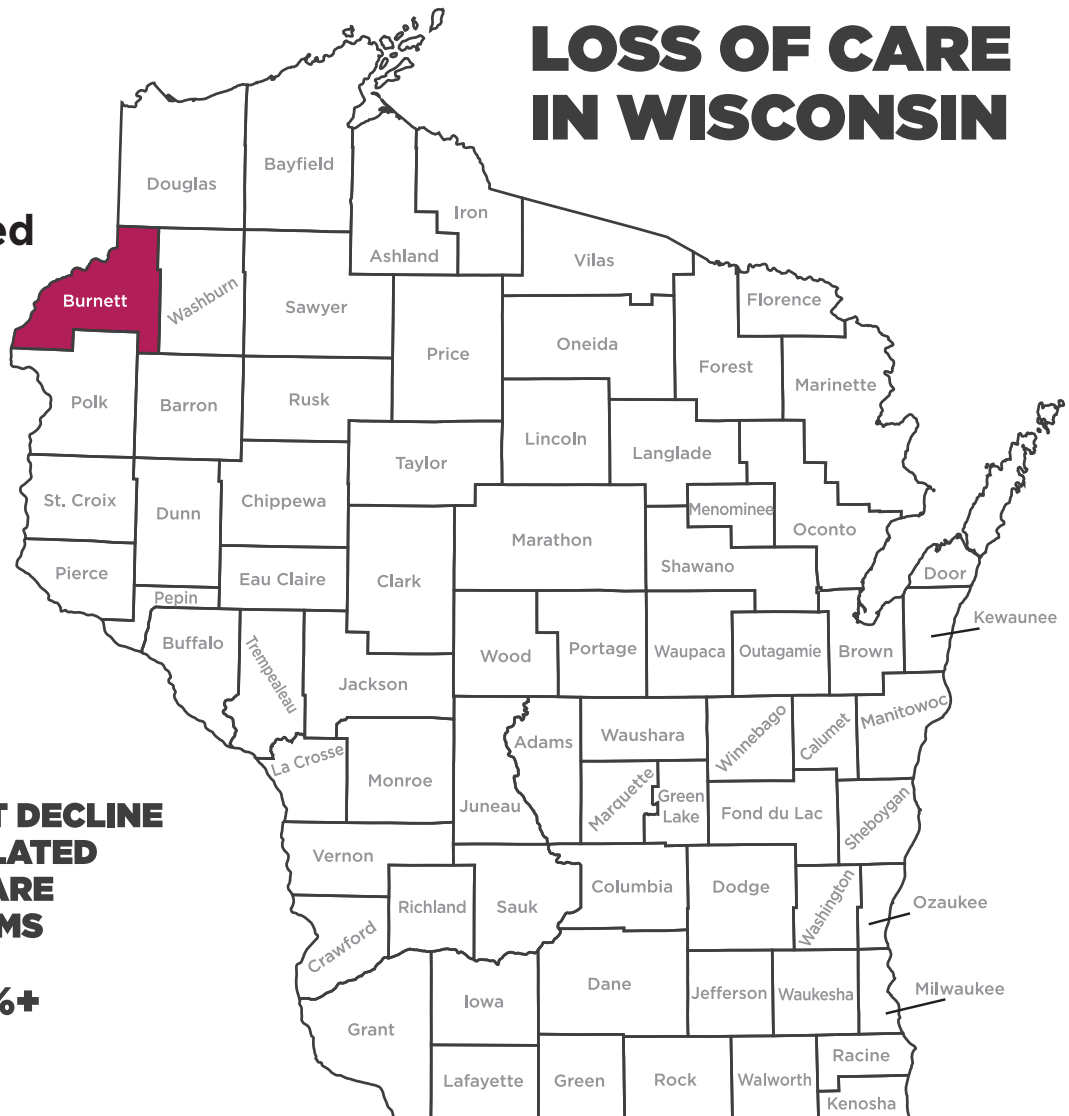
<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Dunn</b>	26	22	-4	-15%
FCC	15	12	-3	-20%
Group	11	10	-1	-9%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN BURNETT COUNTY

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Burnett County**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**67%**  
overall decline  
in total regulated  
child care  
programs  
2013-2024

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



**PERCENT DECLINE  
IN REGULATED  
CHILD CARE  
PROGRAMS**

**61%+**

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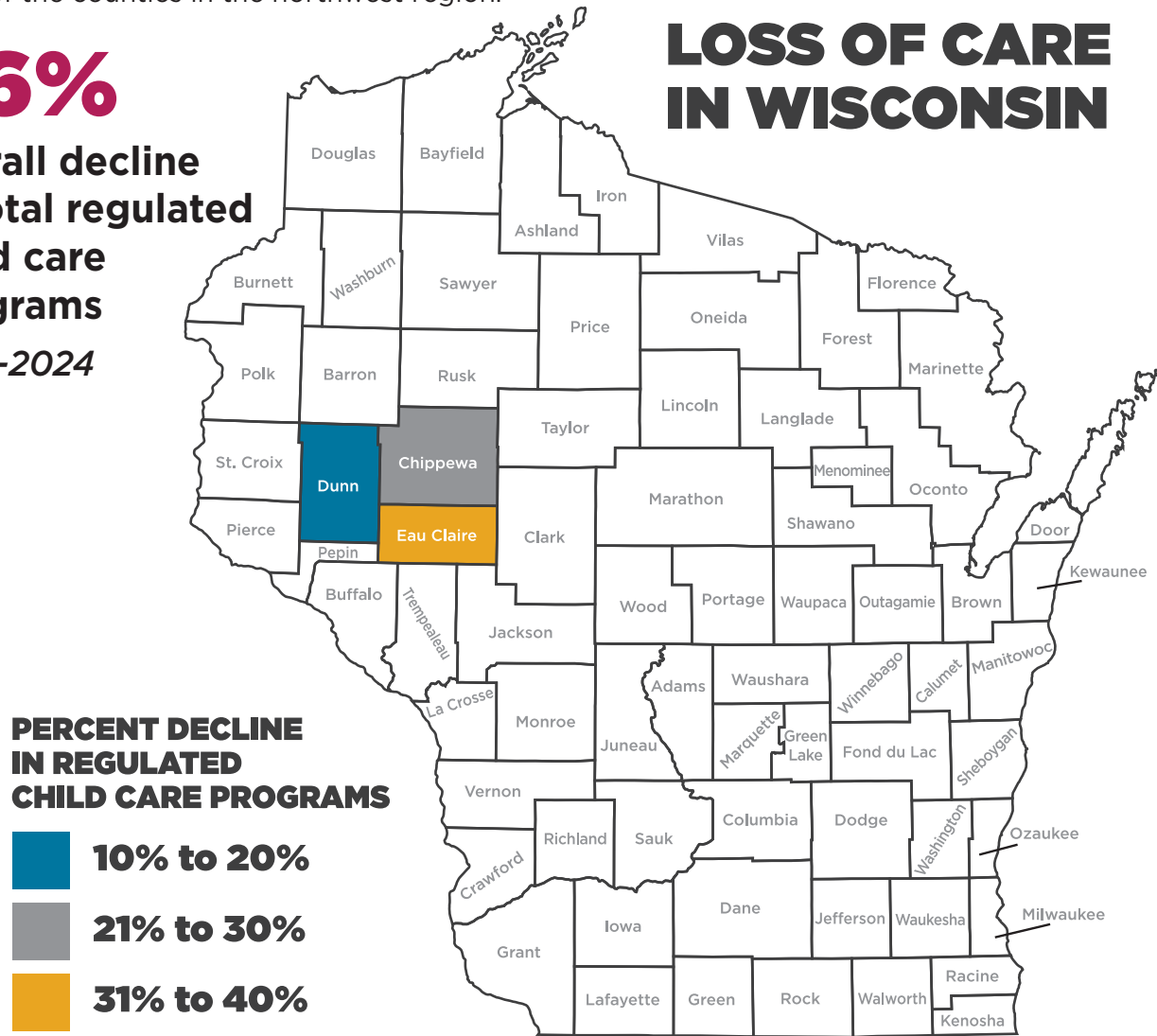
<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Burnett</b>	21	7	-14	-67%
FCC	14	2	-12	-86%
Group	7	5	-2	-29%

# A DEVASTATING DECLINE: REGULATED CHILD CARE IN CHIPPEWA, DUNN, AND EAU CLAIRE COUNTIES

The number of regulated child care programs across the state of Wisconsin has steadily declined over the last decade. In **Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties**, this sharp decline has placed a burden on working families with young children who rely on access to care to maintain employment. It, in turn, has significant effects on local employers and businesses, which need a reliable workforce for productivity and growth. See the other side of this document for a chart with regulated care data for each of the counties in the northwest region.

**26%**  
**overall decline**  
**in total regulated**  
**child care**  
**programs**  
**2013-2024**

## LOSS OF CARE IN WISCONSIN



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Regulated care data source: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Feb. 2013)</b>	<b>Number of Programs (Jan. 2024)</b>	<b>Change in Number of Programs</b>	<b>% Change (+/-)</b>
<b>Chippewa</b>	72	51	-21	-29%
FCC	47	23	-24	-51%
Group	25	28	3	12%
<b>Dunn</b>	26	22	-4	-15%
FCC	15	12	-3	-20%
Group	11	10	-1	-9%
<b>Eau Claire</b>	121	82	-39	-32%
FCC	67	28	-39	-58%
Group	54	54	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>-77%</b>