



County	# Regulated Child Care Centers	# Programs Responded	% Responses	Licensed Capacity	# classrooms closed	Adjusted Capacity (does not include capacity of closed classrooms)	# open staff positions	% programs that had change in the director position in the last 12 months	# staff hired in the past 12 months	# infant openings (0-12 Months)	# toddlers openings (1-2 Years)	# openings 3 years and older	Total Openings / Vacancies	# programs reporting a wait list	# children under 3 years old on wait list	# children over 3 years on wait list	Total on waitlist	% programs reporting facing closure due to low staffing	% programs unsure or not able to stay open without ongoing financial support
Buffalo	2	2	100%	49	1	39	1	0%	9	4	3	2	9	2	2	8	10	50%	50%
Chippewa	17	5	29%	451	1	488	22	60%	43	2	10	18	73	6	261	1257	1518	33%	17%
Dunn	9	6	67%	365	2	192	10	0%	27	2	6	18	26	6	84	23	113	17%	83%
Eau Claire	37	32	86%	3038	31.5	2188	151	23%	288	26	50	190	554	28	1148	445	1641	19%	47%
Jackson	5	5	100%	245	2	132	11	40%	28	8	6	27	69	5	52	34	91	20%	40%
Pepin	2	2	100%	77	0	69	3	0%	11	0	0	0	0	1	15	17	33	0%	0%
Pierce	5	2	40%	190	0	175	5	100%	32	0	0	0	0	2	124	60	184	0%	50%
Polk	3	1	33%	30	0	20	2	0%	6	0	0	5	5	1	6	2	8	0%	100%
St. Croix	29	20	69%	1880	14.5	1384	83	35%	126	39	18	80	137	17	446	166	612	0%	25%
Trempealeau	7	6	86%	281	2	254	36	50%	20	0	3	17	20	5	57	37	94	17%	33%
All Counties	116	81	70%	6606	54	4941	324	30%	590	81	96	357	893	90%	2195	2049	4304	16%	21% No 44% Unsure

The chart above shows the outcomes from a child care capacity survey during November 2022 in licensed group child care centers. The first column is the total number of regulated group child care centers by county. The next shows the number of programs to participated in the survey followed by response percentage.

The following columns are data related to the child care teacher shortage and the impacts currently in western Wisconsin. Group child care centers reported what their adjusted capacity is versus their licensed capacity due to a lack of qualified staff. In addition to adjusted capacity, there are **over 50 classrooms closed**. This is resulting in **a loss of over 1,600 child care slots**

Another shocking statistic is that in a 10 county area, group centers reported that in the last 12 months, they have **hired almost 600 times**. Yet, there are still **over 300 positions open**.

**90% of programs report a wait list with over 4,000 children**. While there are still vacancies, you can see the wait lists outweigh the availability

Without support around the child care staffing crisis, **16% of group child care programs reported they were facing closure** due to the ongoing issue of not having qualified staff.

Without ongoing financial support (through programs such as Child Care Counts, Partner Up!, etc) **44% of programs were unsure they would remain in business and 21% felt they would close**.