

Protections for Wisconsinites with Pre-existing Conditions Are on the Line

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MADISON - With a week left in the election, Scott Walker continues to run from his long record of undermining health care in Wisconsin. Walker refused to accept federal money to expand BadgerCare to 70,000 more people in the state, a position that has [actually cost](#) state \$1.1 billion in taxpayer funds. He endorsed national efforts to repeal the ACA and even [floated](#) the idea of accepting a waiver to allow insurers to charge more for people with pre-existing conditions.

And most concerning for Wisconsin families, Walker's attacks on health care access continue to this day. Wisconsin - with Walker's approval - is still suing to end the ACA and gut protections for pre-existing conditions, while pushing a state level plan that would [fall well short](#) of current protections.

If Walker gets his way, Wisconsinites in all 72 counties would be affected.

“Scott Walker is still in court suing to undermine protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions. No matter where you live in Wisconsin, his actions will threaten the health security of families in your community,” said DPW Spokesperson Alex Japko. **“Health care is on the ballot this November and Wisconsin voters can finally hold Walker accountable for his terrible record on health care.”**

Here's a conservative estimate* of how many people in each county could be uninsurable in each county if Walker's lawsuit to gut protections for pre-existing conditions is successful:

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County

Estimated Population with Pre-Existing Condition

Adams County

2,837

Ashland County

2,286

Barron County

6,446

Bayfield County

2,097

Brown County

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40,397

Buffalo County

1,884

Burnett County

2,082

Calumet County

7,648

Chippewa County

9,603

Clark County

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4,699

Columbia County

8,738

Crawford County

2,308

Dane County

88,687

Dodge County

13,765

Door County

3,756

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Douglas County

6,702

Dunn County

7,243

Eau Claire County

16,665

Florence County

650

Fond du Lac County

15,471

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Forest County

1,286

Grant County

8,142

Green County

5,492

Green Lake County

2,613

Iowa County

3,500

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Iron County

777

Jackson County

3,041

Jefferson County

13,181

Juneau County

3,966

Kenosha County

26,597

Kewaunee County

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2,985

La Crosse County

18,969

Lafayette County

2,392

Langlade County

2,720

Lincoln County

4,208

Manitowoc County

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11,741

Marathon County

20,345

Marinette County

5,789

Marquette County

2,166

Menominee County

612

Milwaukee County

149,346

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Monroe County

6,594

Oconto County

5,601

Oneida County

5,053

Outagamie County

28,835

Ozaukee County

13,126

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Pepin County

1,041

Pierce County

6,799

Polk County

6,377

Portage County

11,378

Price County

1,909

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Racine County

29,726

Richland County

2,450

Rock County

24,554

Rusk County

1,976

St. Croix County

13,572

Sauk County

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9,472

Sawyer County

2,251

Shawano County

5,906

Sheboygan County

17,329

Taylor County

2,915

Trempealeau County

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4,236

Vernon County

4,224

Vilas County

2,850

Walworth County

15,920

Washburn County

2,178

Washington County

20,368

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Waukesha County

60,293

Waupaca County

7,568

Waushara County

3,510

Winnebago County

27,079

Wood County

10,658

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* Estimates were calculated using population estimates for adults aged 18-64 from the U.S. Census and data on pre-existing conditions from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.