

WisDems: With a week left, protections for Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions in all 72 counties are on the line

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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:

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	40,397
Buffalo County	1,884
Burnett County	2,082
Calumet County	7,648
Chippewa County	9,603
Clark County	4,699
Columbia County	8,738
Crawford County	2,308
Dane County	88,687
Dodge County	13,765
Door County	3,756
Douglas County	6,702
Dunn County	7,243
Eau Claire County	16,665
Florence County	650
Fond du Lac County	15,471
Forest County	1,286
Grant County	8,142
Green County	5,492
Green Lake County	2,613
Iowa County	3,500
Iron County	777
Jackson County	3,041
Jefferson County	13,181
Juneau County	3,966

Kenosha County	26,597
Kewaunee County	2,985
La Crosse County	18,969
Lafayette County	2,392
Langlade County	2,720
Lincoln County	4,208
Manitowoc County	11,741
Marathon County	20,345
Marinette County	5,789
Marquette County	2,166
Menominee County	612
Milwaukee County	149,346
Monroe County	6,594
Oconto County	5,601
Oneida County	5,053
Outagamie County	28,835
Ozaukee County	13,126
Pepin County	1,041
Pierce County	6,799
Polk County	6,377
Portage County	11,378
Price County	1,909
Racine County	29,726
Richland County	2,450
Rock County	24,554
Rusk County	1,976
St. Croix County	13,572
Sauk County	9,472
Sawyer County	2,251
Shawano County	5,906
Sheboygan County	17,329
Taylor County	2,915
Trempealeau County	4,236

Vernon County	4,224
Vilas County	2,850
Walworth County	15,920
Washburn County	2,178
Washington County	20,368
Waukesha County	60,293
Waupaca County	7,568
Waushara County	3,510
Winnebago County	27,079
Wood County	10,658

* 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.