



2020 Program Access and Benchmark Project: For Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program, Katie Beckett Medicaid, and Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)

Wisconsin Children With a Disability

This report seeks to approximate the number of children in Wisconsin that are potentially eligible for programs administered by the Bureau of Children's Services (BCS) in the Division of Medicaid Services.

A proxy is used to estimate the number of children in Wisconsin and in each county with a significant disability that would likely be eligible for long-term services and supports. Estimating the number of children in Wisconsin potentially eligible for long-term supports and services can aid in planning for enrollment, budget projection, and monitoring access to services across the state.

Number of children in Wisconsin under 18: 1,257,464

Wisconsin children under 18 with a disability by definition

Various definitions of disabilities result in a range of estimates from over 16% to less than 2% of Wisconsin children.

No. of Children With a Disability	Percent of Children with a Disability	Definition Source
212,571*	16.9%	Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) ¹
116,753	9.3%	Children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) ²
50,626	4.0%	American Community Survey (ACS) ³
21,426	1.7%	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ⁴

The definition of disability⁵ from the American Community Survey (ACS) by the U.S. Census Bureau most closely resembles the functional level necessary to receive supports and services from the CLTS Program, Katie Beckett Medicaid, or Children's Community Options Program (CCOP).

The American Community Survey (ACS): 4.0% or 50,626 children in Wisconsin

Conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey that adopts a functional approach to disability, defining it as having "serious difficulty" with vision or hearing, or "because of a serious physical, mental, or emotional condition" with cognition, ambulation, or self-care. Overall, the ACS attempts to capture disability from these six types of difficulty: hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory (substantially limited use of one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing, reaching, lifting, or carrying; used as a proxy for physical disability), self-care, and independent living.

Functional limitations are supplemented by questions about difficulties with selected activities from the Katz Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Lawton Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) scales, namely difficulty bathing and dressing, and difficulty performing errands such as shopping. For

¹ 2017 National Survey of Children's Health. Children and Family Health Measures; Indicator 1.11

* Note: 212,571 (16.6%) is based off 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimate of 1,283,444 children under 18 in WI.

² Children participating in public school only in academic year 2016 (n=867,800), not all children under 18 years of age.

<https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/pubagency.asp>

³ U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

⁴ SSI Recipients by State and County, 2017 www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_sc/2017/wi.html

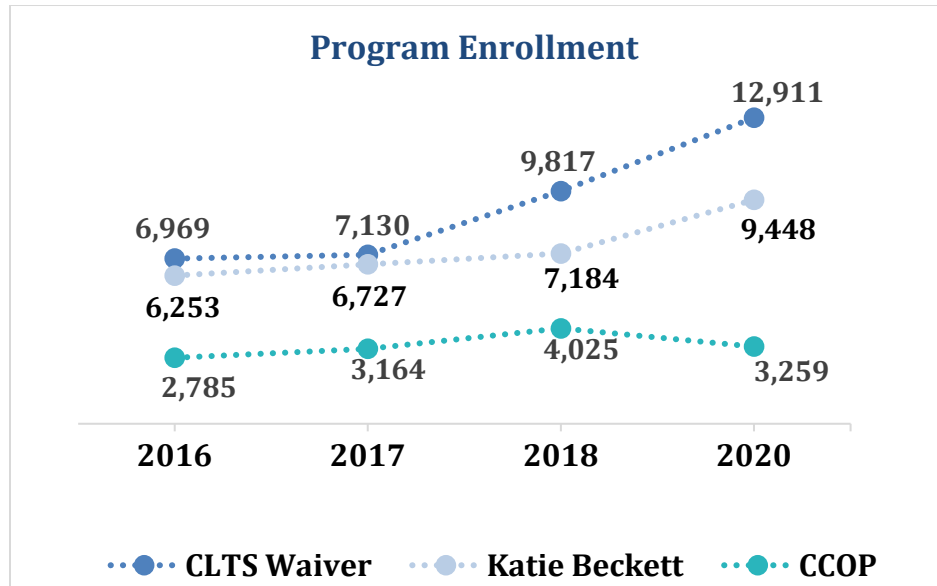
⁵ American Community Survey, 2017 Subject Definitions. www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/subject_definitions/2017_ACSSubjectDefinitions.pdf



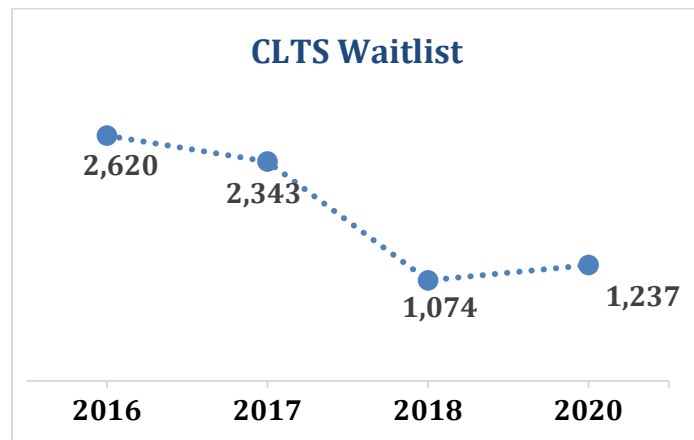
children younger than five, only vision and hearing categories are assessed. Data does not include children in institutions.

2016-2020 Enrollment in CLTS Program, CCOP, and Katie Beckett

Children with disabilities, as defined by the ACS, suggests that over 50,000 children in Wisconsin have care needs that would likely result in their eligibility for programs administered by the Bureau of Children's Services in the Long Term Care area of the Division of Medicaid Services. Not all children potentially eligible for these programs may choose to enroll or need to access the programs. The decision to access these specific programs is dependent on a number of factors.



The chart below captures the number of children who were on the CLTS Waitlist at the end of a calendar year. It does not include children who were on the Waitlist and then enrolled in the CLTS Program.





**Proxy for Potentially Eligible Children
CLTS Program, CCOP, Katie Beckett**

Program Enrollment references children enrolled in CLTS Program, Katie Beckett Medicaid, or CCOP at any time in a calendar year. CCOP does not include services in which CCOP was used as a local match source. Unduplicated Children Served removes children enrolled in more than one program (duplicates) to show the number of individual children served.

Children Identified Any Time in Calendar Year				
	2016	2017	2018	2020
Program Enrollment for CLTS, Katie Beckett, CCOP	16,007	17,021	21,026	25,618
(+) Children on Waitlist at end of year	2,620	2,343	1,074	1,237
	18,627	19,364	22,100	26,855
(-) Children Enrolled in Multiple Programs (Duplicates)	4,256	6,860	8,198	9,597
Unduplicated Children Served	14,371	12,504	13,902	17,258

Children Enrolled Any Time in Calendar Year				
	2016	2017	2018	2020
Children Potentially Eligible for CLTS, Katie Beckett, CCOP	56,337	55,326	55,326	50,626
(-) Unduplicated Children Served	14,371	12,504	13,902	17,258
Remaining	41,966	42,822	41,424	33,368

Percent of Potentially Eligible Children Served

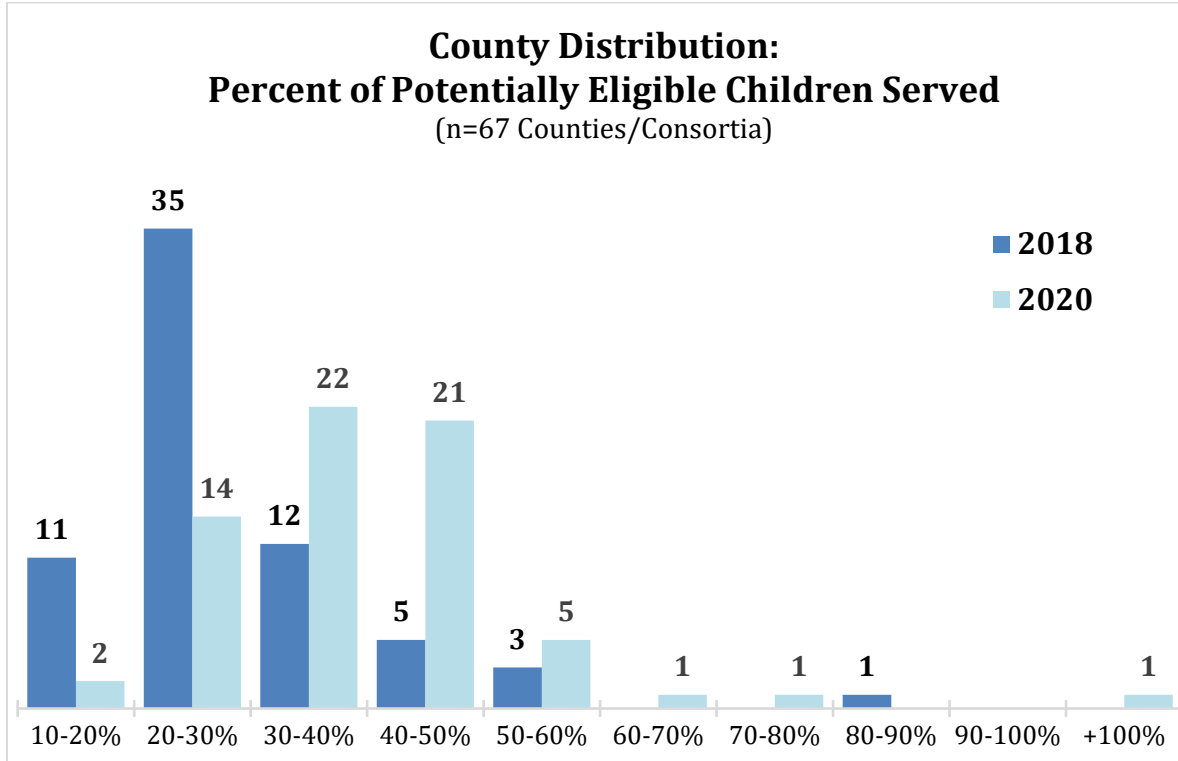
The number of unduplicated children served in each county is divided by the number of potentially eligible children. The percent generated represents the Percent of Potentially Eligible Children who received services from BCS for each particular county.

% of Potentially Eligible Children Served				
	2016	2017	2018	2020
WI State Total	25.5%	22.6%	25.1%	34.1%
County/Consortia Average:	29.6%	26.9%	28.7%	38.6%
County/Consortia Range:	7.1% to 58.7%	8.8% to 85.1%	10.8% to 84.7%	16.2% to 104%



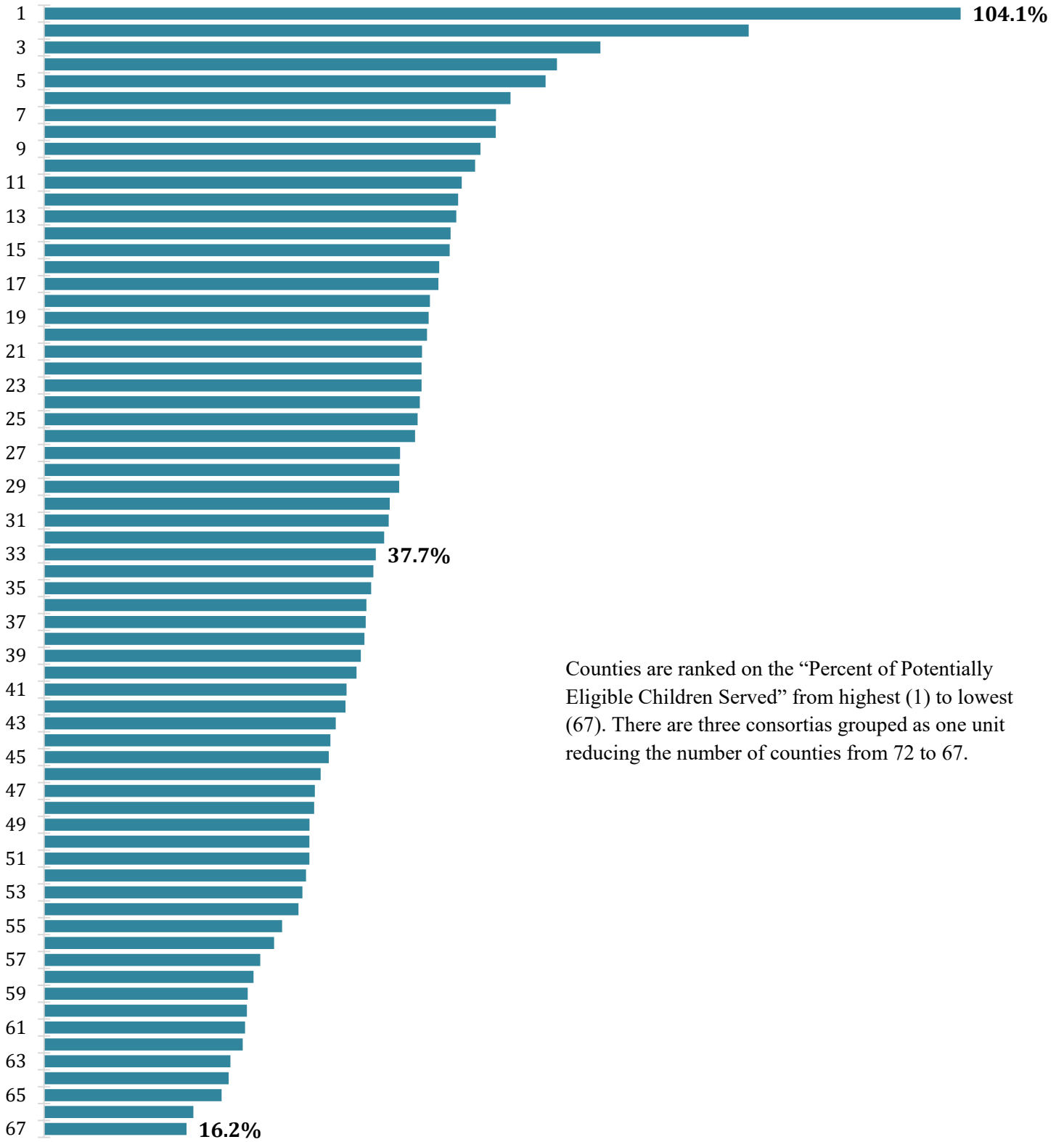
County Distribution: Potentially Eligible Children Served

From 2018 to 2020, the percentage of Potentially Eligible Children Served throughout Wisconsin has increased overall. On average, counties are serving a higher proportion. The minimum percentage has also increased. The majority of counties are in the 30-40% or the 40-50% range.





2020 Percent of Potentially Eligible Children Served in BCS Programs by County



Counties are ranked on the “Percent of Potentially Eligible Children Served” from highest (1) to lowest (67). There are three consortias grouped as one unit reducing the number of counties from 72 to 67.