



2018 Program Access and Benchmark Project: For Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver, Katie Beckett Program, 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 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: 1,292,694

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	16.6%	Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) ¹
116,753	13.5%	Children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) ²
55,326	4.3%	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 Waiver, Katie Beckett Program, or Children’s Community Options Program (CCOP).

The American Community Survey (ACS): 4.3% or 55,326 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 limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking,

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, 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

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

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



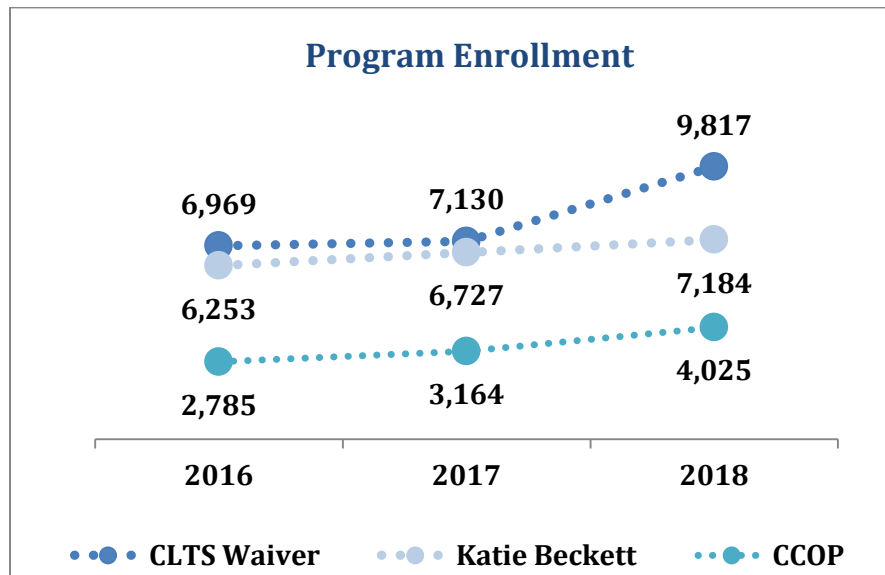
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climbing, reaching, lifting, or carrying, used as a proxy for physical disability), self-care, and independent living.

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

2016-2018 Enrollment in CLTS Waiver, CCOP, and Katie Beckett

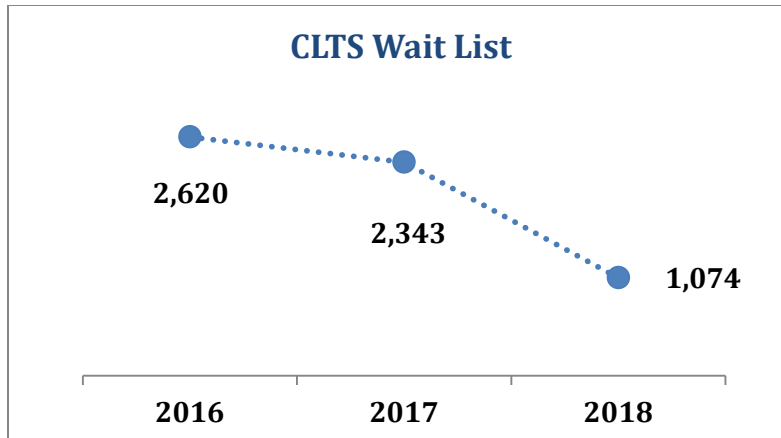
Children with disabilities, as defined by the ACS, suggests that over 55,000 children in Wisconsin have care needs that would likely result in their eligibility for programs administered by the Bureau of Children’s Services in the Long Term Care area of the Division of Medicaid Services. Not all children 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 Wait List at the end of a calendar year. It does not include children who were on the Wait List and then enrolled in the CLTS Waiver Program.



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**Proxy for Potentially Eligible Children
CLTS Waiver, CCOP, Katie Becket**

Program Enrollment references children enrolled in CLTS Waiver Program, Katie Beckett Program, 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 Enrolled Any Time in Calendar Year			
	2016	2017	2018
Program Enrollment for CLTS, Katie Beckett, CCOP	16,007	17,021	21,026
(-) Children Enrolled in Multiple Programs (Duplicates)	4,972	5,183	7,751
Unduplicated Children Served	11,035	11,838	13,275

Potentially Eligible Children			
	2016	2017	2018
Children Potentially Eligible for CLTS, Katie Beckett, CCOP	56,337	55,326	55,326
(-) Unduplicated Children Served	11,035	11,838	13,275
Remaining	45,302	43,488	42,051



Percent of Potentially Eligible Children Enrolled

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

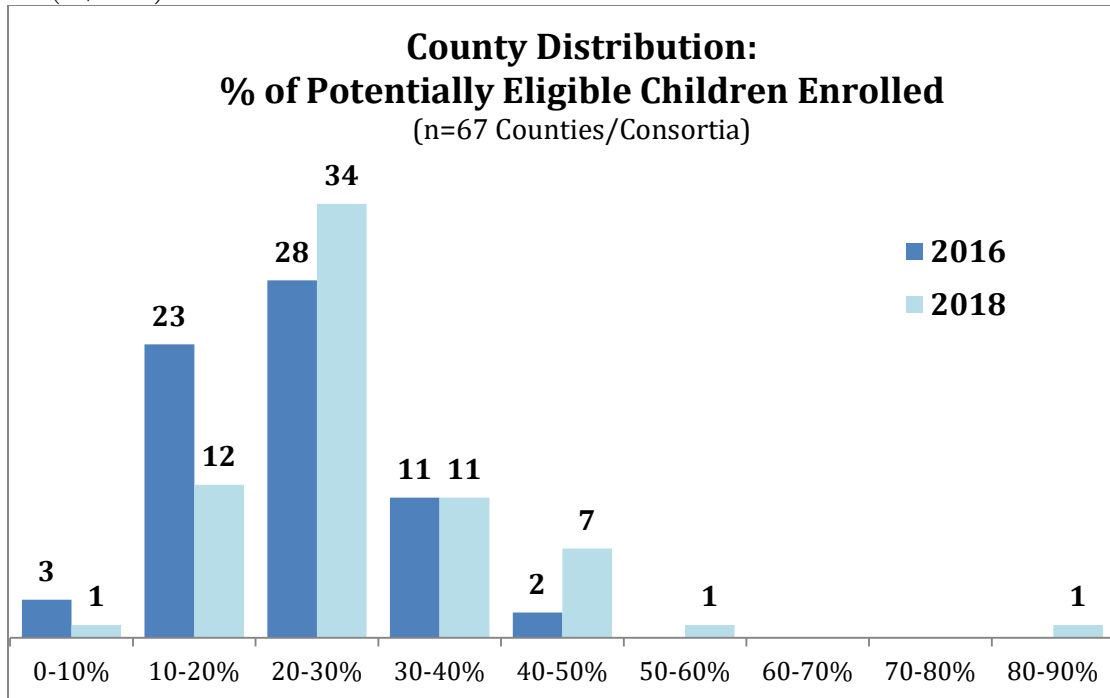
% of Potentially Eligible Children Enrolled			
	2016	2017	2018
Wisconsin State Total:	19.6%	21.4%	24.0%
County/Consortia Average:	22.8%	23.7%	27.7%
County/Consortia Range:	7.1% to 46.4%	8.8% to 55.0%	10.0% to 81.4%

County Distribution: Potentially Eligible Children Enrolled

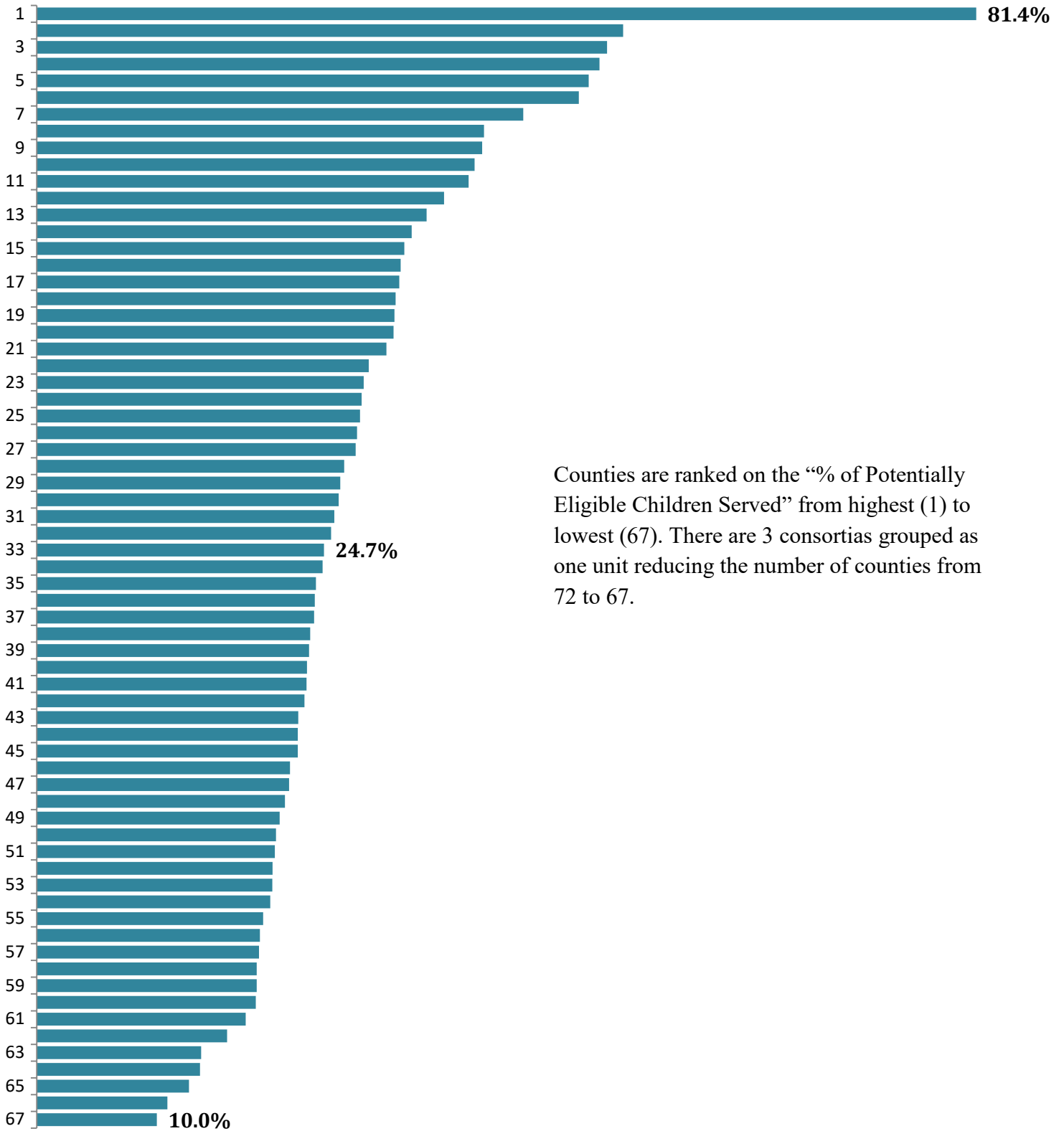
From 2016 to 2018, the percentage of Potentially Eligible Children Served throughout Wisconsin has increased overall. On average, counties are also serving a higher proportion. Although the minimum percentage has increased, the range, or variation between counties, has not decreased. The majority of counties are in the 20-30%.



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2018 Percent of Potentially Eligible Children Enrolled in BCS Programs by County



Counties are ranked on the “% of Potentially Eligible Children Served” from highest (1) to lowest (67). There are 3 consortias grouped as one unit reducing the number of counties from 72 to 67.