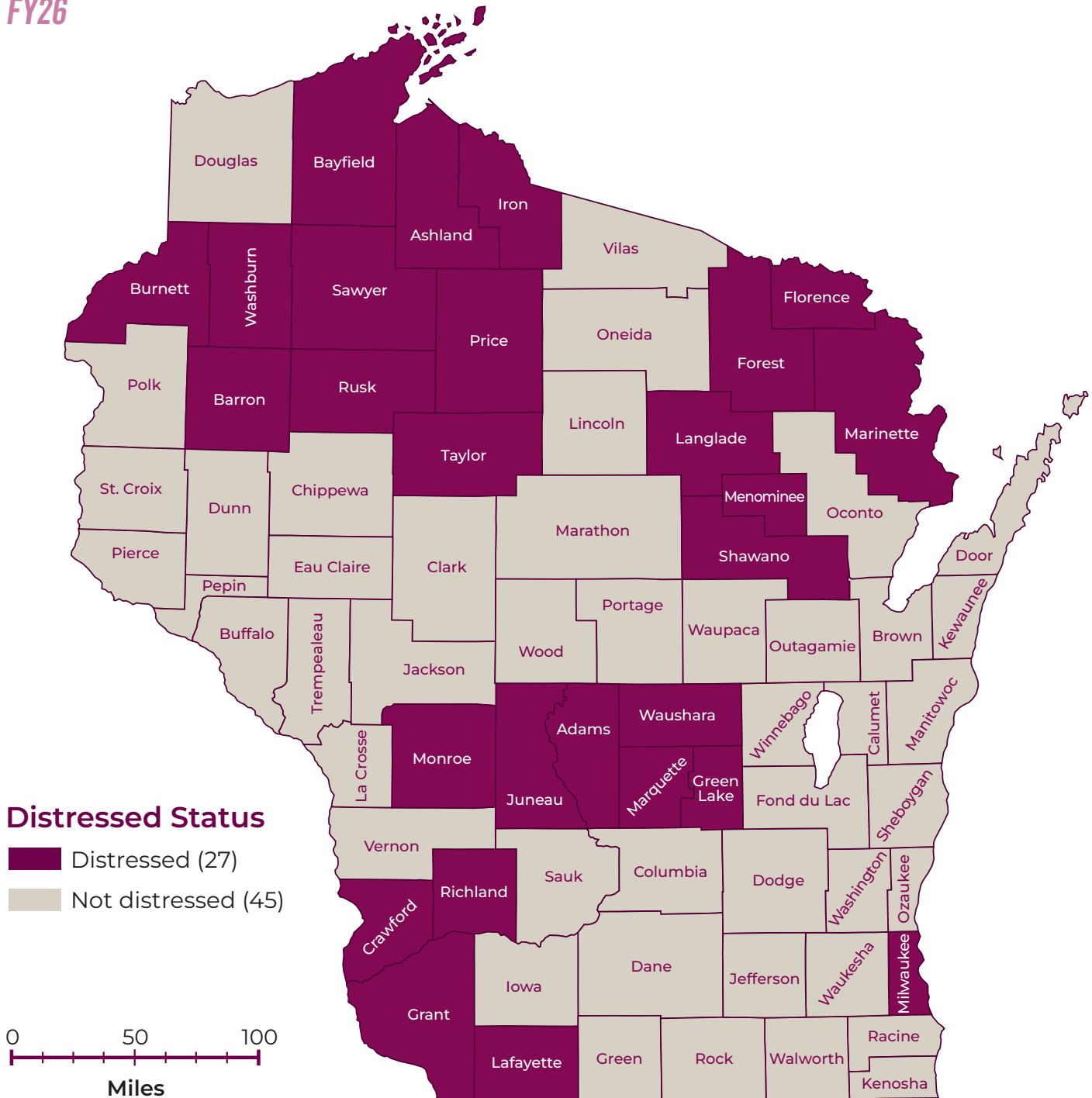


# Distressed Counties in Wisconsin

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Distressed Status is determined by the comparison of yearly, county-wide Average Annual Wages, Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, Real Estate Value Change, Unemployment Rates, Lay-off Rates, and Poverty Rates. In addition to counties, the City of Milwaukee can (and does) also receive the status of Distressed. WEDC is under statutory requirement to use these specific metrics when determining counties' Distressed Status per Wisconsin State statute §238.306(2)(e).