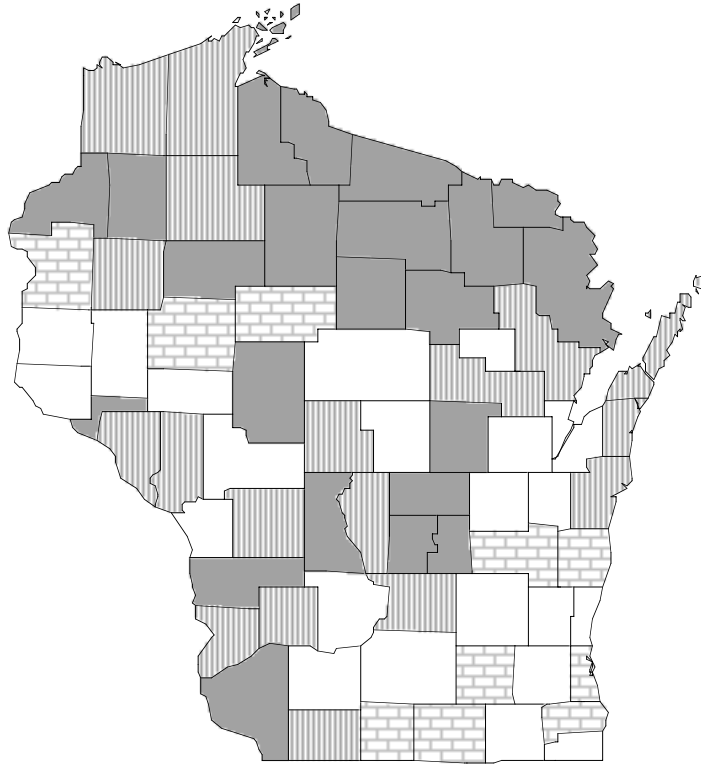


## Wisconsin's Rural Counties Are America's Future Today Too Few Workers To Pay The Medicare Shortfall



WI Workers Per Beneficiary in 1999 (Period When Ratio Is US Average)

- greater than 3.7 (actual 1960 - 1970)
- range of 3.6 to 3.1 (actual/projected 1971 - 2010)
- range of 3.0 to 2.5 (projected 2011 - 2020)
- below 2.5 (projected 2021 - 2030)

Data: WI Department Workforce Development for 1999, 4/02 Revisions  
CMS Report On Medicare County Enrollment for July 1st, 1999, 3/00 Update  
The Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund 2001 Annual Report  
Graph: RWHC 5/08/02 based on an earlier version from the Marshfield Clinic