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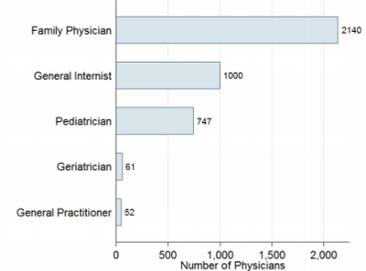
Trends in Wisconsin's Physician Workforce

A **new report** details the primary care physician workforce in every state, and finds that Wisconsin varies several ways when compared to national figures of primary care physicians.

A larger percentage of Wisconsin's primary care workforce consists of family physicians (54% compared to a nationwide figure of 38%).

But, there are fewer primary care physicians in Wisconsin than compared to national figures. On a per capita basis, there were 69 PCPs per 100,000 persons in Wisconsin, compared to 76 PCPs per 100,000 in the U.S.

Distribution of Primary Care Physicians, by Specialty



Distribution of Primary Care Physicians, by Specialty, in Wisconsin. Image courtesy Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies.

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Interactive: Mapping the Opioid Prescribing Rate

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has released an expanded version of their **opioid prescribing mapping tool**, with updated numbers for 2013-2016. The interactive maps track changes in opioid prescribing rates, break down the rates by rural and urban areas, and map prescription hot spots and outliers. Use the maps to compare trends in prescribing at the national, state, county, and ZIP-code levels.



Image: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Communities Foster Dementia Friendliness

Memory cafes are designed to offer people with memory loss an opportunity to get out of the house and connect with other people. Memory cafes in the rapidly-aging counties of Columbia, Dodge and Sauk are one way officials are pursuing the development of dementia-friendly communities, [reports Lyn Jerde for the Portage Daily Register](#).



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- In rural Jackson County, an [aquaculture and hydroponics operation](#) is helping the local economy and delivering fresh food to the surrounding area.
- The total number of Wisconsin births has hit a [44-year low](#).
- A new rule [effectively blocks](#) Planned Parenthood from receiving federal family planning funds. On Tuesday, Governor Evers and nine other governors signed on to a [letter threatening legal action](#) if the rule stays in place.
- Governor Evers is set to announce his budget proposal today. The Wisconsin Policy Forum has a [guide to understanding the state budget process](#).

Funding & Opportunities

- [Funding](#) from the Wisconsin DATCP will help farms and business produce, process, market and distribute food in local markets. (Deadline: March 20th)
- Tax-exempt organizations in the communities of Oshkosh, Appleton, New London, Neenah-Menasha, Boscobel, and Lancaster are invited to apply for [community support grants](#). (Deadline: March 20th)
- [SAFER Grants](#) will provide fire departments, governments, or tribal organizations with financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters (Deadline: March 22nd)
- SAMHSA will [fund programs](#) to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults in communities throughout the nation. (Deadline: March 22nd)
- Federal [funding](#) will go to develop new rural residency programs or rural training tracks in family medicine, internal medicine, and psychiatry. (Deadline: March 25th)
- The Administration for Community Living will award grants for the development and expansion of [dementia-capable home and community-based service systems](#) in states and communities. (Deadline: April 1st)

Events

- March 4th: Webinar: Identifying the Need for Youth and Young-Adult Specific Strategies in Medication-Assisted Treatment
- March 6th: Oneida County Palliative Care Coalition
- April 10th: Wisconsin EMS Day at the Capitol. Register here!



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