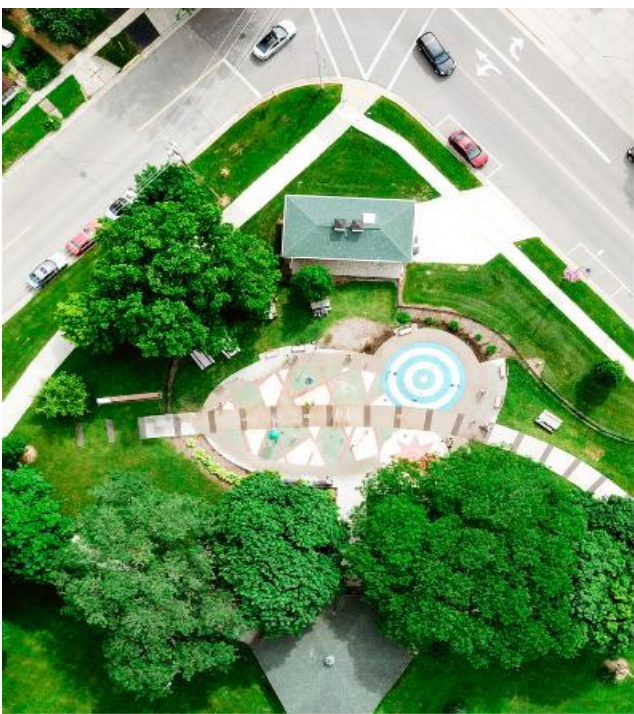


Countywide EMS Systems Overview



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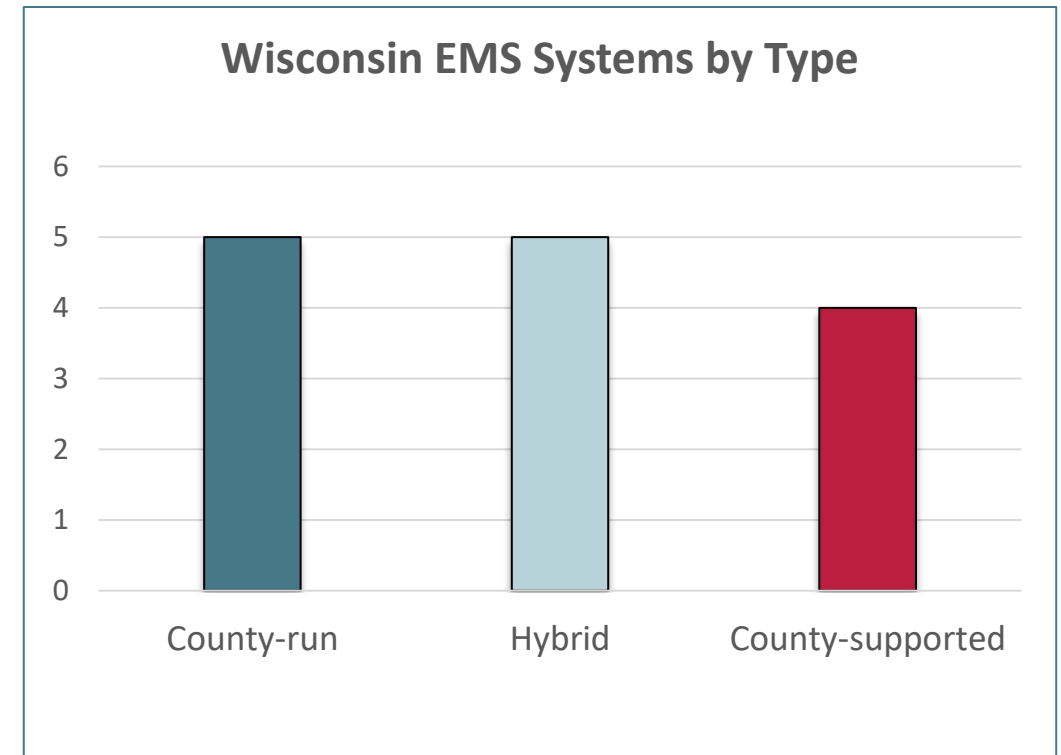
Countywide EMS Systems in WI*

2024 Countywide EMS Levies in WI: 14

County-run = County-owned and operated system

Hybrid = County provides some EMS services and/or equipment

County-supported = Funding and/or admin support, no direct services



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Countywide EMS Systems in WI*

County-Run Systems

- Florence County
- Marquette County
- Rusk County
- Sawyer County
- Waushara County

Hybrid Systems

- Door County
- Lafayette County
- Oneida County
- Portage County
- Taylor County

County-Supported Systems

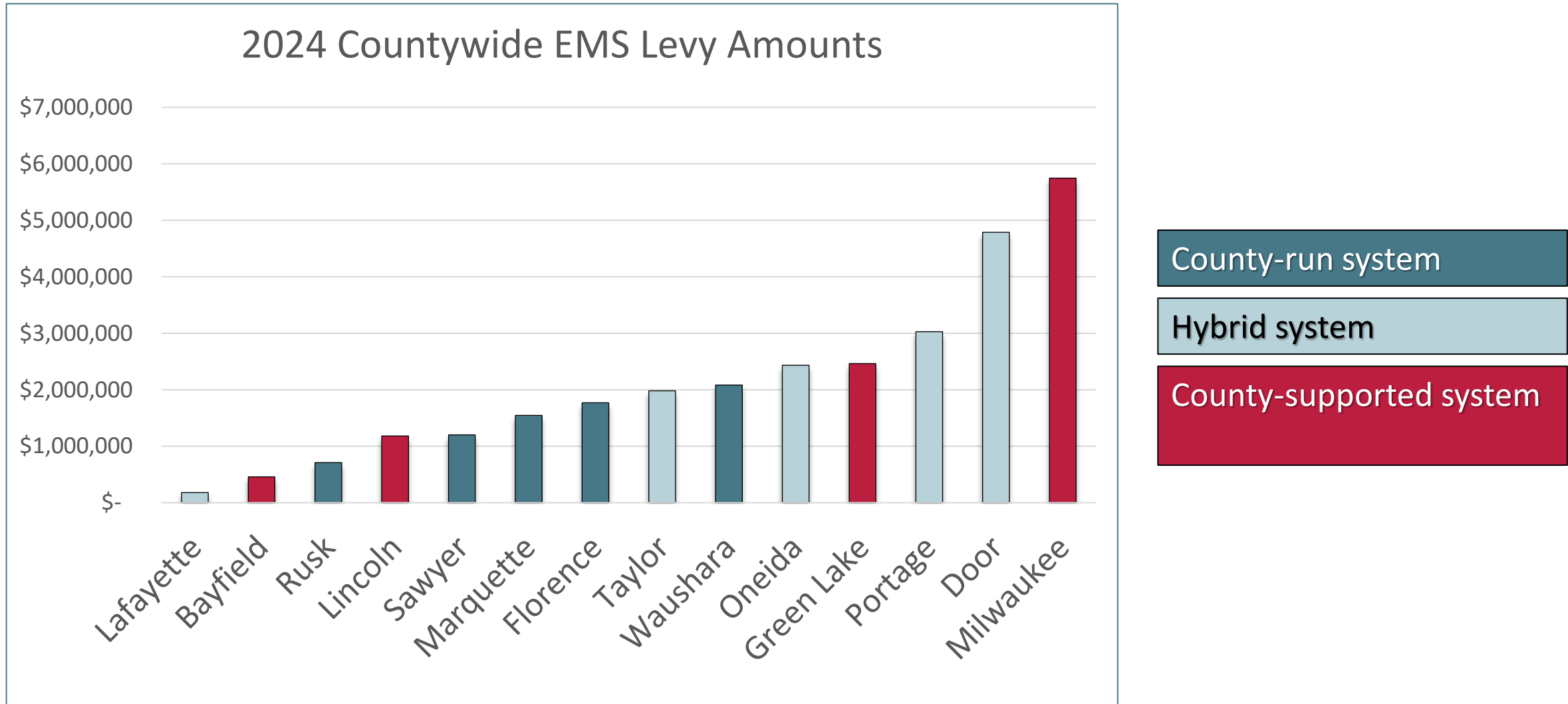
- Bayfield County
- Green Lake County
- Lincoln County
- Milwaukee County

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EMS Levy Amounts in WI



County-Run EMS Systems

Staffing

- **Marquette County** – County employees, partner with local first responder units
- **Sawyer County** – County employees
- **Waushara County** – County employees, provide EMS supplies for local first responder units

Ownership

- **Waushara County** – County-owned and operated
- **Florence County** – County-owned and operated
- **Rusk County** – County-owned and operated

Funding

- **Door County** – Fund countywide medical director
- **Marquette County** – Fund countywide medical director
- **Waushara County** – Fund EMR training throughout the county



Hybrid EMS Systems

Services

- **Door County** – County for primary staffing, reimburse municipalities \$150/licensed EMR and per call
- **Lafayette County** – Primary provider in some municipalities, backup in others
- **Oneida County** – Rhinelander provides own services
- **Portage County** – Contract with 3 local Fire Departments; county EMS service for special events and backup

Equipment/Staffing

- **Oneida County** – County owns equipment, contracts for staffing
- **Portage County** – EMS Division in Sheriff's Office with EMS Coordinator
- **Taylor County** – County owns equipment, contracts for staffing

Funding

- **Door County** – Funding for training, countywide medical director, dispatch
- **Lafayette County** – Free or low-cost for all ambulance and EMR units in the county
- **Portage County** – Annual grants for local departments



County-Supported EMS Systems

Services

- **Green Lake County** – Contract for services
- **Lincoln County** – Contract for services
- **Milwaukee County** – Fire departments, private ambulances in Milwaukee

Admin Support

- **Bayfield County** – EMS Coordinator
- **Lincoln County** – County Finance Department bills for services
- **Milwaukee County** – EMS Department for coordination, data analysis

Funding


- **Bayfield County** – Formula-based stipend to local providers for critical incident services
- **Green Lake County** – Contract rates based on actual expenditures
- **Milwaukee County** – Formula-based funding to local departments





Thank you!

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Appendix: County EMS System Examples in Wisconsin

Bayfield County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$458,000

EMS Structure Highlights (County-supported)

- Stipends to 9 EMS providers throughout the county
- County EMS Coordinator position in 2025



Door County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$4,787,599

EMS Structure Highlights (Hybrid)

- One of 2 counties in WI offering countywide paramedic service
- Reimburse municipalities annually per licensed EMR
- Funding for trainings and a county-wide medical director



Florence County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$1,768,966

EMS Structure Highlights (County-run)

- County-run EMS
- Shifted away from volunteers in 2022-2023



Green Lake County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$2,463,800

County Involvement in EMS (County-supported)

- Contract for services with Berlin Emergency Medical Service and Southern Green Lake County Ambulance Service



Lafayette County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$178,524

EMS Structure Highlights (Hybrid)

- County EMS Department – Primary provider in some municipalities
- Backup provider throughout the county
- Free or low-cost training to all ambulance and first responder units in the county



Lincoln County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$1,182,931

County Involvement in EMS (County-supported)

- Contracts with City of Merrill for southern portion of the county, Aspirus out of Tomahawk for northern
- County Public Safety Committee oversees contracting for services



Marquette County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$1,545,240

County Involvement in EMS (County-run)

- County-run service
- Referendum to increase levy (approved)
- County-wide medical director



Milwaukee County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$5,745,482

County Involvement in EMS (County-supported)

- County office of EMS to help with coordination, data collection and analysis, administer protocols and standards of care
- Services through municipal fire departments, some private ambulance providers in Milwaukee
- Formula-based distribution of funds to municipal departments



Oneida County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$2,434,487

County Involvement in EMS (Hybrid)

- County-funded and county-owned equipment
- Contracts for personnel with Aspirus Rhineland Hospital and Howard Young Medical Center



Portage County**

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$3,027,369

County Involvement in EMS (Hybrid)

- Mostly county-supported, but supplement EMS service for special events or as needed
- Contract with 3 municipalities for county-wide paramedic-level care and ambulance transport
- EMS Coordinator position since 2009
- Grants to municipalities

*Identified as peer county to Jefferson in County Health Rankings:
<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/resources/peer-counties-tool>



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Rusk County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$709,673

County Involvement in EMS (County-run)

- County-owned and operated EMS system
- Rusk County Ambulance Service partners with EMS of Rusk County



Sawyer County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$1,200,787

County Involvement in EMS (County-run)

- County-owned and operated system
- EMS personnel are county staff



Taylor County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$1,980,610

County Involvement in EMS (Hybrid)

- County EMS office operated through Memorial Medical Center
- County owns equipment (similar to Oneida)



Waushara County

2024 Countywide EMS Levy: \$2,083,567

County Involvement in EMS (County-run)

- County-owned and operated system
- County staff
- Provide trainings, including EMR training

