

2025 FACT SHEET

WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Established in 1948, the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) is the state chapter of the 128,300-member American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The WAFP has nearly 2,800 members, making the WAFP the single largest physician specialty group in Wisconsin. The WAFP is governed by a 22-member board of directors.

Our Mission: To promote excellence and equity in health for all people in Wisconsin through the advancement of the art and science of Family Medicine.

Our Vision: Competent, compassionate, thriving Family Physicians advancing the health of our communities.

FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine is a medical specialty that provides continuing and comprehensive primary health care for the individual and family. Family Medicine integrates the biological, clinical and behavioral sciences and its scope encompasses all ages, both sexes, each organ system, and every disease entity.

FAMILY PHYSICIANS

More patients are seen by family physicians than any other specialty. Family physicians devote their careers to advocating for their patients' needs and taking responsibility for their long-term care, developing long lasting relationships. *Family physicians...*

- Serve as the entry point for most of a patient's health care needs
- Can diagnose and treat 85% of all ailments
- Coordinate the best possible care when other specialists are needed, including the consultants, health services and community resources.

The AAFP and WAFP require Active members to complete 150 hours of approved continuing medical education every three years to maintain their membership status. Family physicians are also required by the American Board of Family Medicine to pass a comprehensive certification exam every ten years.

WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS 2025 MEMBERSHIP DATA

Active:	1599
Student:	362
Resident:	342
Life Members:	352
Inactive:	38
Supporting students to	4

Member Practice Data:

11% practice in a rural setting
40% practice in an urban setting
77% are employed
10% are self employed

85% would encourage medical students to choose

Family Medicine

Members are: 44% men

50% women

48% under the age of 50

BECOMING A FAMILY PHYSICIAN IN WISCONSIN

Developing and supporting new family physicians is central to the mission and purpose of the WAFP. The WAFP supports Family Medicine student groups, offers student and resident board and committee positions and leadership development, in addition to ongoing involvement with medical schools and residency programs.

Wisconsin offers four top-ranked medical schools to pursue the Family Medicine specialty: **University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health**, the **Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**, the **Medical College of Wisconsin – Central Wisconsin**, and the **Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay**.

Upon completion of their three or four-year medical degree, medical students interested in Family Medicine can choose from 19 residency programs in Wisconsin. Family Medicine residents come from across the country and abroad to participate in these three-year programs:

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliations

- Fox Valley Family Medicine Residency Program
- Froedtert Menomonee Falls Family Medicine Residency
- Froedtert & MCW North Side FMRP
- Froedtert & MCW South Side FMRP
- MCW-Prevea Family Medicine Residency Program - Green Bay

UW-Madison Affiliations

- Aspirus Wausau Family Medicine Residency Program
- Aurora Milwaukee Family Medicine Residency Program
- Baraboo Rural Training Track Family Medicine Residency Program
- Madison Family Medicine Residency Program
- Waukesha Family Medicine Residency Program

Regional Affiliations

- Aurora Lakeland Rural Training Track Family Medicine Residency
- Gundersen Medical Foundation Family Medicine Residency
- HealthPartners Western Wisconsin Rural Family Medicine Residency Program
- La Crosse-Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program, affiliated with the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education
- Mayo Clinic Family Medicine Residency Program – Eau Claire
- Mercy Health Janesville Family Medicine Residency Program
- Mercy Health Lake Geneva Family Medicine Residency Program
- Monroe Clinic Rural Family Medicine Residency Program

Choose Wisconsin

Family physicians often choose Wisconsin as their home. 49% of residents stay in Wisconsin to practice, with nearly half choosing rural settings.

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