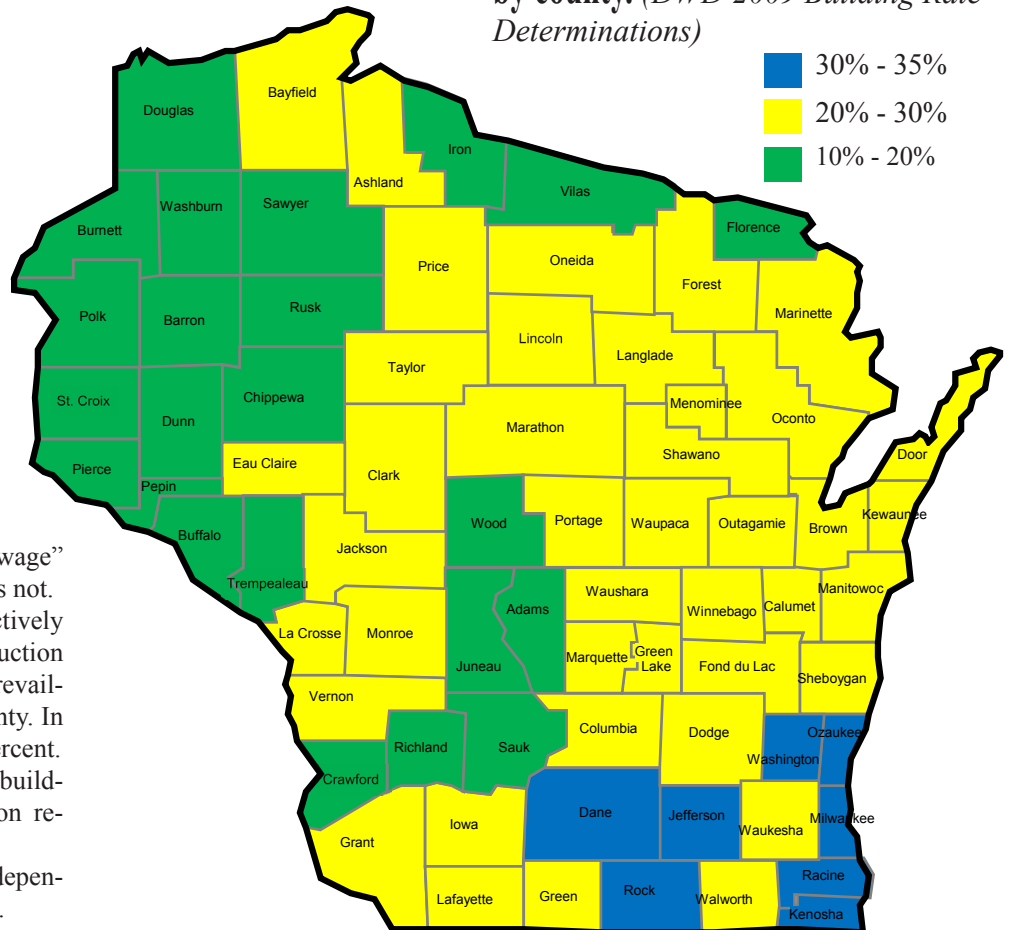


Prevailing Wage is not the union wage

Percentage of “Union” prevailing wage rates by trade classifications by county. (DWD 2009 Building Rate Determinations)



While it is often said that “Union wage” is the prevailing wage, the fact is, it is not.

As this map illustrates, collectively bargained rates for building construction never exceed 35 percent of the total prevailing wage determinations for any county. In only 8 counties is it at or above 30 percent.

Statewide, roughly 20 percent of building wage rates by trade classification reflects the local union rate.

Prevailing wage is completely dependent on the local construction market.

Percentage of “Union” Prevailing Wage Rates for Building by County

Adams	15.49%	Florence	18.31%	Marathon	26.76%	Rusk	16.90%
Ashland	20.00%	Fond du Lac	19.72%	Marinette	24.00%	St. Croix	16.90%
Barron	14.08%	Forest	23.94%	Marquette	23.94%	Sauk	16.90%
Bayfield	20.00%	Grant	26.76%	Menominee	21.13%	Sawyer	15.49%
Brown	26.67%	Green	25.35%	Milwaukee	30.67%	Shawano	23.94%
Buffalo	15.49%	Green Lake	22.54%	Monroe	19.72%	Sheboygan	21.33%
Burnett	16.90%	Iowa	22.54%	Oconto	25.33%	Taylor	22.54%
Calumet	22.54%	Iron	18.67%	Oneida	21.13%	Trempealeau	18.31%
Chippewa	16.90%	Jackson	21.13%	Outagamie	21.13%	Vernon	19.72%
Clark	22.54%	Jefferson	30.99%	Ozaukee	32.00%	Vilas	15.49%
Columbia	28.17%	Juneau	18.31%	Pepin	16.90%	Walworth	22.54%
Crawford	14.08%	Kenosha	33.33%	Pierce	14.08%	Washington	29.58%
Dane	33.80%	Kewaunee	22.67%	Polk	14.08%	Waukesha	28.17%
Dodge	25.35%	La Crosse	22.54%	Portage	22.54%	Waupaca	25.35%
Door	22.67%	Lafayette	25.35%	Price	19.72%	Waushara	18.31%
Douglas	18.67%	Langlade	22.54%	Racine	30.67%	Winnebago	19.72%
Dunn	18.31%	Lincoln	26.76%	Richland	18.31%	Wood	16.90%
Eau Claire	23.94%	Manitowoc	26.67%	Rock	30.99%		