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Changes in National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Listings in Wisconsin Counties Between the Late 20th Century (1966-1999) & the Early 21st Century (2000-2020) - Why the Decline?

The overall number of NRHP listings in Wisconsin has declined approximately 43 percent since the turn of the 21st century.

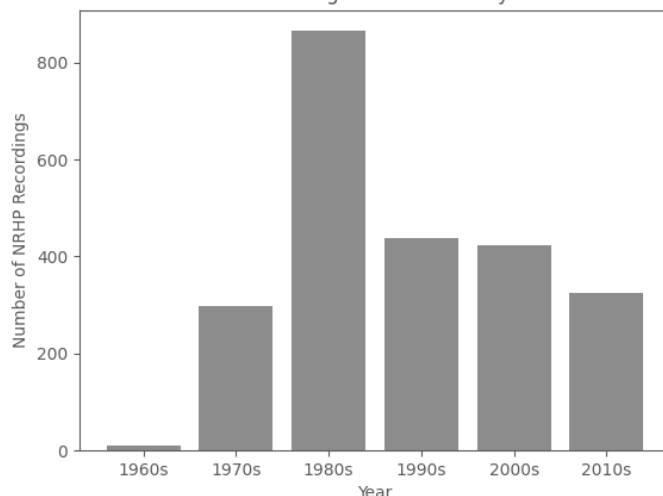
Historical / Cultural Resources eligible for listing must be more than 50 years old and meet NRHP Criteria considerations. New resources become eligible every year, so why have listings declined?

NRHP Criteria

NRHP eligibility determinations require an assessment of historic / prehistoric resources in relation to relevant historic contexts through criteria set forth in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 60. The criteria (36 CFR § 60.4) are used to evaluate resources when complying with the NHPA. Those criteria state that eligible resources comprise "districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association," and any of the following criteria:

- that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history,
- that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past,
- that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic value, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction,
- that has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

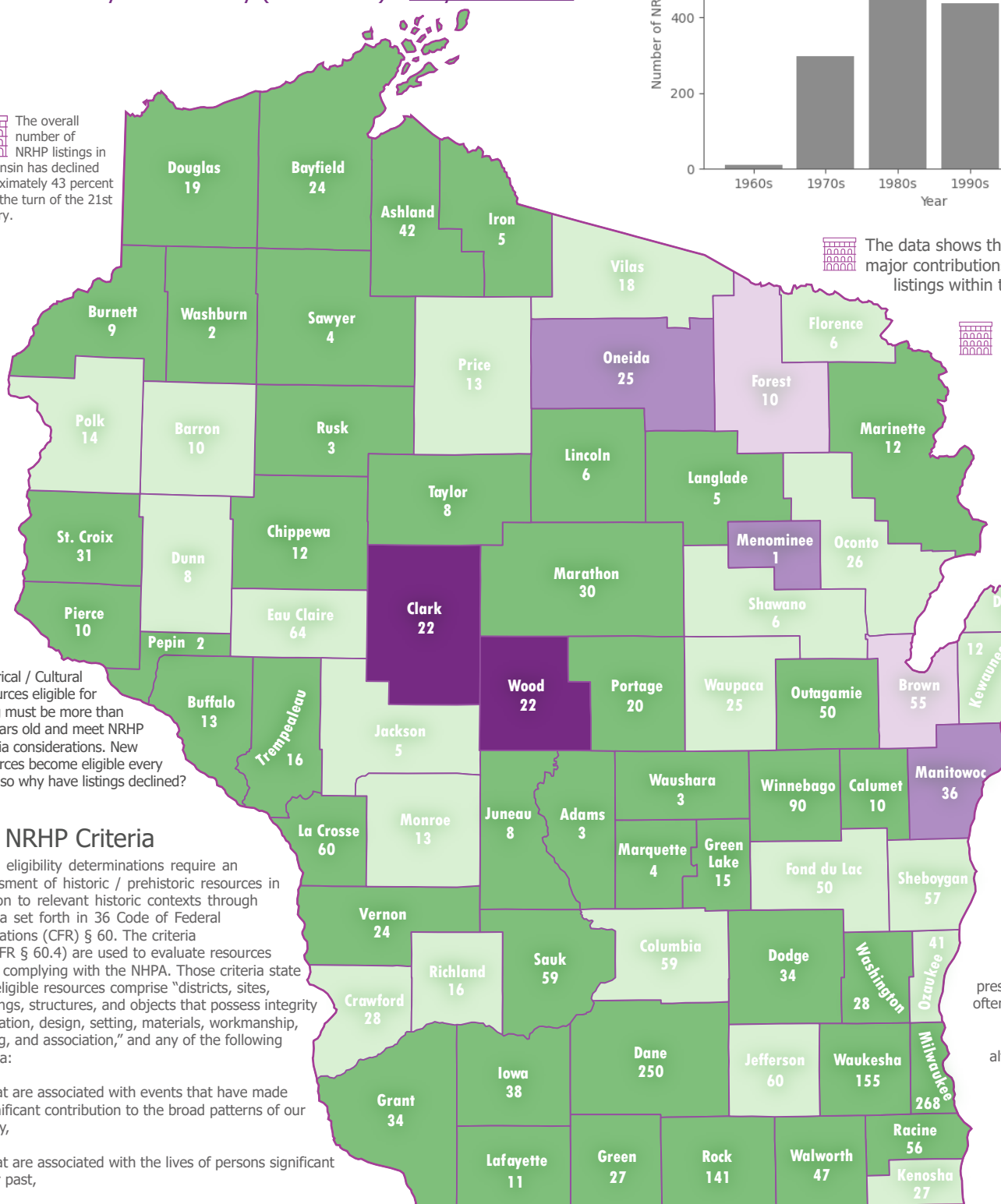
Total NRHP Listings in Wisconsin by Decade



The data shows that few counties made major contributions to the State's NRHP listings within the past two decades.

- Factors for NRHP Listing:
- A Desire to Protect
 - Proper Justification
 - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Concurrence

NRHP Listings began in 1966 with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which protects important historic properties from destruction or alterations that would impact their historical integrity. Owners of listed properties are required to assess effects of any undertakings that could potentially impact listed resources - an often expensive part of a construction permitting process. Therefore, the presence of a listed resource often prevents many projects from moving forward or requires significant alterations to project plans for avoidance.



Percentage Change in County Listings Between the Late 20th Century (1966-1999) and the Early 21st Century (2000-2020)

State and County Boundaries

Total NRHP Listings are provided for each County under the County name

- > 100% increase in listings
- 50% to 100% increase in listings
- 0% to 49% increase in listings
- 0% to 49% decrease in listings
- 50% to 100% decrease in listings

