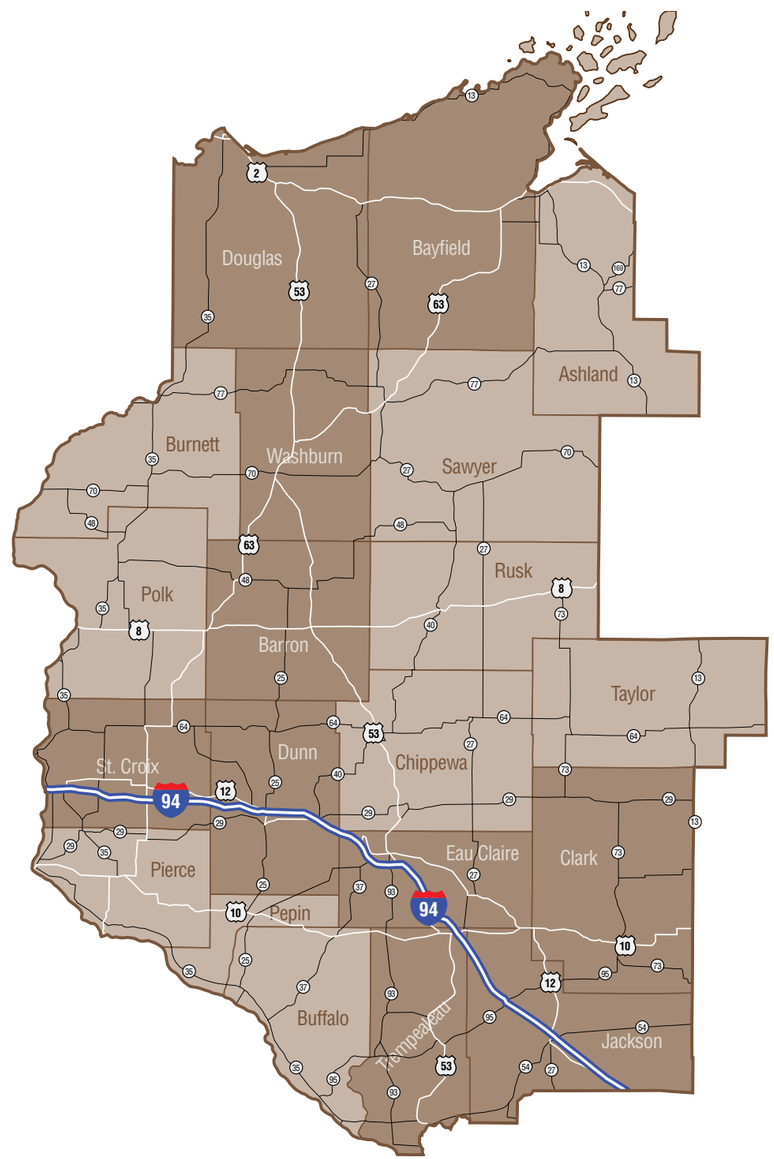NORTHWEST REGION