

How Many Horses are in My Wisconsin County?

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In 2007 the Wisconsin State Horse Council requested that the survey center of UW River Falls produce an General Population Survey of horses in Wisconsin. The 2008 results of this study estimates that there are 325,000 equine in Wisconsin.

The USDA Census of Agriculture, taken every five years, was undertaken in 2007 as well. This is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people that operate them. Equine were counted as part of this census. However, the USDA only considers places from which \$1000 or more is reported from the production of horses. The number of horses in Wisconsin reported in the 2009 results is about half of the number found in the UW River Falls study. This is consistent with other surveys that indicate that about ½ of the horse population used for recreation and wouldn't be expected to be counted in the USDA Census.

The USDA Census did give us a count of equine in most counties in Wisconsin. Determining the percentage of the total equine that is in each county is determinable from the Census. Then using the population number from the UW River Falls population study to these percentages produces the best estimate of horses in most counties in Wisconsin.

Sources:

<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/index.asp>

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online_Highlights/index.asp

[Wisconsin State Horse Council Survey](#)

By County Rank		By County Name	
DANE	16,997	ADAMS	943
VERNON	12,852	ASHLAND	520
CLARK	11,682	BARRON	6,143
MONROE	11,593	BAYFIELD	2,243
GRANT	10,726	BROWN	4,095
ST CROIX	9,181	BUFFALO	3,747
MARATHON	8,450	BURNETT	2,476
PIERCE	7,946	CALUMET	2,208
SAUK	7,821	CHIPPEWA	5,516
IOWA	7,204	CLARK	11,682
ROCK	7,052	COLUMBIA	6,643
DUNN	6,662	CRAWFORD	4,719
COLUMBIA	6,643	DANE	16,997
SHEBOYGAN	6,348	DODGE	4,142
BARRON	6,143	DOOR	2,538
WAUKESHA	6,017	DOUGLAS	2,324
POLK	5,960	DUNN	6,662
EAU CLAIRE	5,808	EAU CLAIRE	5,808
CHIPPEWA	5,516	FLORENCE	707
RICHLAND	5,508	FOND DU LAC	3,302
GREEN	5,505	FOREST	1,590
JEFFERSON	5,375	GRANT	10,726
TAYLOR	5,280	GREEN	5,505
MANITOWOC	5,221	GREEN LAKE	2,446
SHAWANO	5,055	IOWA	7,204
WOOD	4,866	JACKSON	4,018
WALWORTH	4,860	JEFFERSON	5,375
WAUPACA	4,784	JUNEAU	2,706
OCONTO	4,741	KENOSHA	3,945
CRAWFORD	4,719	KEWAUNEE	1,682
LAFAYETTE	4,592	LA CROSSE	3,888
PORTAGE	4,541	LAFAYETTE	4,592
WINNEBAGO	4,164	LANGLADE	1,791
DODGE	4,142	LINCOLN	3,151
WASHINGTON	4,126	MANITOWOC	5,221
BROWN	4,095	MARATHON	8,450
JACKSON	4,018	MARINETTE	3,557
KENOSHA	3,945	MARQUETTE	3,365
TREMPEALEAU	3,934	MILWAUKEE	325
LA CROSSE	3,888	MONROE	11,593
BUFFALO	3,747	OCONTO	4,741
RACINE	3,744	ONEIDA	1,571
MARINETTE	3,557	OUTAGAMIE	3,487
OUTAGAMIE	3,487	OZAUKEE	2,479
WASHBURN	3,446	PEPIN	859
WAUSHARA	3,392	PIERCE	7,946
MARQUETTE	3,365	POLK	5,960
FOND DU LAC	3,302	PORTAGE	4,541
LINCOLN	3,151	PRICE	1,899
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LANGLADE	1,791	TREMPEALEAU	3,934
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