



2025 Annual Midwest Crane Count Totals

Beginning in 1976 as the Columbia County Crane Survey, the Annual Midwest Crane Count has grown over four decades to include portions of seven states in the upper Midwest, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

We use the crane count data to study Sandhill Crane population trends and new areas where cranes are colonizing. The survey is also a powerful tool for creating awareness about cranes and their wetland habitats. **Thank you to all crane count participants and county coordinators for your continued support!**

Learn more about the crane count and how you can get involved at cranecount.org.

State	Counties	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Illinois	16	84	203	1	126
Indiana	1	1	2	0	5
Iowa	10	19	141	0	36
Michigan	10	83	688	0	134
Minnesota	20	225	705	0	173
Wisconsin	61	972	12,849	7	1,257
Total	118	1,384	14,588	8	1,731

Illinois

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Bureau	2	1		2
Carroll	1	5		1
Cook	4	0		6
DeKalb	6	2		11
DuPage	3	2		2
Jo Daviess	1	0		2
Kane	13	15		17
Lake	8	28		17
LaSalle	3	5		5
Lee	7	9		7
McHenry	12	36	1	15
Ogle	2	4		3
Putnam	7	7		9
Whiteside	1	2		2
Will	6	17		16
Winnebago	8	70		11
	84	203	1	126

Indiana

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Allen	1	2		5
Total	1	2	0	5

Iowa

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Allamakee	1	12		1
Bremer	7	51		14
Clinton	2	19		2
Dubuque	2	8		2
Iowa	1	2		2
Jackson	1	3		1
Johnson	1	0		2
Jones	1	14		6
Pocahontas	1	20		1
Scott	2	12		5
	19	141	0	36

Michigan

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Alger	20	107		47
Cheboygan	1	6		1
Chippewa	1	280		1
Houghton	10	42		21
Ingham	1	6		2
Keweenaw	2	6		1
Marquette	33	70		43
Menominee	1	3		2
Oakland	2	4		4
Schoolcraft	12	164		12
	83	688	0	134

Minnesota

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Anoka	40	145		15
Cass	1	4		1
Chisago	4	29		9
Clay	3	5		6
Dakota	12	19		11
Goodhue	9	5		6
Hennepin	22	41		27
Houston	13	72		15
Kittson	1	43		1
Olmsted	12	12		14
Pine	2	8		2
Ramsey	7	4		16
Rice	2	7		2
Scott	7	9		4
Sherburne	66	165		13
Wabasha	2	12		5
Waseca	4	12		2
Washington	5	20		7
Winona	1	1		3
Wright	6	46		7
	225	705	0	173

Wisconsin

County	Sites	Sandhill Cranes	Whooping Cranes	Counters
Adams	7	16		4
Ashland	2	0		1
Barron	15	47		19
Bayfield	1	1		1
Brown	26	178		39

Buffalo	5	57		6
Calumet	10	86		33
Chippewa	15	86		19
Columbia	70	360		59
Crawford	4	22		7
Dane	70	752		129
Dodge	40	202		13
Door	56	179		74
Douglas	3	18		4
Dunn	14	52		18
Eau Claire	14	52		24
Fond du Lac	3	24		5
Forest	10	64		12
Green	3	27		5
Green Lake	21	180	2	14
Iowa	1	2		1
Iron	5	18		8
Jefferson	83	450		108
Juneau	6	32	2	3
Kenosha	8	40		31
Kewaunee	5	15		25
La Crosse	14	146		29
Langlade	1	23		2
Manitowoc	13	121		28
Marathon	8	69		11
Marinette	1	1		2
Marquette	16	246		9
Milwaukee	1	1		1
Monroe	16	211		23
Oconto	6	61		11
Oneida	29	151	1	38

Outagamie	22	2,526		32
Ozaukee	7	18		11
Pepin	7	32		8
Pierce	1	16		3
Polk	1	2		1
Portage	4	9		3
Price	41	96		11
Racine	5	33		7
Richland	21	88		27
Rock	9	267		17
Sauk	17	113	2	32
Shawano	20	2,619		13
Sheboygan	20	143		31
St. Croix	17	86		18
Trempealeau	12	114		16
Vernon	15	52		16
Vilas	9	31		13
Walworth	26	61		10
Washburn	15	54		17
Washington	15	200		19
Waukesha	24	142		28
Waupaca	4	40		8
Waushara	5	58		7
Winnebago	28	1,842		61
Wood	25	217		32
TOTAL	972	12,849	7	1257