

2022 Winter Wolf Survey Results

The 2022 Gray Wolf Winter Survey reports at least 631 wolves are in the U.P.

502 answers

Do you feel this is an accurate number?	16 votes	3.2%
Do you feel this is pretty close?	17 votes	3.4%
Do you feel there are many more wolves in the U.P.?	469 votes	93.4%

Comments, please include your county.

290 answers

More wolves in the UP than 631 — you guys are low. We have multiple packs on the Barage/Iron County line

Mackinac county. We have seen a wolf pack in the Engadine area. You hardly see any deer anymore and the harvest is horrible, very low numbers. I think the wolf numbers are much higher than what is being reported.

About 350-400 max would be a better number.

Absolutely know the difference in population surveys between Wisconsin and Michigan. Was a Carnivor tracker for the State of Wisconsin. Michigan has it wrong. Political ?

Eup

600 per county!

Severely under reported

Luce County 7 sits, eyes on wolves 3 of them

Mackinac county. Hiawatha sportsmans club: I had multiple encounters with wolves during rifle season, deer count very low for so few reported wolves.

Iron

Delta

Mackinac county

Gogebic. Pull your heads out of your ___. Had a den at our camp with 4 pups “ did you count them “ ?

Marquette

Chippewa

Mackinaw

Luce

Kill them all

The few deer around seney were decimated so bad i dont even go up there to hunt anymore. Scrape lines on ridges my while life gone .no rubs n rarely see deer tracks but was tons of wolf sign

Mackinac County

Mackinaw county .no I do not feel this as a heck right number. no I do not feel this even close the number three yes I do feel there are more wolves in the up and what they say there are

Way more

I saw one while deer hunting in Menominee Co this deer season. I've also seen lots of tracks at my camp in northern Delta co. I believe the DNR is drastically uncounting the UP wolf population.

Schoolcraft

I have hunted the same section of woods since 1969. By far the deer numbers are the lowest I've ever seen. They can say what they want but after 53 years I think the wolves have a a devastating effect on the deer population. Ontonagon County, Matchwood Township.

Bullshit. Numbers coming out of Newberry are already proven to be biased.

My camp is in Randville,MI in Dickinson county. My deer population has drastically declined in the past 10 years. This year I have seen the most wolves to date. They were out on the neighboring farm during daylight walking around, hunting deer. They need to be transferred or the herd needs to be reduced. I am tired of buyiH

I assume the DNR knows how to do a survey. We have a place in Mackinac County.

Iron.

Houghton

I think there are way to many wolves in the North U.P. our deer numbers have dropped considerably over the last 5 yrs. Nothing has been done to control this over population of wolves. I have always purchased combo tags. 2022 was most likely the last time I will buy the combo. My guess is I'm not the only person that is making this choice. That's a 50% drop in sales for every hunter like me. Thanks for saving me money.

This number is totally underestimating the true size of the wolf population. It is still expanding and will continue to expand and destroy our deer herd. It isn't even worth hunting north of Amasa anymore.

Mackinaw

A menace to our wildlife population. You fools never should have introduced them and Cougars to Michigan. They need to be controlled.

Mackinaw

Ontonagon county, the population is out of control. Way many more wolf tracks than any other game, simply ruining the U.P. And what is it known for. Soon there will be no reason to even go anywhere close to the U.P.

Mackinac

Iron, there has been an issue for years, especially by amasa and Covington in baraga county

Dickinson

Schoolcraft County and also hunt Chippewa County. Wolf population is out of control!

THE ENTIRE U.P!!!!!! Your count is ridiculous. You all need to be FIRED so we can get honest non tree hugging people to do the job your right. This is getting old with the wolf problem. They should never of been reintroduced!!! You guys are killing the U.P.

Oakland county. There are no more deer. The businesses are hurting

The wolves and dnr have destroyed our deer population in the upper peninsula. Areas that I've hunted for decades you can't even find a track! You can't let your dogs run in the country for fear of them getting attacked. The dnr is a disgrace. LUCE

Houghton county

Considering the number I have seen, I would assume more.

I feel the numbers are a joke.

That's 631 to many

Fuck no it's not get your lazy ass out and look. Newberry.

Saw wolves and sign very consistently, everywhere I went throughout Iron, Houghton, Baraga, and Ontonagon Counties. They killed at least 3 deer that I know of, just on my 130 acres in southern Houghton in 2022.

Way more. Antrim

Schoolcraft County.

631 wolves in Menominee county maybe. I feel like this number is VERY inaccurate. I am a avid bear, bobcat and deer hunter spend more time in the woods then I do anywhere else, and have not once seen anyone out Counting these wolfs. How do you even believe this number is accurate.

In west Mackinac county you see numerous wolves as soon as you get into remote areas not well traveled by humans

Yes, this number should be doubled.

Emmett county

I see several wolves every year. There must be more than 631.

Brevort area has had a ton all summer. No way there is only 600 some in the entire up

Garfield

Chippewa

I saw lots of wolf tracks this 2022 deer season.

I know there are many more than that!

Luce county. There are almost that many wolves in Luce county alone.

Mackinac

We see wolves almost daily and they are not the same wolves. Some are collard, many are not. They are on trail cams and run across the road. They surround dogs that kenneled and we have walked into several wold den packs. There are more than 631 wolves in school craft county alone.

When I get pictures of 6-7 wolves on trail came at once and so do many people, there's way more!! The last 5 years I've only seen 12 deer total during firearm season.

Schoolcraft

Chippewa

Marquette

Chippewa

Delta, I have several cameras in the woods (approx. Over 3 miles) I myself have over 20 different sighting

They are way off.

Delta

Complete lie, baraga

Having hunted and trapped in Schoolcraft, Luce, Marquette and Mackinaw Counties yearly for the last 20 yrs, it is obvious there are drastically more than the 631 estimate.

Mackinac

luce

Iron County.

I spend my entire life in the woods hunting fishing and all types outdoor recreation our deer population is plummeting due to wolf overpopulation I fully believe the actual population is over 3000 I've been involved in population counts and the numbers are purposely swayed they surveyed Northern schoolcraft county in February when all the wolves are in the deer yards 20 miles south I saw 5 wolves opening day chasing a spike in Delta county, I saw a wolf stalking my turkey decoy this spring and it actually ran in when I shot a bird and it was flopping around less deer more wolves every year since forest service in WI and MN transplanted a bunch here from late 90s to early 2000s I see tracks almost daily now

Marquette County. I have been chasing deer here for five years now, and witness more wolves than deer. It's a shame we allow these animals to destroy our ecosystem.

Interesting estimate. I've been hunting da yoop for 30+ years. I was told 300 wolves

House Dogs and live stock being killed

Luce

We have too many in delta county!! Time to control population 👍

Luce county and i feel the results a grossly under counted

Open a season on them

delta

It's a crazy how stupid you think people from Michigan are. We loose 3-5 dogs a year due to wolves! The Michigan Dnr has absolutely failed the people.

Emmitt County I believe that there are far to many I grew up in Chippewa County and there were almost nothing I see no reason for them to get back to high numbers thanks

There needs to be a hunting season for wolves!!!!

Houghton

You're kidding right? You're off by 60-100% !

Chippewa county

Chippewa

This number is so far off they shouldn't even have a job.

Wolves everywhere delta county

I would bet there it that many in the U.P. I know of people who have seen packs of 6 to 8 in several areas of the U.P.

Oakland

I hunt behind my house and I have seen atleast 10 different wolves during riffle season on my 20 acres. No deer. My dogs are not allowed to run property because of this.

If you're going to report numbers for once be more accurate. Delta county.

Midland

I feel that is a close number to just the eastern upper peninsula.

Yes I feel this is accurate. Kent County

There are way more than 631 wolves in the U.P!

If your going to lie about the number of wolves your reporting then don't even report the number because now the citizens of Michigan have no faith in your department at all

Wayyyy more wolves Luce county

From a hunter an avid outdoorsman. This count is completely inaccurate. There are substancially more!

I would like to know why the DNR feels it has to disrepresent these numbers? We know this from prior testimony. Who is pressuring you to do this?

Luce

At least in my area it seems to be more. Several different wolves on my trail cams, both collared and without. Never had this before. Luce county, 13 miles north of Newberry

Marquette

No way in hell that number is even close in just Luce County.

Luce

Luce

Luce

We seen more wolf tracks than deer tracks hunting in the U.P. plus I seen a wolf chasing a doe opening day of firearm season

Ontonagon

How can the numbers stay around the same same for this many years. Kevin Swanson is right, there is someone working within side the DNR fudging the wolf population numbers. They are horrible all the across the u.p. Something has got to be done! We need a season, they are ruining our beautiful upper peninsula. Mackinaw county

Delta

Anyone who has spent any amount of time in the woods over the past five years have seen a huge uptick of wolves in the up.

You fuckers can't count. What a fucking joke

The packs are getting smaller but more wide spread.

Iron

chippewa

Luce

Thousands of wolves in the UP

This number is no where near accurate. I guide hunts and am a professional trapper so I am in the outdoors more than average. I don't hate wolves. But trying to convince people 631 is accurate is either flat out lying to the people or whoever you have counting needs a new job.

Have a season on these vermin

Chippewa

Luce

Chippewa

Need to be managed, Baraga

Schoolcraft county is over run with wolves and getting more and more cougar sightings

Ridiculous. Wolves out of control. In my yard and on the farm. Can't even hunt dogs cause too many wolf tracks everywhere. Wolves need managed and this is insanity right now. That count is a lie and people are tired of the lies and misinformation.

Ontonagon

There's got to be over 300 wolves in Chippewa County alone. I am certain of it.

Again the dnr is completely wrong, how can they expect the population to level off at 600 wolves. They are unmanaged and aloha predators. They have nothing stopping them from reproducing, until these biologists actually hit the woods instead of riding along county roads they will never know.

Seems funny that it's same number every year but you always see wolf pups and more tracks less animals. There killing everything in an area than moving on

Every swamp you going in you are always chased out by wolves. Delta county

This past Fall, 2022, in Northern Marquette County I set 28 traps for Coyote. I ended the 7 days of checks with a total of 1 coyote. 6 Red fox, zero Bobcat and released three wolves. It appears to be an unbalanced population. Historically, this location would hold Coyotes and bobcats more than any other animal. I believe the 24 hour 365 days of hunting coyotes needs to be researched.

I see more wolfs than deer so does that mean there's less than 631 deer in the upper peninsula..

Chippewa

#'s need to be kept at moderate levels

Chippewa

Schoolcraft. Saw three wolves in one afternoon. Saw a total of ONE deer for 6 solid days of hunting during firearms season. I didn't buy a Wolf viewing license. I bought a deer hunting license.

Arenac

Way to many

Chippewa County. This number is laughable, I've documented a breeding pair have 4 pups in 2021 and 7 pups in 2022. As far as I can tell the DNR hasn't upped this number in years.

I feel the DNR is about as trustworthy as our government....they're not.

Seney

Wow unbelievable..

Mackinac

The DNR know there are thousands of wolves, this is literally disgusting.

Bullshit. Start a season you irresponsible pricks.

Iron

With what I see on the trail cams and what I hear when I am at the property, its a wolf party

chippewa

There no possible way to count them .

How is the population not growing? The DNR has said between 600-700 wolves for the past 10 years. There's enough data from Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem to show that the population doesn't "level off". It continues to grow as long as food is available. If wolves are leaving Michigan and this stabilizing the population it's because they've reduced their food supply considerably which leads one to conclude that 600-700 wolves is far too many. What happened to the original restoration goal of 200 wolves between Michigan and Wisconsin combined? Did you forget about that? I'm okay with that number but 600-700 in Michigan alone has proven to be far too many.

More wolves seen than deer by our camp in Central Mackinac County.

Mackinaw

I believe there's 136 packs give 10 to twenty with eight to ten wolfs per pack

Genesee

Delta, I there are that many wolves just in delta a

It says that is the minimum number, so I guess they're admitting there is more with actually

Iron

I live in Delta county. That number is ridiculously low. There are probably 4 times that many in the UP.

I watched 20 of them walk through my shooting lane in late bow season in delta county

Fire Brian Roell

Ontonagon

631 is a joke right? We see more wolves than deer these days.

You documented a wolf traveling 4000+ mi. Granted that's only one but how could you possibly track wolves coming in and out? Delta County

THE DNR AND NRC KNOW. DICKINSON

I live in Alger and have seen and heard of others that have seen many wolves. I have property and hunt in Mackinac county and have seen and heard of numerous wolves there and have seen what they have done to the deer population. I strongly disagree with this number. I have friends with property on the western side of the UP that no longer deer hunt there because of the massive decline in deer numbers due to predators.

Way more! It's getting out of hand

Marquette County

Wolves move in my area, deer leave. It use to be occasionally, now its more often. We need management to keep breeding in check.

Ontonogan

There is no way less than 700 animals UP wide make as much sign as I'm seeing.

i believe there is close to double that delta county

There is that many in Houghton County. I am in Alger County.

Not sure who's counting, but you may want to double or even triple those numbers and quit spending tax payers money on these blood thirsty killer's. Complete waste

Delta County. I own 90 acres. One pack of about ten. Also a few lone wolfs. Seen the fewest deer since I bought property in 1980. Should not be necessary to have to carry a pistol when walking in the woods. Live trap them and ship them down to the Metro parks to take care of there deer problem.

Dickinson

There is that many in Menominee and Dickinson county alone

This number is so laughable. I hound hunt so I spend lots of time looking for tracks on roads and the amount of wolf tracks in Marquette, Alger, Dickenson, and Baraga County have quadrupled over the past 5 years. Sickening results. Just slap us sportsmen in the face why don't you

Chippewa

can't go anywhere in the woods without seeing sign or wolves. if the dnr thinks that # is accurate its more of a joke than I thought it was

Antrim

I am in the woods most days of the winter and there are a lot more than 600 wolves in the UP

631 is not even close. Spend some time in the woods and you will see.

Learn how to count

Alger

Chippewa. If you go back and look at the numbers from the first estimated population and do the math at the least amount of reproducing you are off by several hundred at the least amount

Iron county is loaded with wolves. The northern 3/4 of the county has more wolves than deer. I don't want the wolf population wiped out just controlled.

From WI but have hunted the U.P. for decades. This estimate should be at least double IMO. People regularly see packs of 6-9 wolves, yet 4.5 is avg pack size?

Marquette Co- numbers are far higher than what survey projects. As a hound hunter I find more wolf tracks and sign or sightings than not. I also own 40 acres and previously have not had wolf presence. I now have wolves that will come into property.

Lol 🤔 are they legally blind

Iron county

Marquette

Double that number if u wanna be at all close. Luce county

Mason county, unfortunately the management of these animals has become too political. That stated, results are changed, untrustworthy.

Delta

Schoolcraft Co on the west side of the Seney Refuge has more then 600 wolves Fly over it and look

Alger

Way more

Way to many they have destroyed the deer herd Chippewa county

Wolves need to be managed now for 10 years! They have already ruined most hunting areas in the UP! Hunt trap and snare wolves now!!!

Mackinac. 631 is a joke, it's way higher

Alger/Schoolcraft

I live in Chippewa county and I have seen several so I really think the estimate is to low

Huron

631 is likely less than half of the real number of wolves in Michigan. My camp is in Delta County and wolf numbers th r re remain very high. I get over a dozen wolf photos on my trail cams every year and 2022 was no exception.

Chippewa Co

I'll guarantee there are more than that!

Ontonagon county. Way more wolve tracks than any other game. Absolutely ridiculous. Ruining all that the beautiful UP is known for

Way more then 631

Northern Schoolcraft county

There is 631 wolves in Schoolcraft and delta county

Between 7 mile marsh and Westman dam there are 15 plus. These numbers are nowhere near accurate.

We've seen 3-5 different wolves at each of our bear baits in the Keweenaw during September. There is no way that there's only 631 inches whole UP.

Alot more wolves than they say. Delta county

Dickinson

Less deer this year then ever before. Also more wolves on camera.

Iron

I hunted in 6 different areas between Luce county and scoolcraft county, had multiple wolves at every spot .

Mackinac

I hunt Dickinson Cnty for deer and I was covered up in wolves. Your 631 is iWestern end only. The suits and ties in Lansing need to get if their lazy fucking asses and do something about wolves.

See more wolves then deer.. Northern Iron County near the Baraga County line.

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I have had my cabin for 32years and I know that the wolf population has grown more and more each year.I do a lot of traveling around the central UP and there are not many dirt road that you can't find tracks on.I truly believe there are a significant amount more than the numbers that the ministry showing.SCHOOLCRAFT CO.

Chippewa

Our properties is located in Mansfield Township fence River we have two separate packs that have devoured the deer herd. Iron County

I am from Livingston County, I make about 4-5 trips to the U.P. Each year and in recent years I have been seeing wolves almost every time I come up. I have also seen more dead deer carcasses lately that I suspect are wolf kills

We had 7 in on a bear bait that was all sweets many times

I think your numbers are a joke! Marquette county!

More wolves than deer. DNR is way off as usual with any counting they do. Ontonagon County.

I would like to know how And who comes up with the number of wolves in the total Eastern to western area off the upper peninsula of Michigan I have multiple properties in Ontonagon and Marquette counties and both areas are loaded with mostly wolf sign / sightings/ cameras.

We seen more wolves in Luce county newberry area then ever before also dad shot a bear last fall let set for a couple hours before tracking by the time we found it wolves already ripped it open

Too many in every county ..delta alger

Luce county

Iron

Based on your survey, and my time in the woods, your survey would suggest there is somewhere around 300 white tail deer in the upper peninsula.

Anyone that spends any amount of time in a one snooze their numbers are way off there's way way more then they claim there is

DNR Biologist reported approx. 643 wolves 7 years ago. Don't they breed? Luce County

Going to raise wolves or deer. You win. Im done hunting. +40yrs. Done wasting my time and \$

Chippewa county has more wolves than ever before.

Delta

Mackinaw.

Wolves are everywhere. Considering the size of the UP, there's no way this is accurate.

Land owner of forty acres in luce County close to Newberry .Our deer herd continues to decline due to over abundance of wolves. Need major wolf management ASAP

For only 631 ones they sure are prevalent

Chippewa & Mackinac counties

Baraga

I hunt mackinaw and Chippewa counties. I run about 10-15 cameras a year across these counties from June through December. Over the last 5 years I've seen a huge influx in the wolf population. They need to be managed!!

Marquette county

I won't take my dogs out bird hunting because of the wolf's they need to go, iron county

There is no way that there is only 600 wolves in the Upper Peninsula. I have pictures of wolves and their pups on my cameras Where ever you go every county you see wolves They need to do an independent study to get a more accurate number. The wolves killed 11 deer this spring on my 80 acres. The sportsman's pay for the biologist and we feel we are being lied to. This might someday bite them in the ass. Marquette county

It is disgusting that the Michigan DNR has allowed the collapse of the upper peninsula deer herd due to mismanagement of the wolf population. I wish all wolves were gone.

Marquette

Never heard them as much as I have the past year. Unmistakable and definitely not coyotes we have been hearing. Marquette, Dickinson

Iron

So many reports of friends and colleagues of mine seeing wolves at camps for the first time ever. I'm in Marquette county, but I'm hearing this from multiple counties.

Video of one pack in Delta county with 16 wolves in a pack going through. Menominee county photo of tracks of a pack of 7 on the road who know what's off to the sides 600+ wolves I will never believe it's that low

way to many iron county number needs to be 200

Marquette Co.

They need to drop this bare minimum count and give us a realistic number!

Chippewa/mackinaw

Chippewa

Based on what I've seen and actually talking to hunters, there's at the very least 100+ in Chippewa County! I'd say that number the DNR is feeding us should be doubled.

What a joke. Dickinson

Gogebic

Menominee county

Keep losing numbers of deer and increase in wolves southern Marquette County

There is 4 times the wolves in the Gogebic countryside and if they say no Try going into the woods

Baraga

Way more. I have a pack of 3 at my Marquette county camp on 95. I have a pack of 4 at my camp in Alger county south of Deerton. Seen these on camera or saw the different size tracks when they go through. Seen one up on Mandan rd by Copper Harbor. Saw two different ones in the Sands Plains. Nope we have way more than what they are saying. I've also heard a pack up by Silver Lake Basin. Don't know how many but definitely wolves and not coyotes.

Marquette county

It really doesn't matter how many wolves are in the UP.

My son saw more wolves then deer....Delta Co

I have no clue how many are out there but I do know there are many in Baraga county. How many no clue...

There is no way you can convince any outdoorsman in the UP that there is only 4.6 wolves per pack in the UP. Tracks, pictures, and visual sightings prove otherwise. I have seen 12 wolves this year and only 1 coyote while driving. Does that mean there's 12 times as many wolves as coyotes? No it does not. Actually maybe it does by the standard you set to "estimate the population"

Saw a couple while rifle hunting that were chasing young deer. They're all over our trail cams. Perkins area in Delta county

Gogebic county

For the DNR to even come out with this number it shows they are not in touch. The head wolf biologist as we have heard in wolf meetings is a liar. So here he is lying again. The wolves eat and breed for about last 20 years. But yet number just doesn't grow? I would love the retard in charge of the wolves to stand in front of the this number to show up to public forums with all of his info and lie to our faces. He should be fired.

Marquette County

Count is way low

Far more than that delta

I hunt from the west end of the u.p. to the east. Wolves are everywhere, we saw 4 last weekend snowmobiling around Gwinn. Tracks everywhere!

Alger Co.

