

Message Map 2

Audience: Public

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Question or Concern: How does Wisconsin compare to neighboring states in numbers of assessed and impaired waterbodies?

Information sources: WI's 2010 and 2012 Integrated Report and EPA's ATTAINS [website](#) for other states*

*Assessment data from other states not available for 2012 assessment cycle.

<p>Key Message 1 Neighboring states differ in the amount of surface waters present and funding available for monitoring, which affects the number/amount of waters that have been assessed.</p> <p>In 2010, we assessed approximately 13,800 stream miles and 762,700 acres of lakes.</p> <p>In 2012, we assessed approximately 15,600 stream miles and 752,500 acres of lakes.</p>	<p>Key Message 2 According to the US EPA's database, Wisconsin lists a proportionally smaller amount of assessed waterbodies as impaired compared to neighboring states.</p> <p>In 2010, we listed as impaired approximately 3,100 stream miles (22% of assessed) and 186,400 acres of lakes (24% of assessed).</p> <p>In 2012, we listed as impaired approximately 4,600 stream miles (30% of assessed) and 221,200 acres of lakes (29% of assessed).</p>	<p>Key Message 3</p>
<p>Supporting Fact 1-1 In 2010, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) assessed approximately 14,500 stream miles and 3,758,400 acres of lakes.</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 2-1 In 2010, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) listed as impaired approximately 11,600 stream miles (79% of assessed) and 3,589,300 acres of lakes (96% of assessed).</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 3-1</p>
<p>Supporting Fact 1-2 In 2010, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency assessed approximately 17,000 stream miles and 148,000 acres of lakes.</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 2-2 In 2010, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency listed as impaired approximately 9,600 stream miles (57% of assessed) and 144,200 acres of lakes (97% of assessed).</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 3-2</p>
<p>Supporting Fact 1-3 In 2010, Michigan Department of Environmental Protection assessed approximately 76,400 stream miles and 872,200 acres of lakes.</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 2-3 In 2010, Michigan Department of Environmental Protection listed as impaired approximately 53,700 stream miles (70% of assessed) and 311,200 acres of lakes (36% of assessed).</p>	<p>Supporting Fact 3-3</p>