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### Western Great Lakes Population (late winter of 2005 - 2006)

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Michigan - Upper Peninsula</td>
<td>434</td>
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<td>- Isle Royale</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>3,020</td>
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<td>(last survey was 2003 - 2004)</td>
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<td>Wisconsin</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Rocky Mountain Population (December 2006)

- Northern Rocky Mountain Gray Wolf - natural recovery
  - Northwest Montana/Idaho Panhandle: 159 (13 breeding pairs)

- Northern Rocky Mountain Gray Wolf - Experimental Populations
  - Central Idaho: 713 (46 breeding pairs)
  - Yellowstone ecosystem (Idaho/Wyoming/Montana): 371 (31 breeding pairs)

**Total**: 1,243

### Southwestern Gray Wolf Distinct Population Segment (December 2006)

- Mexican Gray Wolf - Experimental Population
  - Arizona & New Mexico: 59 (7 breeding pairs)

Both the total count and the number of breeding pairs are at an all-time high for this population.

### Alaska (not protected by Endangered Species Act)

- 6,000-7,000

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[Currently Occupied Gray Wolf Habitat and Southwest Recovery Area](#)