

WATER EDUCATION

INDICATOR: Number of participants reached by the Minnesota Project WET Water Education Program

WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

In Minnesota, citizens view healthy waters as an important quality-of-life indicator. Yet not all Minnesotans know how to be effective stewards of water resources. DNR offers Minnesota Project WET to help create a citizenry that is aware of and active in water conservation.

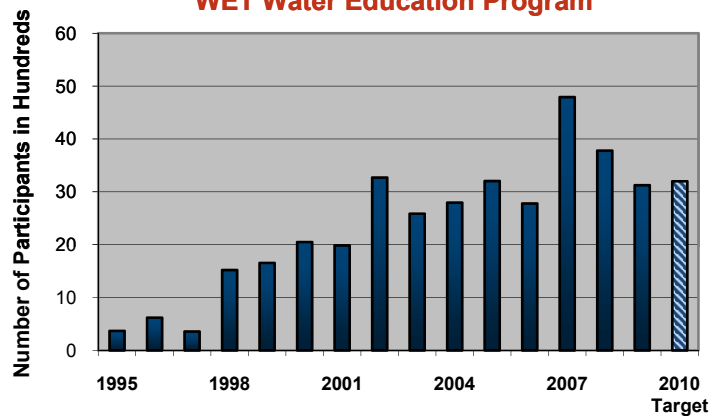
WHAT IS DNR DOING?

Minnesota Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) trains K-12 educators in hands-on, interactive lessons that encourage critical thinking. By providing training, materials, and support to these educators and collaborating on water festivals for students, Minnesota Project WET improves understanding of water resources. In the past decade, Minnesota Project WET has trained more than 5,500 educators and through them reached an estimated 357,500 students. In the past nine years, it also reached 25,180 students directly through its annual water festivals and field days.

Minnesota Project WET collaborates with other water education initiatives. By working with groups such as the Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework Education Team and the Metro WaterShed Partners, Minnesota Project WET reaches even more citizens. This program complements other DNR education efforts, such as the MinnAqua program (see Angling Participation and Education and River Ecology and Management indicators). Together, all of these initiatives help Minnesotans understand the importance of aquatic stewardship.

TARGET: Train a minimum of 500 formal and nonformal educators and reach a minimum of 2,700 students at water festivals and field days annually.

Number of Participants Involved in Project WET Water Education Program



Number of participants involved in Minnesota Project WET Education Programs. The target is to maintain participation levels of at least 3200 people per year (2,700 students and 500 educators).



Teachers participate at a Project WET teacher workshop.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- Project WET at: www.mndnr.gov/projectwet
- Water management at: www.mndnr.gov/waters
- Other DNR natural resources education programs at: www.mndnr.gov/education