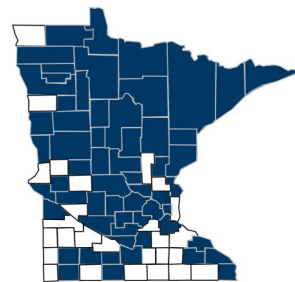


# AIS Prevention Aid Metrics 2021



A majority of the counties that receive Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid (see map) voluntarily completed and submitted metrics templates—a tool created to help all counties track their accomplishments. These impressive numbers highlight activities funded by AIS Prevention Aid in 2021. Note that in-person activities continue to be limited due COVID-19.

**\$8,154,113 of AIS Prevention Aid was used by 60 counties in 2021 to fund these activities:**

People Involved

**1,493** people doing AIS work, including **976** jobs and **5,618** hours served by **517** volunteers.

**289** lake associations, **40** conservation groups, **270** businesses, **55** schools/youth organizations and **158** local governments are involved.

**36** Counties have AIS Task Forces and Committees.

Funds Leveraged

**32** County grant programs awarded **\$1,831,794** to **188** organizations. **\$1,472,105** in additional funds were leveraged from **209** organizations to directly support aid-funded work.

Communications

**29,047** residents and visitors reached about AIS during **180** events. **7,808** children were taught about AIS. **23** counties posted AIS information on social media. The **365** posts were seen by over **2 million** followers.

Control

**25** counties spent **\$578,673** and leveraged **\$386,127** for invasive aquatic plant management on **197** lakes in partnership with **147** lake organizations.

Monitoring

**44** counties surveyed **698** lakes and rivers for AIS. They conducted **702** early detection surveys, **432** aquatic plant surveys, deployed **491** zebra mussel settling plates and conducted **245** veliger tows.

Enforcement

**130** local officers were trained on AIS laws. **100** local law enforcement officers actively enforced AIS laws in **17** counties and contacted **2,176** boaters.

Response

**\$1,510,399** is saved in a contingency fund (over multiple years, for a variety of activities) by **31** counties. **16** counties have new infestation response plans. **16** responses were coordinated.

Watercraft Inspection

**39** counties hired **702** Level 1 and **110** Level 2 inspectors. They worked **202,300** hours, performed **402,611** inspections, operated **39** decon units, performed **2,886** decontaminations, and covered **777** accesses on **629** water bodies.