

WISCONSIN.

Population 1,686,880.....Dem. Plur. in 1892, 6,544

Dem. vote, 177,335; Rep. 170,791; Pop. 13,132; Prohib. 9,903.

STATE CAPITAL, MADISON.

WISCONSIN is bounded north by Lake Superior, northeast by Michigan, east by Lake Michigan, south by Illinois, and west by Iowa and Minnesota. Its greatest length from north to south is 300 miles; greatest breadth, 200 miles; land area, 54,450 square miles. The surface is generally an elevated plain, with high bluffs along the rivers and lakes, and elsewhere gently undulating, diversified with prairie, woodlands, and numerous lakes. The State ranks high in agricultural products. The northern part of the State is heavily timbered but is fast settling up. In 1885 the forest area still occupied about one half the State. It has a somewhat severe climate, but outside the wooded country the soil is good, producing large crops but not of corn. The lumber business of this section of the State, in pine and hard wood, has built up many large and flourishing inland cities like Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Wausau, Chippewa Falls, Stevens' Point, Merrill and Shawano. During the past three years an immense deposit of the best iron ore, extending across the entire northern part of the State and known as the Gogebic iron belt, has developed many valuable mines, and the shipments of Bessemer and hematite ore have added millions of wealth to the productive capacity of the State and largely increased the population. Galena limestone, lead, and zinc exist in the southwest, chiefly near Mineral Point. One of the best hydraulic cements comes from the neighborhood of Milwaukee. Wheat, corn, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, dairy products, and maple sugar are all raised in large quantities; hops are exceedingly prolific; fruit growing is an important industry. Cheese and butter making have increased to enormous proportions, especially in the central and southern counties, and the growing of seed leaf tobacco for wrappers has become an important and profitable industry, the product commanding the highest market price. The leading agricultural products are oats, corn, wheat, barley, tobacco, butter and cheese. Large numbers of horses are bred; sheep are numerous, and the wool clip large and valuable. The lakes and streams abound with fish, especially trout and black bass. Manufactures are thriving and numerous, lumber and wood work of all kinds holding a very prominent position. The manufactures of furniture, wagons, agricultural implements, leather and brooms are large and increasing, while at Milwaukee are situated several of the largest and wealthiest beer brewing corporations in the world, and the manufactures of cotton and woolen goods, nails, steel rails and merchant iron are conspicuous and valuable. There are 70 Counties in Wisconsin; newspapers are published in all.

ADAMS CO. (S.C.).....Pop. 6,889

Rep. vote in 1892, 972; Dem. 402; Pro. 22; Peo. 15.

Undulating or nearly level; oak openings. Products Wheat, corn, oats, rye, hops, clover seed, potatoes, butter, and cheese. Farming and stock raising chief industries. COUNTY SEAT, Friendship, pop. *164.

	Circ
Adams County Press.....Rep.....Friendship†.....	700

ASHLAND CO. (N.).....Pop. *12,000

Dem. vote in 1892, 2,436; Rep. 2,263; Pro. 139; Peo. 58.

Uneven or hilly, mostly forest; iron ore abundant, lumbering chief industry. COUNTY SEAT, Ashland, pop. 9,958.

	Circ
Chequamegon Critic.....Rep.....Ashland†.....	1,200
Herold (Ger.).....Ind....."	1,012
News (evg.).....Dem....."	1,100
News.....Dem....."	600
Press (evg.).....Rep....."	11,450
Press.....Rep....."	11,160
Eagle.....Ind.....Butternut.....	

BARRON CO. (N.W.).....Pop. 15,416

Rep. vote in 1892, 1,317; Dem. 787; Peo. 390; Pro. 191.

Generally covered with forests and numerous lakes. Products—Wheat, oats, and potatoes. Pine and hard wood lumber and numerous industries pertaining to the manufacture thereof. COUNTY SEAT, Barron, pop. 829.

	Circ
Barron County Shield.....Rep.....Barron†.....	1500
Republican.....Rep....."	1480
Alert.....Rep.....Chetek.....	1330
Advocate.....Rep.....Cumberland.....	650
Chronotype.....Rep.....Rice Lake.....	578
Times.....Dem....."	600

BAYFIELD CO. (Ex.N.).....Pop. 7,390

Rep. vote in 1892, 1,463; Dem. 1,349; Pro. 61; Peo. 23.

Uneven or hilly; extensive forests. Agricultural products unimportant. Lumbering, mining, and fishing chief industries. Manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, Washburn, pop. *741.

	Circ
Bayfield County Press.....Rep.....Bayfield.....	720
Pioneer.....Local.....Iron River.....	*400
Itemizer.....Rep.....Washburn†.....	980
News.....Ind.....Dem....."	
Times.....Rep....."	600

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. *Sworn.
 POPULATION: Census of 1890. *Estimated. † County Seat.