

**Hunting Estimates Report
2017-18 Hunter Harvest
Region: Statewide**

Species	Total Hunters					Total Days					Total Harvest						
	Total Hunters	Confidence Limits (+)	PSE	Credibility Rating	% of incidental hunters	Total Days	Confidence Limits (+)	PSE	Credibility Rating	Total Harvest	Confidence Limits (+)	PSE	Credibility Rating	% of harvest taken incidentally	Mean Days Per Hunter	Mean Harvest Per Hunter	Mean Harvest Per Day
All Deer	234,677	3,381	0.007	G	0.05%	3,342,231	105,397	0.016	G	189,706	8,149	0.022	G	0.06%	14.24	0.81	0.06
All Squirrels	44,540	2,568	0.029	G	0.43%	273,276	21,955	0.041	G	336,173	32,907	0.050	G	0.26%	6.14	7.55	1.23
Antlered Buck	234,677	3,381	0.007	G	0.05%	3,342,231	105,397	0.016	G	93,170	4,565	0.025	G	0.00%	14.24	0.40	0.03
Antlered/Button Buck	234,677	3,381	0.007	G	0.05%	3,342,231	105,397	0.016	G	95,546	4,485	0.024	G	0.00%	14.24	0.41	0.03
Bear	20,968	2,139	0.052	G	0.29%	144,436	18,421	0.065	G	3,164	790	0.127	G	0.00%	6.89	0.15	0.02
Bobcat	3,301	876	0.135	G	20.37%	25,646	20,139	0.401	P	1,993	648	0.166	F	39.87%	7.77	0.60	0.08
Bobwhite Quail	5,563	1,132	0.104	G	1.10%	30,101	7,464	0.127	G	24,689	8,534	0.176	F	1.49%	5.41	4.44	0.82
Button Buck	234,677	3,381	0.007	G	0.05%	3,342,231	105,397	0.016	G	11,157	1,632	0.075	G	0.00%	14.24	0.05	0.00
Canada Geese	8,244	1,107	0.069	G	3.43%	42,715	7,310	0.087	G	32,566	8,558	0.134	G	1.61%	5.18	3.95	0.76
Coyote	33,499	2,641	0.040	G	12.04%	270,498	49,067	0.093	G	47,073	9,474	0.103	G	12.99%	8.07	1.41	0.17
Crow	9,781	1,490	0.078	G	6.88%	42,568	8,682	0.104	G	98,555	59,637	0.309	P	1.74%	4.35	10.08	2.32
Doe	234,677	3,381	0.007	G	0.05%	3,342,231	105,397	0.016	G	101,346	6,376	0.032	G	0.12%	14.24	0.43	0.03
Dove	68,649	3,519	0.026	G	0.00%	182,534	11,528	0.032	G	812,612	62,931	0.040	G	0.00%	2.66	11.84	4.45
Ducks	45,970	3,020	0.034	G	0.13%	384,384	29,409	0.039	G	665,477	73,547	0.056	G	0.00%	8.36	14.48	1.73
Feral Swine	8,558	1,397	0.083	G	3.57%	62,512	15,864	0.129	G	25,178	16,824	0.341	P	1.70%	7.30	2.94	0.40
Fox	2,873	817	0.145	G	10.64%	42,852	23,475	0.280	P	2,937	1,321	0.229	P	22.90%	14.91	1.02	0.07
Fox Squirrel	3,973	959	0.123	G	4.62%	19,562	7,572	0.197	F	6,905	3,125	0.231	P	7.97%	4.92	1.74	0.35
Gray Squirrel	43,707	2,547	0.030	G	0.55%	267,930	21,766	0.041	G	330,228	31,562	0.049	G	0.36%	6.13	7.56	1.23
Grouse	3,973	959	0.123	G	0.00%	31,477	9,085	0.147	G	3,790	2,094	0.282	P	0.00%	7.92	0.95	0.12
Rabbit	35,761	2,717	0.039	G	0.68%	239,592	24,919	0.053	G	200,175	27,695	0.071	G	0.27%	6.70	5.60	0.84
Raccoon	8,986	1,430	0.081	G	11.56%	181,104	73,471	0.207	P	59,948	22,985	0.196	F	3.37%	20.15	6.67	0.33
Turkey	69,382	3,532	0.026	G	0.09%	387,989	20,920	0.028	G	27,353	2,624	0.049	G	0.00%	5.59	0.39	0.07
Woodcock	2,567	773	0.154	F	9.52%	10,209	3,771	0.188	F	6,611	2,985	0.230	P	6.47%	3.98	2.58	0.65

Total # of license holders	665,129
Deceased license holder rate	0.0179321
Adj Total # of license holders	653,201
Total # of surveys sent	30,002
Undeliverables	2,274
Deceased	538
Sample size	27,190
Sample rate	4.16%
Total Survey Returns	11,332
Refused	61
Total Survey Responses	11,271
Response rate	41.45%
Total Not Responding	15,919

<u>Active Hunter Estimate</u>	
# of Active Hunters from Respondents	4,844
Proportion of Responding Hunters	0.4298137
Estimated Proportion of Non-responding Hunters	0.47
SE	0.0046632
PSE	0.0108494
Total Active Licensed Hunters	296,145
Margin of Error @ 95% CL	6,297
Active Hunter Rate within All License Holders	45.33%

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Frequency of Hunters with Various Numbers of Kills
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All Deer

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	116,546	49.66%	116,546	49.66%
1	61,248	26.10%	177,794	75.75%
2	29,880	12.73%	207,674	88.48%
3	14,382	6.13%	222,056	94.61%
4	7,315	3.12%	229,371	97.73%
5	3,162	1.35%	232,533	99.08%
6+	2,170	0.92%	234,703	100.00%

All Squirrels

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	7,520	16.88%	7,520	16.88%
1	2,748	6.17%	10,268	23.05%
2	4,242	9.52%	14,510	32.58%
3	3,567	8.01%	18,077	40.58%
4	3,037	6.82%	21,114	47.40%
5	4,001	8.98%	25,115	56.39%
6+	19,428	43.61%	44,543	100.00%

Antlered Buck

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	151,385	64.50%	151,385	64.50%
1	60,567	25.81%	211,952	90.31%
2	18,474	7.87%	230,426	98.18%
3	2,914	1.24%	233,340	99.42%
4	1,364	0.58%	234,704	100.00%
5	0	0.00%	234,704	100.00%
6+	0	0.00%	234,704	100.00%

**Antlered/Button
Buck**

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	145,372	61.94%	145,372	61.94%
1	62,736	26.73%	208,108	88.67%
2	21,449	9.14%	229,557	97.81%
3	3,534	1.51%	233,091	99.31%
4	1,488	0.63%	234,579	99.95%
5	62	0.03%	234,641	99.97%
6+	62	0.03%	234,703	100.00%

Bear

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	17,631	84.82%	17,631	84.82%
1	3,155	15.18%	20,786	100.00%
2	0	0.00%	20,786	100.00%
3	0	0.00%	20,786	100.00%
4	0	0.00%	20,786	100.00%
5	0	0.00%	20,786	100.00%
6+	0	0.00%	20,786	100.00%

Bobcat

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	1,682	50.94%	1,682	50.94%
1	1,370	41.51%	3,052	92.45%
2	125	3.77%	3,177	96.23%
3	125	3.77%	3,302	100.00%
4	0	0.00%	3,302	100.00%
5	0	0.00%	3,302	100.00%
6+	0	0.00%	3,302	100.00%

Bobwhite Quail

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	2,688	48.86%	2,688	48.86%
1	313	5.68%	3,001	54.55%
2	313	5.68%	3,314	60.23%
3	250	4.55%	3,564	64.77%
4	375	6.82%	3,939	71.59%
5	188	3.41%	4,127	75.00%
6+	1,376	25.00%	5,503	100.00%

Button Buck

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	223,978	95.43%	223,978	95.43%
1	10,291	4.38%	234,269	99.82%
2	434	0.18%	234,703	100.00%
3	0	0.00%	234,703	100.00%
4	0	0.00%	234,703	100.00%
5	0	0.00%	234,703	100.00%
6+	0	0.00%	234,703	100.00%

Canada Geese

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	2,086	25.37%	2,086	25.37%
1	1,881	22.89%	3,967	48.26%
2	1,186	14.43%	5,153	62.69%
3	573	6.97%	5,726	69.65%
4	409	4.98%	6,135	74.63%
5	573	6.97%	6,708	81.59%
6+	1,513	18.41%	8,221	100.00%

Coyote

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	15,943	47.67%	15,943	47.67%
1	9,902	29.61%	25,845	77.28%
2	3,612	10.80%	29,457	88.08%
3	1,619	4.84%	31,076	92.92%
4	374	1.12%	31,450	94.04%
5	436	1.30%	31,886	95.34%
6+	1,557	4.66%	33,443	100.00%

Crow

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	1,548	15.92%	1,548	15.92%
1	1,610	16.56%	3,158	32.48%
2	1,486	15.29%	4,644	47.77%
3	991	10.19%	5,635	57.96%
4	433	4.46%	6,068	62.42%
5	557	5.73%	6,625	68.15%
6+	3,096	31.85%	9,721	100.00%

Doe

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	171,347	73.01%	171,347	73.01%
1	38,621	16.46%	209,968	89.46%
2	16,304	6.95%	226,272	96.41%
3	5,269	2.25%	231,541	98.65%
4	2,170	0.92%	233,711	99.58%
5	620	0.26%	234,331	99.84%
6+	372	0.16%	234,703	100.00%

Dove

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	9,508	13.85%	9,508	13.85%
1	1,482	2.16%	10,990	16.01%
2	4,569	6.65%	15,559	22.66%
3	2,840	4.14%	18,399	26.80%
4	4,198	6.12%	22,597	32.91%
5	4,075	5.94%	26,672	38.85%
6+	41,984	61.15%	68,656	100.00%

Ducks

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	7,539	16.42%	7,539	16.42%
1	3,028	6.59%	10,567	23.01%
2	2,843	6.19%	13,410	29.21%
3	3,275	7.13%	16,685	36.34%
4	3,275	7.13%	19,960	43.47%
5	1,730	3.77%	21,690	47.24%
6+	24,224	52.76%	45,914	100.00%

Feral Swine

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	4,528	52.90%	4,528	52.90%
1	2,171	25.36%	6,699	78.26%
2	434	5.07%	7,133	83.33%
3	124	1.45%	7,257	84.78%
4	186	2.17%	7,443	86.96%
5	186	2.17%	7,629	89.13%
6+	930	10.87%	8,559	100.00%

Fox

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	1,405	48.89%	1,405	48.89%
1	1,022	35.56%	2,427	84.44%
2	128	4.44%	2,555	88.89%
3	0	0.00%	2,555	88.89%
4	128	4.44%	2,683	93.33%
5	64	2.22%	2,747	95.56%
6+	128	4.44%	2,875	100.00%

Fox Squirrel

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	2,215	55.74%	2,215	55.74%
1	456	11.48%	2,671	67.21%
2	456	11.48%	3,127	78.69%
3	195	4.92%	3,322	83.61%
4	195	4.92%	3,517	88.52%
5	0	0.00%	3,517	88.52%
6+	456	11.48%	3,973	100.00%

Gray Squirrel

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	7,261	16.61%	7,261	16.61%
1	2,597	5.94%	9,858	22.55%
2	4,135	9.46%	13,993	32.01%
3	3,510	8.03%	17,503	40.04%
4	3,077	7.04%	20,580	47.08%
5	4,039	9.24%	24,619	56.33%
6+	19,090	43.67%	43,709	100.00%

Grouse

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	2,629	67.19%	2,629	67.19%
1	550	14.06%	3,179	81.25%
2	306	7.81%	3,485	89.06%
3	61	1.56%	3,546	90.63%
4	183	4.69%	3,729	95.31%
5	0	0.00%	3,729	95.31%
6+	183	4.69%	3,912	100.00%

Rabbit

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	8,710	24.35%	8,710	24.35%
1	4,386	12.26%	13,096	36.61%
2	4,818	13.47%	17,914	50.09%
3	3,830	10.71%	21,744	60.79%
4	2,533	7.08%	24,277	67.88%
5	1,668	4.66%	25,945	72.54%
6+	9,821	27.46%	35,766	100.00%

Raccoon

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	1,956	21.92%	1,956	21.92%
1	1,834	20.55%	3,790	42.47%
2	1,651	18.49%	5,441	60.96%
3	367	4.11%	5,808	65.07%
4	550	6.16%	6,358	71.23%
5	183	2.05%	6,541	73.29%
6+	2,384	26.71%	8,925	100.00%

Turkey

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	48,364	69.95%	48,364	69.95%
1	14,353	20.76%	62,717	90.70%
2	6,303	9.12%	69,020	99.82%
3	125	0.18%	69,145	100.00%
4	0	0.00%	69,145	100.00%
5	0	0.00%	69,145	100.00%
6+	0	0.00%	69,145	100.00%

Woodcock

Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Percent of Hunters	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
0	689	27.50%	689	27.50%
1	815	32.50%	1,504	60.00%
2	313	12.50%	1,817	72.50%
3	125	5.00%	1,942	77.50%
4	125	5.00%	2,067	82.50%
5	0	0.00%	2,067	82.50%
6+	439	17.50%	2,506	100.00%

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