

EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE

The 2022 Early Fall Canada goose season was open from 1-30 September in the Unit 1 counties specified in the 2022 hunting guide, which included most of the state. The daily bag limit was 8 geese and possession was 24. To hunt geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult, senior, or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license and migratory bird certification. All hunters aged 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp.

Resident hunters were surveyed utilizing the Migratory Bird Harvest Survey that is used to assess all migratory bird harvest for the year. Hunters were asked to break down how many geese they harvested during the Early Fall season out of the total number they harvested for the year. Nonresident hunters were surveyed using a separate Early Fall Canada Goose season survey.

In 2022, there were 23,748 hunters licensed to hunt the Early Fall Canada goose season (23,351 residents, 397 nonresidents). Approximately 40% (10,000) of the resident hunters and all nonresident hunters were surveyed. The survey response rates were 33% for residents and 40% for nonresidents.

A projected 3,034 hunters hunted at least one day in Unit 1 during the 2022 Early Fall season, and they harvested a projected 28,547 geese.

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 Early Fall Canada goose harvest statistics

Year	Number Hunters	Harvest	Average Season Bag
2013	4,528	29,887	6.60
2014	5,106	28,814	5.64
2015	3,883	20,735	5.34
2016	3,366	27,660	8.22
2017	3,226	25,808	8.00
2018	2,716	17,904	6.59
2019	3,000	21,054	7.02
2020	3,857	33,769	8.76
2021	3,671	33,179	9.04
2022	3,034	28,547	9.41

EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2022

Last Revised: 24 May 2023

	Resident	Non Resident
EARLY FALL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold *1*	23,817	397
Unique Licenseholders	23,351	397
Projected No. Early Fall Canada Goose Hunters	2,667	367
Number Sampled by Survey	9,995	391
Number Responded to Survey	3,266	157
Responded and Participated in Season	373	145
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	2,893	12
Survey Response Rate	32.7%	40.2%
No. Hunters Reporting Early Fall Canada Goose Days	373	145
Total Reported Early Fall Canada Goose Hunted Days	UNK	500
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	UNK	3.45
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	3,488	1,427
Average Canada Goose Bag for Early Fall	9.35	9.84
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting Early Fall	UNK	1,264
Projected No. Early Fall Canada Goose Hunters	2,667	367
Projected Canada Goose Bag	24,938	3,608
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST EARLY FALL SEASON = 28,547		
Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *2*	5.21	5.52

1 For residents: number of licenses based on # Migratory Bird Certificates in the 2022 database prior to Feb 13 2023

For nonresidents: number of Nonresident Waterfowl licenses sold in database

2 Based on a scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied

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