

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2022 white-fronted goose season was open from 24 September - 6 December statewide. The daily bag limit was 3 geese, and the season possession limit was 9. To hunt white-fronted geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or senior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license plus a migratory bird certification. All hunters aged 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp.

Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. There were a projected 1,964 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (1,494 residents, 470 nonresidents). There were a projected 4,874 white-fronted geese harvested (3,939 by residents and 935 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 2013 - 2022 white-fronted goose harvests

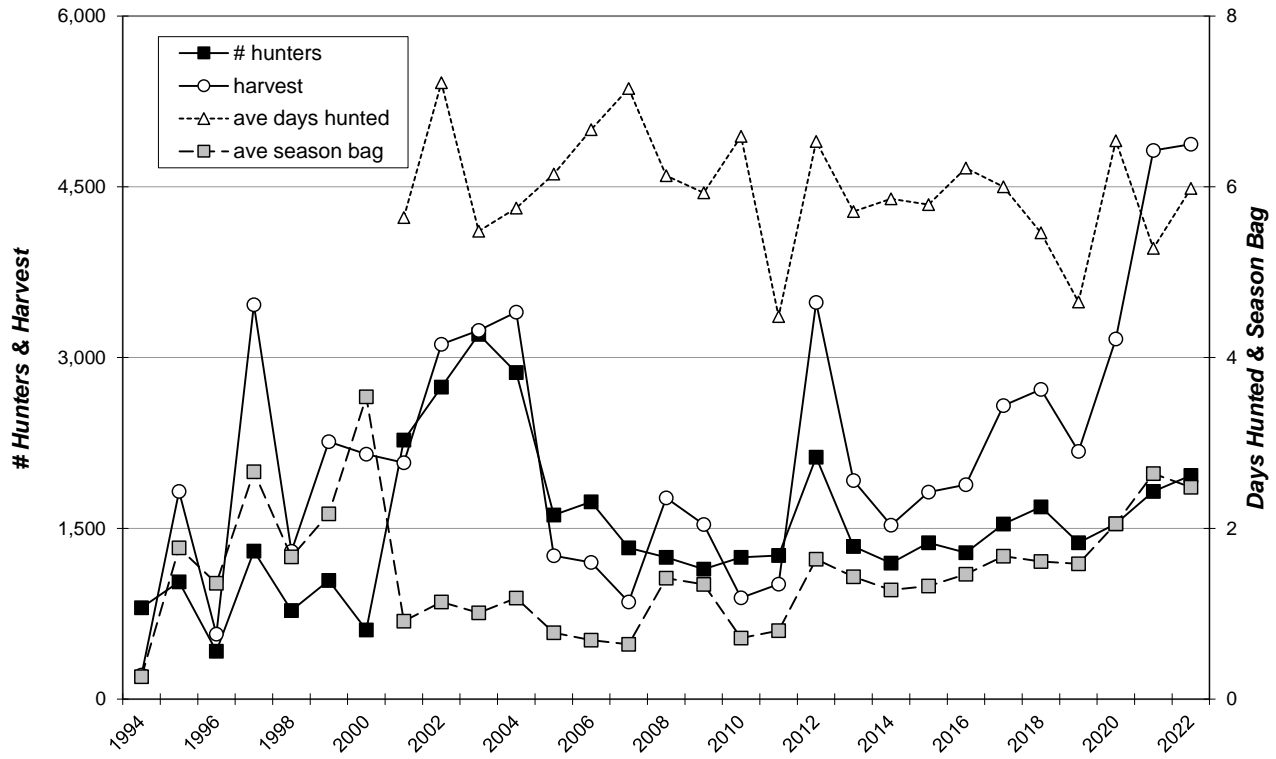
Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
2013	1,098	1,694	5.83	1.54	224	197	5.13	0.88
2014	951	1,378	6.13	1.45	244	151	4.80	0.62
2015	1,097	1,618	5.93	1.47	275	201	5.20	0.73
2016	992	1,707	6.43	1.72	295	176	5.52	0.60
2017	1,185	2,286	6.30	1.93	354	292	5.00	0.83
2018	1,262	2,428	5.67	1.92	426	293	4.83	0.69
2019	1,015	2,176	4.60	2.14	358	601	4.78	1.68
2020	1,256	2,804	7.05	2.23	283	359	4.26	1.27
2021	1,358	3,748	5.61	2.76	466	1,071	4.33	2.30
2022	1,494	3,939	6.64	2.64	470	935	3.88	1.99

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2022

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	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT								NR Totals	Resident Total
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No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	6	163		14	2	12	5		202	209
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	25	676		32	6	40	15		794	1,387
Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese	4.17	4.15		2.29	3.00	3.33	3.00		3.88	6.64
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	7	349		33	1	9	7		406	551
Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season	1.17	2.14		2.36	0.50	0.75	1.40		1.99	2.64
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	57	1,502	0	91	19	109	45		1,824	9,917
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	14	362	0	40	6	33	15		470	1,494
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	16	776	0	94	3	24	21		935	3,939
TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 4,874										

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1994-2022



NOTE: Prior to 2001, the definition of a white-fronted goose hunter was one who bagged 1+ white-front. Starting in 2001, the definition was changed to a hunter who spent 1+ days hunting white-fronted geese. This definition increased the number of hunters and decreased the average season bag estimates, but not the overall harvest projections.