

CANADA GEESE (all seasons)

Information provided in this section pertains to the entire Canada goose harvest in South Dakota and combines information from all seasons. The next two sections report specifically on the Early Fall (September) and Special Bennett County seasons.

The 2021 Canada goose season was open from 1 September 2021 - 13 February 2022 statewide, although some units may have opened later and/or closed sooner. The daily bag was 8 geese in Unit 1, but only 4 in Units 2 and 3 (refer to Hunting Handbook). Possession was three times the daily bag. Resident hunters were separately licensed for one Special Canada goose unit in Bennett County. 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 plus a migratory bird certification. All hunters aged 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp. Special Canada goose season hunters were required to apply for and receive Special Canada goose season licenses.

In 2021, there were an estimated 12,354 hunters who hunted at least one day for Canada geese (9,997 residents, 2,357 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there were a projected total of 111,429 Canada geese harvested (104,693 by residents, 6,736 by nonresidents). Average Canada goose bag for residents was 10.47, and for nonresidents 2.89. An estimated 11,381 Canada geese were harvested within 20 miles of the Missouri River.

The five counties with the highest reported harvest by residents were Sully, Day, Deuel, Brookings, and Hughes, and by nonresidents in unit 00B were Day, Kingsbury, Roberts, Brown, and Clark.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), Canada goose hunters reported an average rating of 5.14 for residents and 5.27 for nonresidents. The average days hunted by all hunters (7.20 residents, 4.14 nonresidents) projected to a total of 81,484 recreation days for the season.

Comparison of the 2012 - 2021 Canada goose harvest statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2012	13,725	157,363	7.61	11.47	5.19	2,277	7,054	4.37	3.10	5.44
2013	12,004	117,846	7.54	9.82	5.06	2,160	6,310	4.24	2.92	5.37
2014	12,130	97,956	6.92	8.08	4.96	1,969	5,193	4.31	2.76	5.22
2015	10,228	73,471	7.00	7.18	4.78	2,104	5,482	4.30	2.70	4.98
2016	9,964	85,809	6.98	8.61	4.87	2,046	5,485	4.51	2.77	4.86
2017	9,762	76,827	6.95	7.87	5.06	2,428	6,601	4.19	2.74	5.18
2018	8,633	63,848	6.67	7.40	4.93	2,289	5,638	4.17	2.52	5.11
2019	9,264	78,143	6.85	8.44	5.09	2,209	5,995	4.05	2.82	5.41
2020	10,356	93,682	6.96	9.05	5.07	2,199	6,924	3.96	3.15	5.38
2021	9,997	104,693	7.20	10.47	5.14	2,357	6,736	4.14	2.89	5.27

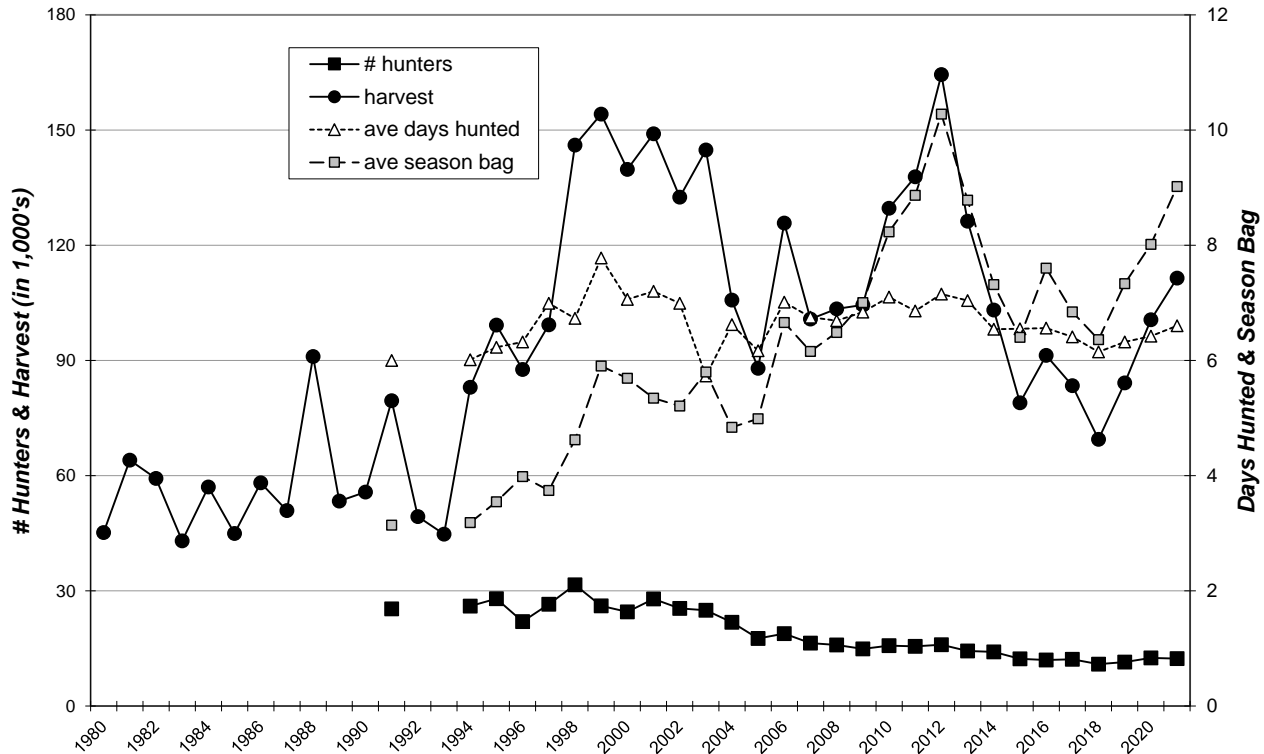
CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2021

Revised: 31 May 2022

	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT							NR Totals	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00V	00X	00Y	00Z		
No. Hunters Reporting Canada Goose Days	61	819	6	57	21	89	30	1,083	1,443
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	471	3,485	18	155	52	225	76	4,482	10,386
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	7.72	4.26	3.00	2.72	2.48	2.53	2.53	4.14	7.20
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	278	2,487	13	117	81	106	52	3,134	15,112
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	4.56	3.04	2.17	2.05	3.86	1.19	1.73	2.89	10.47
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	965	7,126	39	405	214	570	212	9,531	71,952
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	125	1,675	13	149	86	225	84	2,357	9,997
Projected Canada Goose Bag	570	5,086	28	306	333	269	145	6,736	104,693
Canada Geese Reported w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	220	152	N/A	1	38	N/A	7	418	3,150
Projected Canada Geese Bagged w/in 20 miles Missouri Ri	451	311		3	156		19	940	21,823
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST ALL SEASONS = 111,429									
Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.42	5.36	4.50	4.98	4.90	5.17	5.87	5.27	5.14

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

STATEWIDE CANADA GOOSE (all seasons) HARVEST, 1980-2021



Resident Canada Goose Harvest Distribution by County 2021

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	56	388	4.0	396	366	2,536	2.5	2,574	6.5
Pennington	23	159	1.6	163	101	700	0.7	710	4.4
Brown	48	333	3.4	339	311	2,155	2.1	2,187	6.5
Beadle	42	291	3.0	297	373	2,584	2.5	2,623	8.9
Codington	63	436	4.5	445	833	5,771	5.6	5,858	13.2
Brookings	60	416	4.2	424	879	6,090	5.9	6,181	14.7
Yankton	19	132	1.3	134	242	1,677	1.6	1,702	12.7
Davison	6	42	0.4	42	60	416	0.4	422	10.0
Lawrence	15	104	1.1	106	35	242	0.2	246	2.3
Aurora	17	118	1.2	120	89	617	0.6	626	5.2
Bennett	27	187	1.9	191	239	1,656	1.6	1,681	8.9
Bon Homme	35	242	2.5	247	254	1,760	1.7	1,786	7.3
Brule	31	215	2.2	219	163	1,129	1.1	1,146	5.3
Buffalo	5	35	0.4	35	26	180	0.2	183	5.2
Butte	16	111	1.1	113	219	1,517	1.5	1,540	13.7
Campbell	5	35	0.4	35	37	256	0.2	260	7.4
Charles Mix	35	242	2.5	247	244	1,690	1.6	1,716	7.0
Clark	64	443	4.5	452	659	4,565	4.4	4,634	10.3
Clay	4	28	0.3	28	47	326	0.3	331	11.8
Corson	1	7	0.1	7	6	42	0.0	42	6.0
Custer	4	28	0.3	28	12	83	0.1	84	3.0
Day	74	513	5.2	523	1,175	8,140	7.9	8,263	15.9
Deuel	34	236	2.4	240	887	6,145	6.0	6,237	26.1
Dewey	2	14	0.1	14	3	21	0.0	21	1.5
Douglas	7	48	0.5	49	73	506	0.5	513	10.4
Edmunds	28	194	2.0	198	226	1,566	1.5	1,589	8.1
Fall River	27	187	1.9	191	258	1,787	1.7	1,814	9.6
Faulk	7	48	0.5	49	51	353	0.3	359	7.3
Grant	26	180	1.8	184	321	2,224	2.2	2,257	12.3
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Haakon	2	14	0.1	14	6	42	0.0	42	3.0
Hamlin	39	270	2.8	276	296	2,051	2.0	2,081	7.6
Hand	17	118	1.2	120	82	568	0.6	577	4.8
Hanson	8	55	0.6	57	222	1,538	1.5	1,561	27.8
Harding	3	21	0.2	21	18	125	0.1	127	6.0
Hughes	87	603	6.2	615	931	6,450	6.3	6,547	10.7
Hutchinson	16	111	1.1	113	81	561	0.5	570	5.1
Hyde	1	7	0.1	7	1	7	0.0	7	1.0
Jackson	3	21	0.2	21	4	28	0.0	28	1.3
Jerauld	6	42	0.4	42	15	104	0.1	105	2.5
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Kingsbury	64	443	4.5	452	549	3,803	3.7	3,861	8.6
Lake	52	360	3.7	368	505	3,499	3.4	3,551	9.7
Lincoln	23	159	1.6	163	291	2,016	2.0	2,046	12.7
Lyman	8	55	0.6	57	96	665	0.6	675	12.0
McCook	30	208	2.1	212	171	1,185	1.1	1,202	5.7
McPherson	23	159	1.6	163	300	2,078	2.0	2,110	13.0
Marshall	31	215	2.2	219	217	1,503	1.5	1,526	7.0
Meade	9	62	0.6	64	39	270	0.3	274	4.3
Mellette	1	7	0.1	7	10	69	0.1	70	10.0
Miner	15	104	1.1	106	112	776	0.8	788	7.5
Moody	17	118	1.2	120	110	762	0.7	774	6.5
Perkins	7	48	0.5	49	73	506	0.5	513	10.4
Potter	8	55	0.6	57	77	533	0.5	541	9.6
Roberts	44	305	3.1	311	507	3,512	3.4	3,565	11.5
Sanborn	15	104	1.1	106	342	2,369	2.3	2,405	22.8
Spink	14	97	1.0	99	171	1,185	1.1	1,202	12.2
Stanley	20	139	1.4	141	120	831	0.8	844	6.0
Sully	38	263	2.7	269	1,086	7,524	7.3	7,637	28.6
Tripp	10	69	0.7	71	63	436	0.4	443	6.3
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Union	10	69	0.7	71	95	658	0.6	668	9.5
Walworth	8	55	0.6	57	67	464	0.5	471	8.4
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Shannon	3	21	0.2	21	41	284	0.3	288	13.7
Todd	1	7	0.1	7	1	7	0.0	7	1.0
Unk/Unreported	29	201	-	-	224	1,552	-	-	7.7
TOTALS:	1,443	9,997	100%	9,997	15,112	104,693	100%	104,693	10.47

Last Revised: 1 June 2022

* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.

** Calculation uses "# projected" values without correction for unknown/unreported county values.