

# **PARTRIDGE**

The 2020 partridge season was open 19 September 2020 - 3 January 2021 statewide. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. The daily limit was 5 birds, possession 15. To hunt partridge residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult, senior or junior combination, or youth small game licenses; nonresidents were required to obtain adult or youth small game or nonresident shooting preserve licenses. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. No shooting preserve license holders were surveyed and none of their harvest is included in any of the data in this report.

In 2020, there were 86,796 resident and 66,540 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt partridge. Approximately 15,000 residents and 15,000 nonresidents were surveyed for the upland bird seasons. Survey response rates were 28% for residents and 32% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting partridge, there were a projected 2,432 resident and 1,806 nonresident partridge hunters.

An estimated 4,181 partridge were harvested (3,505 by residents, 2,177 by nonresidents) during the 2020 season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident upland bird hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.06 while nonresidents reported a higher satisfaction rating of 5.75.

## Comparison of the 2011 - 2020 partridge harvests

<i>Year</i>	<i>Residents</i>				<i>Nonresidents</i>			
	<i>Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Days Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Days Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>
2011	2,335	3,719	3.77	1.57	1,889	3,771	4.09	2.01
2012	2,903	4,338	4.75	1.51	3,231	6,295	3.97	1.95
2013	2,666	2,990	7.09	1.13	1,926	2,761	4.23	1.43
2014	2,355	5,942	6.27	2.43	1,985	3,609	4.13	1.82
2015	3,189	5,840	5.63	1.85	2,133	5,019	4.05	3.08
2016	2,516	7,053	5.87	2.73	2,204	3,272	4.21	1.48
2017	2,005	2,496	5.44	1.24	1,682	2,224	3.93	1.32
2018	1,672	1,223	4.82	0.75	1,904	3,900	4.38	2.05
2019	1,850	1,703	5.48	1.04	1,565	2,478	4.34	1.58
2020	2,432	3,505	6.85	1.46	1,806	2,177	4.32	1.21

## PARTRIDGE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2020

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	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE						NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Combo	Junior Combo	Senior Combo	Small Game	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
<b>Licenses Sold</b>	47,644	8,764	10,574	15,887	3,927	<b>86,796</b>	64,631	1,909	<b>66,540</b>
<b>Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS</b>	<b>32,332</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>5,973</b>	<b>12,947</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>60,039</b>	<b>61,098</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>62,894</b>
Number Sampled by Survey	8,183	1,527	1,818	2,782	690	<b>15,000</b>	14,597	403	<b>15,000</b>
Number Responded to Survey	2,455	251	740	562	200	<b>4,208</b>	4,752	88	<b>4,840</b>
% Responded and Participated in Season	68%	64%	56%	81%	82%	68%	97%	97%	97%
Responded and Participated in Season	1,666	160	418	458	163	<b>2,865</b>	4,607	85	<b>4,692</b>
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	789	91	322	104	37	<b>1,343</b>	145	3	<b>148</b>
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>32.3%</b>
No. Hunters Reporting Partridge Days	80	4	23	9	8	<b>124</b>	133	2	<b>135</b>
Sum Partridge Hunted Days	563	9	224	25	29	<b>850</b>	573	10	<b>583</b>
Average Days Hunted Partridge	<b>7.04</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>2.78</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>6.85</b>	<b>4.31</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>4.32</b>
Sum Partridge Bagged	146	4	24	6	1	<b>181</b>	161	2	<b>163</b>
Average Season Partridge Bag	<b>1.83</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.21</b>
<b>Projected Days Partridge Hunting</b>	<b>10,926</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>15,717</b>	<b>7,599</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>7,810</b>
<b>Projected No. Partridge Hunters</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,806</b>
<b>Projected Partridge Bag</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,177</b>
<b>TOTAL PARTRIDGE HARVEST =</b>							<b>5,683</b>		

## STATEWIDE PARTRIDGE HARVEST, 1985-2020

