

WATERFOWL

In 2019, there were an estimated 15,316 active resident migratory bird hunters in South Dakota, of which 13,401 were active waterfowl hunters. There were also an estimated 4,665 nonresidents that participated in waterfowl hunting. A random sample of approximately 23% of the resident migratory bird certificate holders and 67% of the nonresident waterfowl license holders were surveyed. Nonresident youth license holders were not surveyed. The survey response rates were 62% for residents and 70% for nonresidents.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), waterfowl hunters reported an overall average rating of 5.10 for residents, and 5.37 for nonresidents.

Summary comparison of the 2010 - 2019 waterfowl seasons

Year	Residents				Nonresidents		
	Active Mig Bird Hunters	Active Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Response Rate	Satisfaction	Active Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Response Rate	Satisfaction
2010	19,436	17,652	69%	5.14	4,420	74%	5.50
2011	18,836	17,085	52%	5.27	4,326	80%	5.50
2012	18,553	16,725	56%	5.16	4,287	74%	5.30
2013	18,751	16,698	66%	5.04	4,142	80%	5.31
2014	19,643	16,921	68%	4.92	3,798	80%	5.17
2015	17,231	14,579	64%	4.84	4,195	78%	4.91
2016	16,461	13,770	61%	4.86	4,254	73%	4.79
2017	16,478	13,814	60%	5.04	4,523	69%	5.16
2018	15,371	12,750	60%	4.95	4,326	70%	5.10
2019	15,316	13,401	62%	5.10	4,665	70%	5.37

WATERFOWL HUNTING SUMMARY FOR 2019

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	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT								NR Totals	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00V	00X	00Y	00Z	YW1		
1st Choice Applicants	353	3,806	10	112	2	413	131	16	4,843	NA
Licenses Available	250	3,725	25	500	750	500	250	100	6,100	NA
Licenses Sold	251	3,728	25	500	251	498	249	22	5,524	24,995
Projected ACTIVE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS	217	3,198	17	388	216	416	191	22	4,665	15,316
Unique Licenseholders	251	3,728	25	488	244	498	249	22	5,505	24,993
Number Sampled by Survey	249	1,992	25	482	201	494	248	0	3,691	5,866
Number Responded to Survey	183	1,436	15	294	113	363	172		2,576	3,618
% Responded and Participated in Season	86%	86%	67%	80%	88%	83%	77%		84%	61%
Responded and Participated in Season	158	1,232	10	234	100	303	132		2,169	2,217
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	25	204	5	60	13	60	40		407	1,401
Survey Response Rate	73.5%	72.1%	60.0%	61.0%	56.2%	73.5%	69.4%		69.8%	61.7%
No. Hunters Reporting Goose or Duck Days	158	1232	10	234	100	303	132		2,169	1,940
Projected Waterfowl Hunters - Ducks and Geese	217	3,198	17	388	216	416	191	22	4,665	13,401
TOTAL WATERFOWL HUNTERS =									18,066	
All Waterfowl Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.33	5.45	4.60	5.42	5.18	5.17	5.29		5.37	5.10

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