

# **WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**

The 2023 white-fronted goose season was open from 30 September - 12 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 2,759 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (2,117 residents, 642 nonresidents). There were a projected 7,876 white-fronted geese harvested (6,392 by residents and 1,484 by nonresidents).

## Comparison of the 2014 - 2023 white-fronted goose harvests

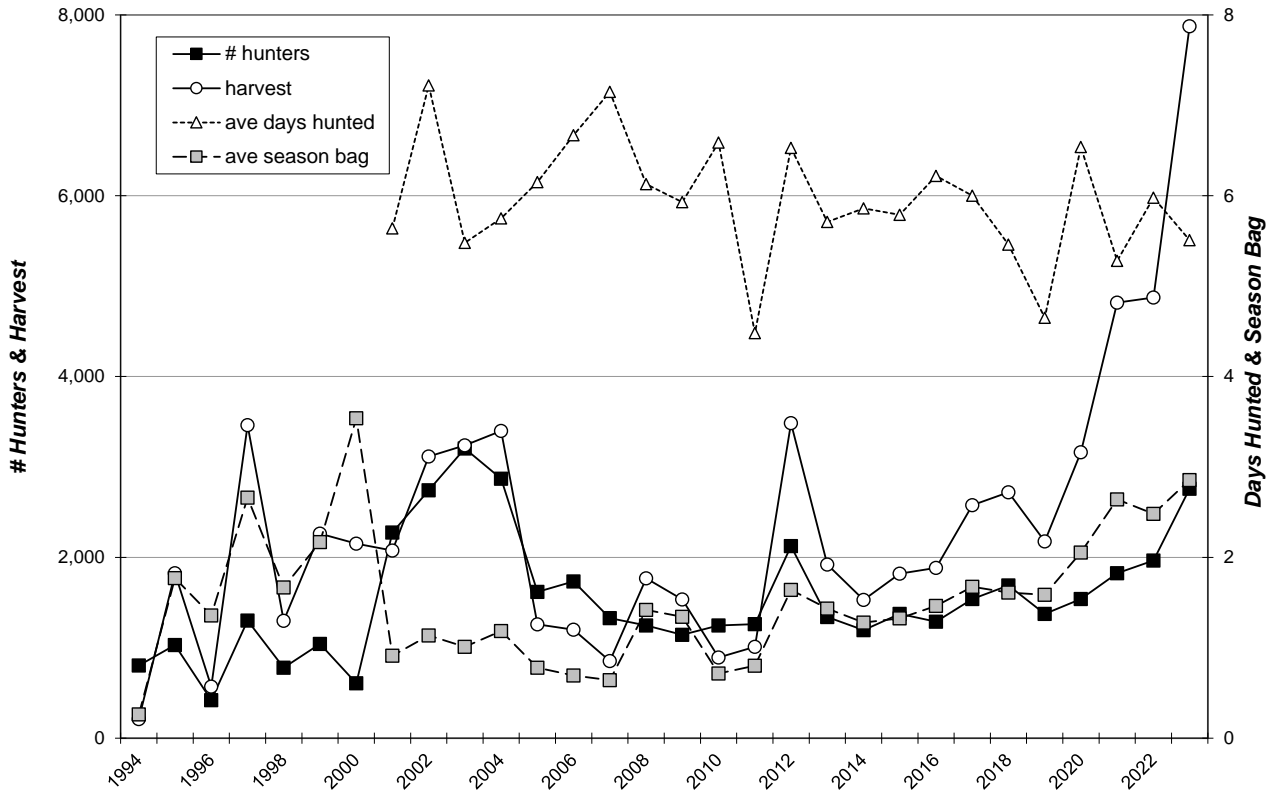
Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
2014	951	1,378	6.13	1.45	244	151	4.80	0.62
2015	1,097	1,618	5.93	1.47	275	201	5.20	0.73
2016	992	1,707	6.43	1.72	295	176	5.52	0.60
2017	1,185	2,286	6.30	1.93	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
2023	2,117	6,392	5.92	3.02	642	1,484	4.14	2.31

## **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2023**

*Revised: 30 May 2024*

	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT							NR Totals	Resident Total
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No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	11	206	0	39	1	6	7	270	266
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	98	896	0	103	1	14	24	1,136	1,575
<b>Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese</b>	<b>8.91</b>	<b>4.35</b>		<b>2.64</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>5.92</b>
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	4	544	0	75	3	4	2	632	803
<b>Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2.64</b>		<b>1.92</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>3.02</b>
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	223	2,030	0	298	3	34	65	2,653	12,538
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	25	467	0	113	3	14	19	642	2,117
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	9	1,232	0	217	10	10	5	1,484	6,392
<b>TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 7,876</b>									

### STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1994-2023



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.