

WATERFOWL

In 2020, there were an estimated 16,819 active resident migratory bird hunters in South Dakota, of which 14,597 were active waterfowl hunters. There were also an estimated 4,489 nonresidents that participated in waterfowl hunting. All nonresident waterfowl license holders and a random sample of 10,000 resident migratory bird certificate holders and were surveyed. Nonresident youth license holders were not surveyed. The survey response rates were 37% for residents and 53% 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 2011 - 2020 waterfowl seasons

Year	Residents				Nonresidents		
	Active Mig Bird Hunters	Active Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Response Rate	Satisfaction	Active Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Response Rate	Satisfaction
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
2020	16,819	14,597	37%	5.10	4,489	53%	5.37

WATERFOWL HUNTING SUMMARY FOR 2020

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	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT									NR Totals	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00V	00X	00Y	00Z	YW1			
1st Choice Applicants	468	4,813	13	94	16	409	156	23	5,992		NA
Licenses Available	250	3,725	25	500	750	500	250	100	6,100		NA
Licenses Sold	250	3,718	26	495	282	500	249	33	5,553		25,856
Projected ACTIVE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS	209	3,025	24	373	226	394	205	33	4,489		16,819
Unique Licenseholders	250	3,716	26	494	271	500	249	33	5,539		25,855
Number Sampled by Survey	250	3,716	26	494	270	500	249	0	5,505		10,000
Number Responded to Survey	133	2,049	16	221	103	254	119		2,895		3,725
% Responded and Participated in Season	83%	81%	94%	76%	83%	79%	82%		81%		65%
Responded and Participated in Season	111	1,668	15	167	86	200	98		2,345		2,423
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	22	381	1	54	17	54	21		550		1,302
Survey Response Rate	53.2%	55.1%	61.5%	44.7%	38.1%	50.8%	47.8%		52.6%		37.3%
No. Hunters Reporting Goose or Duck Days	111	1668	15	167	86	200	98		2,345		2,103
Projected Waterfowl Hunters - Ducks and Geese	209	3,025	24	373	226	394	205	33	4,489		14,597
TOTAL WATERFOWL HUNTERS = 19,086											
All Waterfowl Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.01	5.38	4.67	5.38	5.46	5.53	5.30		5.37		5.10

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