

PARTRIDGE

The 2017 partridge season was open 16 September 2017 - 7 January 2018 statewide. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. The daily limit was 5 birds, possession 15. To hunt partridge residents 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 2017, there were 84,754 resident and 70,316 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt partridge. Approximately 10% of residents and nonresidents were surveyed for the upland bird seasons. Survey response rates were 61% for residents and 62% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting partridge, there were a projected 2,005 resident and 1,682 nonresident partridge hunters.

An estimated 4,720 partridge were harvested (2,496 by residents, 2,224 by nonresidents) during the 2017 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 4.23 while nonresidents reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.06.

Comparison of the 2008 - 2017 partridge harvests

Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag
2008	2,916	6,065	7.16	2.08	2,945	6,155	4.51	2.09
2009	2,687	4,675	7.23	1.74	2,511	3,716	4.36	1.48
2010	2,361	5,383	8.00	2.28	2,286	4,092	4.71	1.79
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

PARTRIDGE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2017

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	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE						NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Small Game	Combo	Senior Combo	Junior Combo	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
Licenses Sold	16,599	47,020	8,962	7,760	4,413	84,754	68,358	1,958	70,316
Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS	13,494	28,291	4,393	3,642	3,355	53,175	65,865	1,757	67,622
Number Sampled by Survey	1,411	4,292	827	691	396	7,617	7,523	217	7,740
Number Responded to Survey	759	2,611	716	277	242	4,605	4,652	122	4,774
% Responded and Participated in Season	81%	60%	49%	47%	76%	62%	98%	91%	98%
Responded and Participated in Season	617	1,571	351	130	184	2,853	4,557	111	4,668
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	142	1,040	365	147	58	1,752	95	11	106
Survey Response Rate	53.8%	60.8%	86.6%	40.1%	61.1%	60.5%	61.8%	56.2%	61.7%
No. Hunters Reporting Partridge Days	15	73	12	3	7	110	112	4	116
Sum Partridge Hunted Days	62	387	89	5	55	598	441	15	456
Average Days Hunted Partridge	4.13	5.30	7.42	1.67	7.86	5.44	3.94	3.75	3.93
Sum Partridge Bagged	16	101	5	1	13	136	144	9	153
Average Season Partridge Bag	1.07	1.38	0.42	0.33	1.86	1.24	1.29	2.25	1.32
Projected Days Partridge Hunting	1,356	6,969	1,114	140	1,003	10,582	6,374	237	6,611
Projected No. Partridge Hunters	328	1,315	150	84	128	2,005	1,619	63	1,682
Projected Partridge Bag	350	1,819	63	28	237	2,496	2,081	142	2,224
TOTAL PARTRIDGE HARVEST = 4,720									
Upland Bird Hunters Mean Satisfaction Score *	4.37	4.20	3.82	4.65	4.50	4.23	5.05	5.22	5.06

* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"

STATEWIDE PARTRIDGE HARVEST, 1985-2017

