

Estimate of hunters and anglers(active & inactive/lapsed) from the USFWS 2001 survey

Hunters:

Based on an estimate of who hunted in 2001 and who hunted in the 4 years before 2001 but not in 2001, we estimate 21.5 million active and inactive hunters. The estimate is calculated using information from the screen (household based) and the detailed interview (person based) phases of the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated

Recreation:

- 14.6 million people hunted in 2001 (13.0 million 16 years old and older and 1.6 million 6-15 years old).
- The screen asked if household members had ever hunted and, if so, the last year hunted. With a rough adjustment for recall bias, we estimate 42.2 million people 6 years old and older had hunted sometime in their lives. 21.5 million of those hunted in the last 5 years, 20.3 million last hunted before that, and 400 thousand we don't know.
- We assumed if someone had not hunted for at least five years he would not likely hunt again: 48% of people (20.3 million) who ever hunted would not hunt again.
- Assuming that someone who hunted at least one year of the last 5 years would more likely hunt again: 51% of people (21.5 million) who had ever hunted were possible hunters. Given that 14.6 million people 6 years of age and older hunted in 2001, that means nearly 7 million additional people (21.5 million minus 14.6 million) were available to hunt but didn't.

Anglers:

We estimate 62.4 million active and inactive or lapsed anglers in 2001.

- 44.3 million people fished in 2001 (34.1 million anglers 16 years old and older and 10.2 million 6-15 years old).
- We estimate 89 million people 6 years old and older had fished at sometime in their lives. 62.4 million fished in the last five years. 25.8 million last fished more than five years ago. 900,000 we don't know.
- Using the same assumption as for hunting, 29% of people (25.8 million) who had ever fished would not fish again.
- 70% of people (62.4 million) who had ever fished were possible anglers. Given that 44.3 million people fished in 2001, 18.1 million additional people were in the angler pool.