

USFWS 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation September 2023

To download the study visit: <https://digitalmedia.fws.gov/digital/collection/document/id/2321/> and go to Table 2 on page 48 & Table 6 on page 51.

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Of the wildlife watchers – 4,624,145 wildlife watched **away from home** (28% of all persons) & 9,664,190 **wildlife watched around home** (58% of all persons). Some people did both.

Hunters make up 16% of wildlife watchers

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent who participated	Percent	Number	Percent who participated	Percent
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Population Density of Residence								
<i>Urban</i>	207,550,596	80	56,927,155	27	78	111,619,049	54	76
<i>Rural</i>	51,273,801	20	16,207,034	32	22	34,544,582	67	24
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Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)								
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Census Geographic Division								
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<i>Middle Atlantic</i>	33,156,736	13	8,787,042	27	12	17,626,005	53	12
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<i>West South Central</i>	31,295,266	12	8,315,982	27	11	16,802,397	54	11
<i>Mountain</i>	19,697,460	8	5,511,148	28	8	10,181,024	52	7
<i>Pacific</i>	41,885,355	16	12,476,735	30	17	23,315,735	56	16
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EXCERPTED CHARTS FROM SOUTHWICK STUDY:

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Economic Impact of Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Boating, and Wildlife Viewing in South Dakota

By Southwick Associates, Florida

[SD-Fish-Wildlife-Boating-Economics-Southwick-6-30-22.pdf](#)

This 2017 study at page 25, table 29 shows 173,825 wildlife watchers (residents - 89,277 persons & non-residents - 84,548 persons). All are only watching away from home. At page 8, table 1, the study shows 103,619 resident hunters & 112,174 non-resident hunters or 215,793 total hunters. It does not delete at home hunting.

Table 29. Total away from home wildlife viewer and days by region and residency

	Residents	Nonresidents	Total
Total Wildlife Viewers	89,277	84,548	173,825
Total Days Away from Home	2,068,180	528,636	2,596,817
Average Number of Days			
Statewide	23	6	
Black Hills Region	7	2	
West River	4	1	
East River	10	2	
Missouri River	2	1	

Table 1. Species targeted by hunters

	Residents		Nonresidents	
	Hunters	%	Hunters	%
Deer	52,900	51%	6,230	6%
Other Big Game	14,854	14%	3,015	3%
Pheasant	77,938	75%	91,175	81%
Other small game	38,080	37%	14,979	13%
Migratory Bird	25,436	25%	9,808	9%
Total Hunters	103,619	na	112,174	na

Resident hunters dedicated an average 18 days of hunting in South Dakota during the past 12 months compared to five days reported by nonresident hunters.