



# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## Hunting

Items Reported by License Year

**AS OF 12/31/2025**

Licenses	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Resident Hunting (Annual)	247,185	231,047	223,491	222,679	216,600	196,136	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting	6,924	7,066	7,393	7,697	7,953	7,832	-	-	-	-
Junior Hunting (Annual)	19,132	16,977	15,581	15,257	14,199	11,663	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Junior Hunting	1,053	1,098	1,090	1,174	1,202	1,109	-	-	-	-
Disabled Veteran Hunting	5,084	5,004	5,050	5,356	5,628	5,461	-	-	-	-
Recovering Service Member	6	3	2	2	3	2	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Hunting (Annual)	3,907	4,374	4,674	4,351	4,312	3,920	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident 1-Day Hunting	342	385	359	448	413	249	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident 2-Day Hunting	2,643	2,887	3,033	4,084	4,181	2,319	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Hunting Licenses</i>	<i>286,276</i>	<i>268,841</i>	<i>260,673</i>	<i>261,048</i>	<i>254,491</i>	<i>228,691</i>	-	-	-	-
Resident First Deer Tag	143,891	141,555	138,910	137,317	134,465	128,745	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident First Deer Tag	1,292	1,442	1,581	1,663	1,700	1,753	-	-	-	-
Resident Second Deer Tag	43,806	43,810	44,908	43,709	43,781	42,575	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Second Deer Tag	62	94	115	139	144	137	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Deer Tag	2,722	2,811	2,921	3,076	3,128	3,108	-	-	-	-
Duplicate/Exchange Deer Tag	86	122	129	93	130	133	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Deer Tags</i>	<i>191,859</i>	<i>189,834</i>	<i>188,564</i>	<i>185,997</i>	<i>183,348</i>	<i>176,451</i>	-	-	-	-
Resident Pronghorn Antelope Tag	195	129	183	183	116	106	-	-	-	-
Resident Pronghorn Antelope Tag (Junior)	15	15	15	16	17	10	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Pronghorn Antelope Tag	1	1	1	1	0	1	-	-	-	-
Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	25	26	26	23	21	26	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	2	3	3	3	2	4	-	-	-	-
Resident Elk Tag	255	217	306	381	414	498	-	-	-	-
Resident Elk Tag (Junior)	12	16	14	16	22	27	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Elk Tag	2	2	2	5	7	10	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Elk Tags</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>628</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>682</i>	-	-	-	-
Resident Antelope Tag Drawing Application	29,841	29,854	30,391	30,267	29,449	27,067	-	-	-	-



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Non-Resident Antelope Tag Drawing Application	656	729	830	898	885	857	-	-	-	-
Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application	18,652	18,672	19,107	19,094	18,437	16,840	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application	1,015	1,084	1,186	1,248	1,234	1,184	-	-	-	-
Resident Elk Tag Drawing Application	44,273	44,503	44,364	44,442	43,115	39,173	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Elk Tag Drawing Application	998	1,092	1,247	1,330	1,338	1,302	-	-	-	-
Elk, Antelope, Bighorn Sheep Tag Return Fee	97	142	27	18	16	19	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Elk Drawing</i>	<i>95,532</i>	<i>96,076</i>	<i>97,152</i>	<i>97,297</i>	<i>94,474</i>	<i>86,442</i>	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Deer Tag Random Drawing	27,473	61,753	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Bighorn Sheep Tag Random Drawing	16,557	15,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Antelope Tag Random Drawing	10,011	9,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Elk Tag Random Drawing	20,906	23,333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Fundraising Drawing</i>	<i>74,947</i>	<i>109,939</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resident Bear Tags	28,521	29,539	31,230	30,625	29,179	29,642	-	-	-	-
Resident Bear Tags (Junior)	1,729	1,758	1,799	1,643	1,583	765	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Bear Tags	138	150	221	186	226	242	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total – Bear Tags</i>	<i>30,388</i>	<i>31,447</i>	<i>33,250</i>	<i>32,454</i>	<i>30,988</i>	<i>30,649</i>	-	-	-	-
Resident Wild Pig Tag/Validation**	44,624	41,107	38,989	37,709	34,316	29,088	-	-	-	-
Non-Resident Wild Pig Tag/Validation**	1,000	941	1,063	1,092	945	437	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Wild Pig Tags/Validation**	8,299	8,436	8,433	8,590	2,649	2,647	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Wild Pig Tags/Validation**</i>	<i>53,923</i>	<i>50,484</i>	<i>48,485</i>	<i>47,391</i>	<i>37,910</i>	<i>32,172</i>	-	-	-	-
Duck Validation *	69,631	66,686	62,228	63,510	61,081	55,974	-	-	-	-
Collector Duck Stamp	279	315	59	145	161	20	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Duck Validation	2,864	2,933	3,010	3,195	3,309	3,275	-	-	-	-
Waterfowl Reservation Application	1,238,138	1,240,782	1,065,148	1,133,120	962,035	959,298	-	-	-	-
1-Day Type A Wildlife Area Permit	10,102	9,756	10,157	11,573	11,064	7,494	-	-	-	-
2-Day Type A Wildlife Area Pass	19,040	13,784	13,426	13,140	12,756	9,277	-	-	-	-
Type A Wildlife Area Season Pass	5,804	5,925	5,194	5,326	4,790	4,811	-	-	-	-
Type B Wildlife Area Season Pass	930	678	633	671	708	806	-	-	-	-



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Upland Game Bird Validation *	162,911	151,574	138,372	136,652	133,868	119,863	-	-	-	-
Collector Upland Game Bird Stamp	77	98	37	65	71	15	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Upland Game Bird Validation	3,216	3,295	3,443	3,627	3,740	3,693	-	-	-	-
Harvest Information Program Validation	156,879	143,894	134,601	134,199	130,185	117,988	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Game Bird Hunting</i>	<i>1,669,871</i>	<i>1,639,720</i>	<i>1,436,308</i>	<i>1,505,223</i>	<i>1,323,768</i>	<i>1,282,514</i>	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Package - Age 0 to 9	258	226	215	229	259	236	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Package - Age 10 to 39	190	227	206	194	206	202	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Package - Age 40 to 61	143	169	150	140	115	106	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Package - Age 62 and Over	49	59	65	50	65	66	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Privilege Package - Big Game	228	223	225	195	221	199	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Hunting Privilege Package - Game Bird	254	278	291	270	283	268	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub Total - Lifetime Packages</i>	<i>1,122</i>	<i>1,182</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>1,078</i>	<i>1,149</i>	<i>1,077</i>	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL HUNTING</b>	<b>2,404,425</b>	<b>2,387,932</b>	<b>2,066,134</b>	<b>2,131,116</b>	<b>1,926,727</b>	<b>1,838,678</b>	-	-	-	-

\* A \$10 fee increase occurred in 2022 (AB-614).

\*\* Effective July 1, 2024, Wild Pig Tags changed to Validations (T14, CCR §378)