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LICENSED HUNTERS TOTAL ALMOST TWELVE MILLION IN FORTY-SIX STATES

A total of 11,785,753 hunters in 46 States purchased one or more licenses to hunt during 1960, the Department of the Interior reported today following receipt of information from State fish and game departments.

The State agencies submit facts on hunting license holders to the Department, where they are used to determine the apportionment of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funds to the States. The 1959 total was 11,924,033.

Although information on the number of hunters from four States, where hunting is a major sport, was not available, the Department was given a complete count on the number of licenses issued in all 50 States--18,439,621--and the amount paid, over \$60 million.

While the number of licensed hunters is large it can not accurately reflect the total number of persons who hunt because many are not required to purchase a license. According to figures recently released from the 1960 National Survey of Fishing and Hunting by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, there were 14,637,000 hunters in the United States during 1960 of whom 11,878,000 were licensed.

The \$60,981,203 outlay for hunting licenses, stamps, tags and permits required by State fish and game departments was \$3,170,011 more than the \$57,811,192 spent in 1959. According to the 1960 National Survey of Hunting and Fishing, sportsmen spent \$1,161,242,000 for all costs associated with hunting.

Figures supplied by State fish and game departments for 1960 indicate that the number of persons buying one or more licenses to hunt varies from year to year. The number of licenses sold is influenced by weather conditions, the relative abundance of game, and other factors. Many States permit landowners to hunt on their own lands without purchasing licenses.

Some States require sportsmen to purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits, or tags for hunting different kinds of game, as well as for hunting in different areas. Other States issue only one license for all game hunting. In 33 States minors are not required to purchase hunting licenses.

Information on the number of fishermen and fishing licenses issued in 1960 will be available soon, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

The attached table gives further details regarding 1960 hunting licenses.

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SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS,
LICENSE SALES AND THE COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1960

State	Paid Hunting License Holders ^{1/}	Resident Hunting	Non-Resident	Total Hunting	Gross Cost to Hunters
		Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued ^{2/}	
Alabama	311,454	305,669	5,785	311,454	\$ 700,572.00
Alaska	31,474	32,763	3,113	35,876	334,072.46
Arizona	105,640	214,450	6,215	220,665	736,505.50
Arkansas	223,641	209,444	14,197	223,641	729,950.50
California	610,882	1,268,726	1,643	1,270,369	3,637,118.00
Colorado	^{3/}	315,378	55,127	370,505	3,109,014.00
Connecticut	53,721	54,110	315	54,425	193,049.68
Delaware	25,692	25,328	364	25,692	64,268.00
Florida	160,327	191,546	2,093	193,639	979,480.50
Georgia	230,804	236,995	2,672	239,667	550,996.25
Hawaii	5,290	5,272	62	5,334	26,804.00
Idaho	167,354	351,173	13,647	364,820	954,838.37
Illinois	496,696	530,526	7,499	538,025	1,896,436.25
Indiana	620,649	628,800	3,155	631,955	825,522.95
Iowa	324,781	322,108	4,561	326,669	740,096.67
Kansas	230,225	334,627	11,019	345,646	612,126.00
Kentucky	265,251	270,235	7,341	277,576	1,025,689.35
Louisiana	280,648	278,288	2,384	280,672	290,208.00
Maine	180,198	153,648	27,227	180,875	1,022,936.25
Maryland	155,917	150,835	5,435	156,270	542,668.25
Massachusetts	122,371	135,350	1,640	136,990	443,768.25
Michigan	^{3/}	1,128,747	17,948	1,146,695	4,854,331.00
Minnesota	^{3/}	559,993	2,007	562,000	1,678,181.68
Mississippi	197,821	208,490	7,779	216,269	533,223.25
Missouri	373,198	433,064	5,882	438,946	1,652,716.37
Montana	207,406	317,578	14,966	332,544	1,306,126.00
Nebraska	186,200	346,211	9,624	355,835	854,008.00
Nevada	39,953	84,453	15,238	99,691	350,660.00
New Hampshire	93,300	73,435	20,777	94,212	598,349.38
New Jersey	169,692	187,659	2,630	190,289	788,394.70
New Mexico	107,025	113,985	4,786	118,771	780,473.00
New York	633,892	907,312	23,640	930,952	3,244,852.00
North Carolina	384,182	425,300	7,143	432,443	1,122,779.03
North Dakota	73,768	105,263	3,653	108,916	465,634.00
Ohio	671,409	706,369	3,472	709,841	1,580,114.00
Oklahoma	210,494	233,684	2,508	236,192	547,114.25
Oregon	293,622	589,278	3,429	592,707	1,720,250.50
Pennsylvania	990,226	1,392,682	45,032	1,437,714	4,466,401.65
Rhode Island	12,198	13,039	247	13,286	45,632.50
South Carolina	164,068	158,416	5,652	164,068	498,140.30
South Dakota	178,536	281,759	90,785	372,544	1,695,523.10
Tennessee	424,437	493,525	3,304	496,829	873,254.50
Texas	474,451	478,359	3,842	482,201	1,585,922.70
Utah	184,344	184,953	45,185	230,138	1,645,869.50
Vermont	103,602	86,894	24,379	111,273	472,453.12
Virginia	405,638	610,042	20,488	630,530	1,091,449.75
Washington	280,731	543,347	678	544,025	2,003,446.75
West Virginia	221,071	340,573	14,995	355,568	925,513.00
Wisconsin	^{3/}	686,884	10,198	697,082	2,837,431.00
Wyoming	101,474	101,403	45,892	147,295	1,346,836.50
TOTALS	11,785,753	17,807,968	631,653	18,439,621	\$60,981,202.76

^{1/} A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase.

Data certified by State fish and game departments.

^{2/} Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

^{3/} Data not available.

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the State fish and game departments.