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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Hunters and fishermen spent more than \$208 million last year for licenses, tags, permits and stamps, an increase of \$16 million over the previous year, reports the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fishing license holders increased by 1,316,814 from 1970 to a record 25,751,494 in 1971. Fishermen spent \$99,922,221 for licenses--\$9 million more than in 1970.

Hunting license holders rose to 15,977,588, an increase of 607,107 over 1970. Expenditures by hunters for licenses and permits exceeded the 1970 total by nearly \$7 million for a new high of \$108,597,570.

License sales, however, are not accurate indicators of the actual numbers of hunters and fishermen. In several States, one sportsman may purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for taking different kinds of fish or game. Also, most States do not require persons above or below certain ages to purchase licenses, and most coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. Some persons hunt or fish in more than one State, and consequently are counted more than once.

License revenues enable States to carry out fish and wildlife conservation and management activities. Additional funds come from Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs, under which States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. For the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1972, \$47,890,000 was apportioned.

State fish and game departments certify the numbers of paid hunting and fishing license holders to the Fish and Wildlife Service, which uses them in determining Restoration fund allocations.

State-by-State breakdowns of license sales are shown in accompanying tables.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1971

State	Paid Hunting License Holders 1/	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	335,075	376,961	9,858	386,819	\$ 1,039,034
Alaska	68,664	57,755	23,480	81,235	855,309
Arizona	177,411	337,528	21,203	358,731	1,501,586
Arkansas	297,101	276,700	20,401	297,101	1,299,784
California	756,975	1,440,097	2,474	1,442,571	4,255,007
Colorado	300,311	372,968	78,290	451,258	6,986,325
Connecticut	85,452	84,856	596	85,452	409,776
Delaware	26,824	25,473	1,351	26,824	159,300
Florida	255,049	251,841	3,208	255,049	1,476,218
Georgia	326,637	354,001	10,918	364,919	1,333,145
Hawaii	9,976	9,686	290	9,976	76,995
Idaho	221,038	401,463	68,383	469,846	2,538,201
Illinois	455,931	445,027	10,904	455,931	1,633,815
Indiana	476,640	527,967	5,709	533,676	1,470,748
Iowa	344,902	390,529	22,393	412,922	1,570,527
Kansas	232,677	208,206	24,471	232,677	988,299
Kentucky	271,764	267,357	4,407	271,764	1,736,695
Louisiana	348,635	464,390	12,333	476,723	1,000,891
Maine	219,373	175,497	43,876	219,373	1,976,882
Maryland	193,336	273,174	9,760	282,934	1,508,728
Massachusetts	123,589	146,142	2,271	148,413	600,806
Michigan	941,426	1,276,430	23,338	1,299,768	6,180,310
Minnesota	377,384	505,677	2,412	508,089	3,012,664
Mississippi	293,329	407,435	31,640	439,075	1,331,929
Missouri	505,414	615,379	15,058	630,437	3,494,130
Montana	185,594	559,683	108,489	668,172	2,346,522
Nebraska	194,952	341,732	38,621	380,353	1,779,626
Nevada	64,276	100,205	10,359	110,564	791,675
New Hampshire	97,360	75,323	26,108	101,431	1,002,735
New Jersey	196,533	239,896	4,473	244,369	1,202,565
New Mexico	118,030	118,308	19,277	137,585	1,353,149
New York	756,060	1,298,699	32,715	1,331,414	4,651,324
North Carolina	408,935	597,856	8,464	606,320	2,271,781
North Dakota	88,800	206,490	13,406	219,896	692,342
Ohio	565,896	618,221	2,701	620,922	2,581,930
Oklahoma	271,036	353,078	6,124	359,202	1,382,641
Oregon	352,033	737,568	11,272	748,840	3,244,769
Pennsylvania	1,166,634	1,573,943	109,779	1,683,722	8,587,242
Rhode Island	18,544	20,495	449	20,944	70,394
South Carolina	193,938	181,485	12,453	193,938	1,147,020
South Dakota	151,337	280,455	44,976	325,431	1,392,976
Tennessee	441,402	604,186	12,013	616,199	1,949,950
Texas	795,446	995,949	14,845	1,010,794	2,708,380
Utah	240,367	250,155	23,041	273,196	2,319,928
Vermont	148,282	135,103	53,307	188,410	1,594,986
Virginia	421,752	816,615	63,352	879,967	2,268,492
Washington	334,786	685,148	3,322	688,470	3,166,358
West Virginia	258,279	234,277	24,102	258,379	1,108,037
Wisconsin	634,992	767,772	27,604	795,376	4,821,038
Wyoming	227,411	155,157	150,964	306,121	5,724,606
TOTALS 3/	15,977,588	21,640,338	1,271,240	22,911,578	\$ 108,597,570

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2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.
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NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1971

State	Paid Fishing License Holders 1/	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	529,995	487,600	55,402	543,002	\$ 1,181,174
Alaska	114,601	75,952	39,543	115,495	695,704
Arizona	363,217	357,491	172,880	530,371	1,562,225
Arkansas	670,230	450,549	219,681	670,230	2,520,740
California	2,263,229	5,661,473	59,822	5,721,295	10,086,241
Colorado	590,143	411,758	192,398	604,156	3,052,771
Connecticut	165,046	160,855	4,131	164,986	736,643
Delaware	10,064	8,507	1,557	10,064	43,918
Florida	818,886	662,785	186,360	849,145	2,415,746
Georgia	632,149	651,525	20,098	671,623	1,511,093
Hawaii	5,515	5,405	110	5,515	18,419
Idaho	371,681	229,715	172,806	402,521	2,344,087
Illinois	804,385	858,637	39,245	897,882	1,918,485
Indiana	725,154	708,595	50,817	759,412	2,005,997
Iowa	471,429	464,160	28,924	493,084	1,414,175
Kansas	366,244	337,225	31,500	368,725	1,134,199
Kentucky	517,712	404,300	113,412	517,712	2,205,771
Louisiana	349,204	326,723	23,331	350,054	558,585
Maine	241,960	147,271	94,689	241,960	1,111,541
Maryland	126,710	149,088	12,160	161,248	596,713
Massachusetts	234,012	253,085	6,806	259,891	1,110,847
Michigan	1,108,317	1,208,378	221,437	1,429,815	4,356,428
Minnesota	1,425,800	776,845	280,924	1,057,769	5,632,525
Mississippi	375,683	265,908	120,361	386,269	977,161
Missouri	836,252	1,215,936	178,609	1,394,545	4,427,529
Montana	249,669	369,981	174,112	544,093	1,685,274
Nebraska	236,265	256,470	29,261	285,731	1,068,033
Nevada	124,863	71,768	55,193	126,961	671,259
New Hampshire	137,381	88,556	52,930	141,486	694,647
New Jersey	191,369	300,933	10,176	311,109	1,056,567
New Mexico	170,392	122,478	60,942	183,420	918,358
New York	795,545	775,405	55,403	830,808	2,810,521
North Carolina	453,939	529,182	48,885	578,067	2,065,717
North Dakota	113,040	104,353	10,001	114,354	256,798
Ohio	871,999	850,395	21,945	872,340	3,516,061
Oklahoma	647,464	666,008	56,908	722,916	2,289,861
Oregon	641,414	785,792	278,087	1,063,879	3,366,935
Pennsylvania	812,314	766,367	45,947	812,314	4,024,651
Rhode Island	28,149	27,144	1,005	28,149	91,319
South Carolina	332,889	312,962	69,113	382,075	1,413,900
South Dakota	183,821	118,509	67,199	185,708	551,933
Tennessee	909,109	1,077,837	281,536	1,359,373	2,050,081
Texas	1,494,707	1,464,813	29,894	1,494,707	2,992,947
Utah	367,588	272,658	97,973	370,631	1,614,447
Vermont	133,776	83,425	50,351	133,776	482,014
Virginia	460,323	710,472	69,960	780,432	1,528,301
Washington	486,015	618,244	35,818	654,062	3,407,381
West Virginia	253,828	219,259	34,669	253,928	776,280
Wisconsin	1,330,346	868,928	461,418	1,330,346	6,065,643
Wyoming	207,671	84,616	131,905	216,521	904,576
TOTALS 3/	25,751,494	27,826,321	4,557,634	32,383,955	\$ 99,922,221

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