



WILD BISON

2024 HARVEST REPORT





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Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department collects hunter information cards from successful and unsuccessful wild bison hunters. This information is used to calculate the number of animals harvested, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps Game and Fish manage wild bison populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. The harvest statistics presented in this report were estimated based on 71 completed hunter information cards. According to collected data, there were 65 wild bison harvested in Wyoming during the 2024 hunting season.

TABLE I
WILD BISON
HARVEST SUMMARY
 STATEWIDE
2024

RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST				RECREATION DAYS	DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
			BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL			
RESIDENT	66	60	38	19	0	57	571	10.0	95.0%
NONRESIDENT	8	8	7	1	0	8	43	5.4	100.0%
TOTAL	74	68	45	20	0	65	614	9.4	95.6%

TABLE II
WILD BISON
 TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
 2015-2024

RESIDENCY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VALID LICENSES										
RESIDENT	248	234	96	155	137	140	121	126	47	66
NONRESIDENT	63	65	29	44	37	35	33	32	7	8
TOTAL	311	299	125	199	174	175	154	158	54	74
ACTIVE HUNTERS										
RESIDENT	227	221	87	143	117	128	113	110	43	60
NONRESIDENT	61	60	24	42	29	34	26	31	6	8
TOTAL	288	281	111	185	146	162	139	141	49	68
TOTAL HARVEST										
RESIDENT	157	214	52	64	69	84	74	103	17	57
NONRESIDENT	49	60	18	30	23	25	17	27	2	8
TOTAL	206	274	70	94	92	109	91	130	19	65
BULL HARVEST										
RESIDENT	37	50	32	53	35	55	49	52	15	38
NONRESIDENT	10	19	14	23	15	17	10	16	2	7
TOTAL	47	69	46	76	50	72	59	68	17	45
COW HARVEST										
RESIDENT	86	132	19	9	30	22	16	39	2	19
NONRESIDENT	37	36	3	7	7	8	5	7	0	1
TOTAL	123	168	22	16	37	30	21	46	2	20
CALF HARVEST										
RESIDENT	34	32	1	2	4	7	9	12	0	0
NONRESIDENT	2	5	1	0	1	0	2	4	0	0
TOTAL	36	37	2	2	5	7	11	16	0	0
RECREATION DAYS										
RESIDENT	1811	719	1077	1647	1319	1214	1126	740	674	571
NONRESIDENT	300	104	106	255	108	247	149	218	35	43
TOTAL	2111	823	1183	1902	1427	1461	1275	958	709	614
DAYS / HARVEST										
RESIDENT	11.5	3.4	20.7	25.7	19.1	14.5	15.2	7.2	39.6	10
NONRESIDENT	6.1	1.7	5.9	8.5	4.7	10.1	8.8	8.1	17.5	5.4
TOTAL	10.2	3	16.9	20.2	15.5	13.4	14	7.4	37.3	9.4
HUNTER SUCCESS										
RESIDENT	-	-	-	44.80%	59.00%	65.60%	65.50%	93.60%	39.50%	95.0%
NONRESIDENT	-	-	-	71.40%	79.30%	73.50%	65.40%	87.10%	33.30%	100.0%
TOTAL	71.50%	97.50%	63.10%	50.80%	63.00%	67.30%	65.50%	92.20%	38.80%	95.6%
FIREARM HARVEST										
RESIDENT	-	-	-	96.90%	98.60%	96.30%	98.60%	-	-	-
NONRESIDENT	-	-	-	86.70%	95.70%	95.70%	100.00%	-	-	-
TOTAL	98.00%	96.00%	98.60%	93.60%	97.80%	96.20%	98.90%	-	-	-
ARCHERY HARVEST										
RESIDENT	-	-	-	3.10%	1.40%	3.70%	1.40%	-	-	-
NONRESIDENT	-	-	-	13.30%	4.30%	4.30%	0.00%	-	-	-
TOTAL	2.00%	4.00%	1.40%	6.40%	2.20%	3.80%	1.10%	-	-	-

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WILD BISON
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
 BY HUNT AREA
2024

HUNT AREA	TYPE	RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST				TOTAL DAYS	DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS	NOTES
					BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL				
1 ABSAROKA	1	RESIDENT	2	2	2	0	0	2	8	4.0	100.0%	INCLDS. 1 GOV
	1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	
2 JACKSON	1	RESIDENT	64	58	36	19	0	55	563	10.2	94.8%	INCLDS. 3 GOV & EXCLDS. 1 CARRY-OUT INCLDS. 1 GOV, 1 SUPERTAG
	1	NONRESIDENT	8	8	7	1	0	8	43	5.4	100.0%	
TOTAL	ALL	TOTAL	74	68	45	20	0	65	614	9.4	95.6%	-

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HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
 BY HERD UNIT
2024

HERD UNIT	RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	ACTIVE HUNTERS	HARVEST				TOTAL DAYS	DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
				BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL			
101 JACKSON	RESIDENT	64	58	36	19	0	55	563	10.2	94.8%
	NONRESIDENT	8	8	7	1	0	8	43	5.4	100.0%
999 REST OF STATE	RESIDENT	2	2	2	0	0	2	8	4.0	100.0%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
TOTAL	TOTAL	74	68	45	20	0	65	614	9.4	95.6%

TABLE III
WILD BISON
LICENSE DATA SUMMARY
 STATEWIDE
2024

RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	NUMBER SURVEYED	NUMBER USABLE RESPONSES	RESPONSE RATE
RESIDENT	66	66	63	95.5%
NONRESIDENT	8	8	8	100.0%
TOTAL	74	74	71	95.9%