



BIGHORN SHEEP

2024 HARVEST REPORT





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Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department registers harvested bighorn sheep at hunter check stations and surveys bighorn sheep hunters who did not harvest. This information is used to calculate the number of animals harvested, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps Game and Fish manage bighorn populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. The harvest statistics presented in this report were estimated based on 211 hunters who either registered a bighorn sheep at a check station or responded to a harvest survey. According to check station and survey data, there were 185 bighorn sheep harvested in Wyoming during the 2024 hunting season.

TABLE I
BIGHORN SHEEP
HARVEST SUMMARY
 STATEWIDE
2024

| | VALID LICENSES | ACTIVE HUNTERS | HARVEST | | | RECREATION DAYS | DAYS/ HARVEST | HUNTER SUCCESS | |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-----|------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | RAM | EWE | LAMB | | | | TOTAL |
| RESIDENT | 194 | 194 | 126 | 34 | 0 | 160 | 1,727 | 10.8 | 82.5% |
| NONRESIDENT | 30 | 30 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 209 | 8.4 | 83.3% |
| STATE TOTAL | 224 | 224 | 148 | 37 | 0 | 185 | 1,936 | 10.5 | 82.6% |

License holders who did not respond to the survey are assumed to have hunted, but not harvested

TABLE II
BIGHORN SHEEP
TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
2015–2024

| YEAR | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| VALID LICENSES | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 143 | 149 | 158 | 147 | 134 | 137 | 129 | 151 | 206 | 194 |
| NONRESIDENT | 54 | 61 | 56 | 59 | 48 | 47 | 57 | 56 | 35 | 30 |
| TOTAL | 197 | 210 | 214 | 206 | 182 | 184 | 186 | 207 | 241 | 224 |
| ACTIVE HUNTERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 140 | 147 | 157 | 146 | 134 | 133 | 128 | 148 | 197 | 194 |
| NONRESIDENT | 53 | 61 | 55 | 59 | 48 | 44 | 56 | 54 | 35 | 30 |
| TOTAL | 193 | 208 | 212 | 205 | 182 | 177 | 184 | 202 | 232 | 224 |
| TOTAL HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 106 | 111 | 125 | 103 | 105 | 93 | 99 | 118 | 153 | 160 |
| NONRESIDENT | 48 | 56 | 50 | 51 | 39 | 39 | 49 | 44 | 29 | 25 |
| TOTAL | 154 | 167 | 175 | 154 | 144 | 132 | 148 | 162 | 182 | 185 |
| RAM HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 106 | 111 | 125 | 103 | 104 | 92 | 99 | 110 | 128 | 126 |
| NONRESIDENT | 48 | 56 | 50 | 51 | 39 | 39 | 49 | 41 | 26 | 22 |
| TOTAL | 154 | 167 | 175 | 154 | 143 | 131 | 148 | 151 | 154 | 148 |
| EWE HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 25 | 34 |
| NONRESIDENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 28 | 37 |
| LAMB HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NONRESIDENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RECREATION DAYS | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 1553 | 1537 | 1497 | 1349 | 1328 | 1257 | 1428 | 1325 | 1841 | 1727 |
| NONRESIDENT | 278 | 384 | 336 | 410 | 246 | 232 | 292 | 320 | 177 | 209 |
| TOTAL | 1831 | 1921 | 1833 | 1752 | 1574 | 1489 | 1720 | 1645 | 2018 | 1936 |
| DAYS/HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 14.7 | 13.8 | 12 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 14.4 | 11.2 | 12 | 10.8 |
| NONRESIDENT | 5.8 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 8 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| TOTAL | 11.9 | 11.6 | 10.5 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 10.5 |
| HUNTER SUCCESS | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | - | - | - | 71% | 78.4% | 69.9% | 77.3% | 79.7% | 77.7% | 82.5% |
| NONRESIDENT | - | - | - | 86% | 81.2% | 88.6% | 87.5% | 81.5% | 82.9% | 83.3% |
| TOTAL | 79.8% | 82.2% | 82.5% | 75.1% | 79.1% | 74.6% | 80.4% | 80.2% | 78.4% | 82.6% |
| FIREARM HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | - | - | - | 100.0% | 98.1% | 95.7% | 100.0% | 96.6% | 94.1% | 96.9% |
| NONRESIDENT | - | - | - | 98.0% | 97.4% | 100.0% | 93.8% | 97.7% | 86.2% | 96.0% |
| TOTAL | 98.7% | 99.4% | 96.0% | 99.3% | 97.9% | 97.0% | 98.0% | 96.9% | 92.9% | 96.8% |
| ARCHERY HARVEST | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | - | - | - | 0.0% | 1.9% | 4.3% | 0.0% | 3.4% | 5.9% | 3.1% |
| NONRESIDENT | - | - | - | 2.0% | 2.6% | 0.0% | 6.2% | 2.3% | 13.8% | 4.0% |
| TOTAL | 1.3% | 1.2% | 4.0% | 0.7% | 2.1% | 3.0% | 2.0% | 3.1% | 7.1% | 3.2% |

TABLE I-A
BIGHORN SHEEP
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
BY HUNT AREA
2024

| HUNT AREA | TYPE | RESIDENCY | VALID LICENSES | ACTIVE HUNTERS | HARVEST | | | | RECREATION DAYS | DAYS / HARVEST | HUNTER SUCCESS | NOTES |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----|------|-------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| | | | | | RAM | EWE | LAMB | TOTAL | | | | |
| 1 CLARK'S FORK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 14 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 121 | 10.1 | 85.7% | INCLDS. 1 CARRY-IN |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 5.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 16 | 16 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 131 | 9.4 | 87.5% | | |
| 2 TROUT PEAK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 23 | 23 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 260 | 14.4 | 78.3% | INCLDS. 1 CARRY-IN & EXCLDS. 1 DONOR INCLDS. 1 DONEE, 1 TRIFECTA |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 15.5 | 50.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 27 | 27 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 291 | 14.6 | 74.1% | | |
| 3 WAPITI RIDGE | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 18 | 18 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 102 | 8.5 | 66.7% | INCLDS. 1 CARRY-IN & EXCLDS. 1 CARRY-OUT |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 7.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 20 | 20 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 116 | 8.3 | 70.0% | | |
| 4 YOUNT'S PEAK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 14 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 76 | 5.8 | 92.9% | EXCLDS. 1 DONOR, 3 CARRY-OUT INCLDS. 1 DONEE, 1 GOV |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 6.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 18 | 18 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 100 | 5.9 | 94.4% | | |
| 5 FRANC'S PEAK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 31 | 31 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 246 | 9.1 | 87.1% | INCLDS. 1 GOV & EXCLDS. 1 DONOR, 2 CARRY-OUT INCLDS. 1 DONEE, 1 CARRY-IN, 2 GOV, 1 SUPERTAG |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 8 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 66 | 11.0 | 75.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 39 | 39 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 312 | 9.5 | 84.6% | | |
| 6 TARGHEE | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 30.5 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 30.5 | 100.0% | | |
| 7 JACKSON | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 10 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 131 | 21.8 | 60.0% | EXCLDS. 1 DONOR INCLDS. 1 DONEE |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 6.0 | 100.0% | |
| | TYPE 6 | RESIDENT | 9 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 62 | 10.3 | 66.7% | |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | NA | 0.0% | |
| ALL TOTAL | 22 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 214 | 15.3 | 63.6% | | | |
| 8 SHEEP MOUNTAIN | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 50.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 50.0% | | |
| 9 DINWOODY | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 59 | 29.5 | 40.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 59 | 29.5 | 40.0% | | |
| 10 JAKEY'S FORK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 38 | 9.5 | 100.0% | |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 39 | 7.8 | 100.0% | | |
| 12 PORCUPINE ^a | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 100.0% | |
| | TYPE 2 | RESIDENT | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 3.0 | 120.0% | INCLDS. 1 DONEE & EXCLDS. 1 DONOR |
| | ALL TOTAL | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 26 | 2.9 | 112.5% | | |
| 17 FERRIS-SEMINOE | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 4.0 | 100.0% | EXCLDS. 1 CARRY-OUT |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 19.0 | 100.0% | |
| | TYPE 2 | RESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 55 | 13.8 | 100.0% | |
| | | RESIDENT | 18 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 42 | 2.3 | 100.0% | |
| | TYPE 6 | NONRESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1.0 | 100.0% | |
| | | RESIDENT | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 31 | 5.2 | 100.0% | |
| | TYPE 7 | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 100.0% | |
| ALL TOTAL | | 36 | 36 | 9 | 27 | 0 | 36 | 167 | 4.6 | 100.0% | | |
| 18 DOUGLAS CREEK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 47 | 23.5 | 100.0% | |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 100.0% | | |
| 19 LARAMIE PEAK | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 8 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 143 | 20.4 | 87.5% | EXCLDS. 1 CARRY-OUT |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 9 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 153 | 19.1 | 88.9% | | |
| 20 KOUBA CANYON | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 100.0% | | |
| 21 ENCAMPMENT RIVER | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 33.0 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 33.0 | 100.0% | | |
| 22 DUBOIS BADLANDS | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | NA | 0.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | NA | 0.0% | | |
| 24 BIG PINEY | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | NA | 0.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | NA | 0.0% | | |
| 26 BENNETT MOUNTAIN | TYPE 1 | RESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 36.0 | 100.0% | EXCLDS. 1 CARRY-OUT |
| | | NONRESIDENT | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 2.3 | 100.0% | |
| | ALL TOTAL | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 10.8 | 100.0% | | |

^aAn additional ewe was illegally taken in Hunt Area 12 with a Type 2 license; the associated license, harvest and recreation days are counted as Type 2 here.

*One Nonresident Governor's license that was excluded due to carry-out is not shown

†License holders who did not respond to the survey are assumed to have hunted, but not harvested

TABLE I-HU
BIGHORN SHEEP
HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
BY HERD UNIT
2024

| HUNT AREA | RESIDENCY | VALID LICENSES | ACTIVE HUNTERS | HARVEST | | | | RECREATION DAYS | DAYS / HARVEST | HUNTER SUCCESS |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----|------|-------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | RAM | EWE | LAMB | TOTAL | | | |
| 106 TARGHEE | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 30.5 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 30.5 | 100.0% |
| 107 JACKSON | RESIDENT | 19 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 193 | 16.1 | 63.2% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 10.5 | 66.7% |
| | TOTAL | 22 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 214 | 15.3 | 63.6% |
| 121 DARBY MOUNTAIN | RESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | NA | 0.0% |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | NA | 0.0% |
| 200 ABSAROKA | RESIDENT | 104 | 104 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 874 | 10.7 | 78.8% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 20 | 20 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 145 | 9.1 | 80.0% |
| | TOTAL | 124 | 124 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 1019 | 10.4 | 79.0% |
| 212 DEVIL'S CANYON | RESIDENT | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 26 | 2.9 | 112.5% |
| | TOTAL | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 26 | 2.9 | 112.5% |
| 516 DOUGLAS CREEK | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 47 | 23.5 | 100.0% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 100.0% |
| 517 LARAMIE PEAK | RESIDENT | 8 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 143 | 20.4 | 87.5% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 9 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 153 | 19.1 | 88.9% |
| 519 ENCAMPMENT | RESIDENT | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 33.0 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 33.0 | 100.0% |
| 609 WHISKEY MOUNTAIN | RESIDENT | 11 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 103 | 14.7 | 63.6% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 12 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 104 | 13.0 | 66.7% |
| 615 FERRIS-SEMINOE | RESIDENT | 36 | 36 | 9 | 27 | 0 | 36 | 187 | 5.2 | 100.0% |
| | NONRESIDENT | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 5.8 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 40 | 40 | 10 | 30 | 0 | 40 | 210 | 5.2 | 100.0% |
| 720 KOUBA CANYON | RESIDENT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 100.0% |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 100.0% |

License holders who did not respond to the survey are assumed to have hunted, but not harvested

TABLE III
BIGHORN SHEEP
LICENSE DATA SUMMARY
 STATEWIDE
2024

| | VALID LICENSES | NUMBER SURVEYED | RESPONSES | RESPONSE RATE |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| RESIDENT | 194 | 194 | 183 | 94.3% |
| NONRESIDENT | 30 | 30 | 28 | 93.3% |
| STATE TOTAL | 224 | 224 | 211 | 94.2% |

* Responses include hunters who registered a harvested bighorn sheep or responded to a harvest survey