

Hunter Questionnaire - v4.3
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H_PART.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any hunting in the United States? Please do not include occasions when you only observed others hunting or when you only scouted.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Yes → SKIP TO H_STATES
 - 2. No
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H_SPND.

[SHOW IF H_PART=2, 98, 99]

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you purchase, or did someone purchase for you, any equipment or other items PRIMARILY for use in hunting? This could be a firearm or ammunition, camping equipment, big-ticket items such as an off-the-road vehicle or land used for hunting, or hunting license fees.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. Yes → SKIP TO H_EQUIP
 - 2. No → STOP! Thank you. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.
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H_STATES.

From January 1, 2020 until today, in which state or states did you hunt?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

Alabama	Hawaii	Michigan	North Carolina	Utah
Alaska	Idaho	Minnesota	North Dakota	Vermont
Arizona	Illinois	Mississippi	Ohio	Virginia
Arkansas	Indiana	Missouri	Oklahoma	Washington
California	Iowa	Montana	Oregon	West Virginia
Colorado	Kansas	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin
Connecticut	Kentucky	Nevada	Rhode Island	Wyoming
Delaware	Louisiana	New Hampshire	South Carolina	
District of Columbia (DC)	Maine	New Jersey	South Dakota	
Florida	Maryland	New Mexico	Tennessee	
Georgia	Massachusetts	New York	Texas	

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H_TRIPS.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to hunt in the United States?

H_DAYS.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you hunt in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all hunting trips combined.

H_BGINTRO.

The next questions are about the different kinds of game you may have hunted in the United States: big game, small game, migratory birds, or other animals.

H_BG.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you hunt big game?

Big game includes deer, elk, bear, wild turkey, moose, wild sheep, feral goat, or some other large animal such as antelope, bison, caribou, mountain goat, mountain lion, wolf, or muskox.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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H_TRIPSBG.

[SHOW IF H_BG=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to hunt big game in the United States?

H_DAYSBG.

[SHOW IF H_BG=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you hunt big game in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all big game hunting trips combined.

H_SG.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you hunt small game?

Small game includes rabbit, quail, grouse or prairie chicken, squirrel, pheasant, ptarmigan, or some other small animal such as francolin or chukar.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

H_TRIPSSG.

[SHOW IF H_SG=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to hunt small game in the United States?

H_DAYSSG.

[SHOW IF H_SG=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you hunt small game in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all small game hunting trips combined.

H_MB.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you hunt migratory birds?

Migratory birds include geese, duck, dove, or some other bird such as coot, rail, gallinule, woodcock, crane, black brant, crow, snipe, or band-tailed pigeon.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

H_TRIPSMB.

[SHOW IF H_MB=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to hunt migratory birds in the United States?

H_DAYSMB.

[SHOW IF H_MB=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you hunt migratory birds in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all migratory bird hunting trips combined.

H_OA.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you hunt any other animals?

Other animals include groundhog or woodchuck, raccoon, fox, coyote, bobcats, or any other animals not included in the big game, small game, and migratory bird categories.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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H_TRIPSOA.

[SHOW IF H_OA=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many trips lasting a single day or longer have you taken to hunt other animals in the United States?

H_DAYSOA.

[SHOW IF H_OA=1]

From January 1, 2020 until today, how many TOTAL days did you hunt other animals in the United States? If you've gone on more than one trip, please provide the total number of days of all such hunting trips combined.

H_TRIP1.

[SHOW IF H_TRIPS=1]

The next question is about any expenses you may have had on your most recent hunting trip that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today.

How much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for hunting on private lands or game or shooting preserves. Do not include leases.
9. Heating and cooking fuel
10. Equipment rental such as boats, hunting, or camping equipment
11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance

H_TRIP2.

[SHOW IF H_TRIPS>1]

The next questions are about any expenses you may have had on your most recent hunting trips that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today.

First, thinking about your most recent hunting trip, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
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H_TRIP3.

[SHOW IF H_TRIPS>1]

Next, thinking about the hunting trip you took before your most recent hunting trip that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls
4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
8. Private land use or access fees. Include entrance, privilege, or admittance fees for hunting on private lands or game or shooting preserves. Do not include leases.
9. Heating and cooking fuel
10. Equipment rental such as boats, hunting, or camping equipment
11. Boating expenses such as fuel, launching fees, boat mooring, storage, maintenance, pumpout fees, or insurance

H_TRIPS4.

[SHOW IF HTRIPS>2]

Next, thinking about the hunting trip you took before your two most recent hunting trips that occurred from January 1, 2020 until today, how much was spent for your share of each of the following trip-related expenses, even if someone else purchased the item for you? Enter the amount spent by you or someone else for your share of expenses. For any item in the list that was not purchased on this trip, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Food, drink, and refreshments
2. Lodging at motels, cabins, lodges, or campgrounds, etc.
3. Transportation costs for a private vehicle, such as gas or highway tolls

4. Airfare
5. Other transportation costs, such as trains, buses, taxis, or car rentals
6. Guide fees, pack trip or package fees
7. Public land use or access fees. Include fees for any land owned by the local, state, or federal government. Do not include leases.
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H_EQUIPINTRO.

The next questions are about expenditures on equipment and other items you may have purchased in the United States for use in hunting. We're interested in expenditures on items you PRIMARILY use for hunting and not items that you own but use primarily for purposes other than hunting.

H_EQUIP.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items PRIMARILY for your use in hunting? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in hunting, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for hunting."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Rifles
2. Shotguns
3. Muzzleloaders or other so-called primitive firearms
4. Pistols or handguns
5. Bows, crossbows, arrows, or other archery equipment

6. Telescopic sights
 7. Decoys or game calls
 8. Ammunition
 9. Hand loading equipment and components such as powder and shot
 10. Hunting dogs and associated costs
 11. Single person or multi-person blinds
 12. Any other equipment used PRIMARILY for hunting such as cases and carriers for equipment or game or hunting knives
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H_AUX.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items PRIMARILY for your use in hunting? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in hunting, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for hunting."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Camping equipment such as sleeping bags, packs, duffel bags, portable cooking stoves, tarps, and tents
 2. Binoculars, field glasses, spotting scopes, rangefinders, etc.
 3. Special hunting clothing, foul weather gear, boots, waders, etc.
 4. Professional processing or taxidermy costs, including shipping or transport expenses
 5. Personal processing equipment such as a meat grinder, butcher saw, meat slicer, or vacuum sealer
 6. Any other items used PRIMARILY for hunting such as GPS devices, snowshoes, skis, maintenance and repair of equipment, etc.
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H_OTHER.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following items? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Books, magazines, or DVDs devoted to hunting
 2. Mobile apps, online discussion boards or forums, or other online subscriptions devoted to hunting
 3. Dues or contributions to national, state, or local conservation or wildlife-related organizations
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H_BIG.

From January 1, 2020 until today, how much did you spend on any of the following big-ticket items PRIMARILY for your use in hunting? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in hunting, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for hunting."

Please only include the amount spent from January 1, 2020 until today, not the total value of the item. For example, if you made a down payment on a recreational vehicle (RV) in January and make monthly payments for the remainder of the cost, include both the down payment and all payments you've made since you purchased the vehicle. If you purchased the vehicle in a previous year, but made payments for the remainder of the cost from January 1, 2020 until today, include those payments but not the down payment or any payments you've made in previous years.

GRID ITEMS:

1. An off-the-road vehicle such as a snowmobile, 4-wheeler, ATV, UTV, 4 x 4 vehicle, trail bike, or dune buggy
 2. A pickup, camper, van, travel or tent trailer, motor home, house trailer, or recreational vehicle (RV)
 3. A motor boat
 4. A canoe, kayak, or other non-motor boat
 5. A boat motor, boat trailer or hitch, or other boat accessories
 6. Any other big-ticket items such as an airplane or freezer
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H_LAND.

The next questions are about any property that you may have owned or leased in the United States in 2020.

In 2020, did you own, in part or whole, property in the United States PRIMARILY to use for hunting? If you owned property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for hunting, please DO NOT include it.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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H_LANDACR.

[SHOW IF H_LAND=1]

How many acres did you own? Include land and water in acre total. If less than 1 acre, enter 1. If you owned property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for hunting, please DO NOT include it. If you owned multiple pieces of property in 2020 that you PRIMARILY used for hunting, please include the TOTAL acreage.

H_LANDGRP.

[SHOW IF H_LAND=1]

Did you own this property that you PRIMARILY used for hunting with anyone else, or not? This could be a spouse or partner, other members of your immediate or extended family, a club or group, or anyone else with whom you share ownership of the property.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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H_LANDOTH.

[SHOW IF H_LANDGRP=1]

With whom did you own this property that you PRIMARILY used for hunting? Please select all that apply.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Someone who lives in your household
 2. Someone, or a group of people, who do not live in your household
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H_OWNNUM.

[SHOW IF H_LANDGRP=1]

How many others owned this property with you, not including yourself?

H_LANDCST.

[SHOW IF H_LAND= 1]

From January 1 to December 31, 2020 what was YOUR SHARE of the TOTAL cost of the property used for hunting? Include mortgage, taxes, and maintenance. If the property was purchased in 2020, include the down payment and any closing costs or other expenses associated with the purchase.

H_LEASE.

In 2020, did you lease property in the United States PRIMARILY to use for hunting? If you leased property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for hunting, please DO NOT include it.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
 2. No
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H_LEASEACR.

[SHOW IF H_LEASE= 1]

How many acres did you lease? Include land and water in acre total. If less than 1 acre, enter 1. If you leased property but you did not use it PRIMARILY for hunting, please DO NOT include it. If you leased multiple pieces of property in 2020, include all acreage that you PRIMARILY used for hunting.

H_LEASEGRP.

[SHOW IF H_LEASE= 1]

Did you lease this property that you PRIMARILY used for hunting with anyone else, or not? This could be a spouse or partner, other members of your immediate or extended family, a club or group, or anyone else with whom you share the lease of the property.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

H_LEASEOTH.

[SHOW IF H_LEASEGRP=1]

With whom did you lease this property that you PRIMARILY used for hunting? Please select all that apply.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Someone who lives in your household
2. Someone, or a group of people, who do not live in your household

H_LEASENUM.

[SHOW IF H_LEASEGRP=1]

How many others leased this property with you, not including yourself?

H_LEASECST.

[SHOW IF H_LEASE=1]

From January 1 to December 31, 2020 what was YOUR SHARE of the TOTAL cost of the property leased for hunting? Include rent and maintenance. If the property was first leased in 2020, include the deposit and any other expenses associated with the lease.

H_LICCOST.

From January 1 to December 31, 2020, how much did you spend on any of the following hunting license expenditures? If an item was purchased for you, please estimate its value and enter the amount. For any item in the list that was not purchased, or was purchased but NOT PRIMARILY for your use in hunting, please check the box next to the item that says "This item was not purchased for hunting."

GRID ITEMS:

1. Annual, multi-day, single-day, or lifetime license or licenses valid for hunting only
2. Annual, multi-day, single-day, or lifetime license or licenses valid for multiple sports, including hunting
3. Any other license valid for hunting
4. Federal duck stamp
5. Any other stamps, tags, validations, or permits purchased for hunting

H_FPART.

The final questions are about some other types of outdoor activities in which you may have participated.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any recreational fishing in the United States? Please do not include occasions when you only observed others fishing.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

H_WPARTAFH.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you take any trips or outings to any location more than one mile away from home within the United States for the PRIMARY PURPOSE of observing, photographing, or feeding wildlife? The question does not refer to noticing wildlife while doing other activities such as hunting and fishing. DO NOT include trips to zoos, circuses, aquariums, museums, or scouting for game.

By wildlife, we mean birds, mammals, fish, insects, reptiles such as snakes and lizards, and amphibians such as frogs. DO NOT include farm animals or pets.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No

H_WPARTHOME.

This question is about your experiences with wildlife around your home, meaning the area within a one-mile radius of your home. We're interested in whether you took a SPECIAL INTEREST in observing or viewing wildlife, not just simply noticing wildlife while doing something else such as gardening or exercising.

From January 1, 2020 until today, did you do any of the following wildlife-watching activities around your home, or not?

By wildlife we mean birds, mammals, fish, insects, reptiles such as turtles, snakes, and lizards, and amphibians, such as frogs. DO NOT include farm animals or pets.

GRID ITEMS:

- A. Closely observe wildlife or try to identify types of wildlife you did not know
- B. Photograph wildlife
- C. Feed birds or other wildlife
- D. Maintain natural areas such as wooded lots, hedgerows, or open fields of at least one-quarter acre for the benefit of wildlife, not including farmland
- E. Maintain plantings such as shrubs or agricultural crops for the benefit of wildlife
- F. Visit parks and natural areas to observe, photograph, or feed wildlife

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes
2. No