



**Welcome to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey**

NOAA Fisheries, the federal agency responsible for the conservation of our ocean resources, is conducting a survey about the economic importance of marine recreational fishing in the United States. The survey asks about your fishing related expenses during the past 12 months. This information helps us to understand the contribution of recreational anglers to the economies of coastal states and the nation, and allows policy makers to make more informed decisions for the good of the resource and the sport.

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<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/social-economics/marine-recreational-fishing-expenditure-survey>

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<https://www.noaa.gov/national/social-economics/marine-recreational-fishing-expenditure-survey/V5.pdf>

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ICF is an independent research firm that is helping us conduct the survey.  
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**Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey**

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We would like to know about your annual expenses related to marine recreational fishing for finfish. We are interested in your expenses during the past 12 months on fishing gear and tackle, fishing-related equipment, and large durable items such as boats, vehicles, and vacation homes.

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- "Marine" means open ocean or any portion of a bay, sound, or river that is **SALTWATER** or **brackish water**.
- Except when asked, please do not include any information for other household members.

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**During the past 12 months, did you spend any money on fishing tackle, fishing gear, or other fishing related items?**

- Yes
- No

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**The following questions ask about the money you PERSONALLY spent in the past 12 months for fishing-related items and tackle.**

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Please select the fishing-related items you have PERSONALLY spent money on in the past 12 months. Select all that apply.

- Rods, poles, reels and components for rod-making
- Tackle and gear (lures, hooks, leaders, sinkers, flies and fly tying supplies, fishing line, tackle boxes, nets, knives, gaffs, etc.)
- Marine fishing licenses, fishing stamps or fees
- Special marine fishing clothing (foul weather gear, boots, waders, masks, wetsuits, etc.)
- Books, magazine, newspaper and electronic subscriptions devoted to recreational fishing
- Camping equipment (sleeping bags, packs, tents, coolers, etc.)
- Binoculars, field glasses, etc.
- Dues or contributions to recreational fishing clubs or organizations
- Processing or tanning fees
- Check here if you did not buy any of these items

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**Section A: Tackle, Equipment, and Durable Fishing-Related Expenses**

Did you buy all of these items in California?

- Yes
- No

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The following questions ask how much money you spent on fishing-related items and tackle in the past 12 months.

For each item, please provide:

**Personal expense:** The amount of money you personally spent for that item.

**Percent of expense spent in California:** The percentage of your expense that was spent in California.

**Percent of use for Marine (Saltwater) fishing:** The percentage of each item's usage that was for marine (i.e. saltwater) recreational fishing regardless of the state where you used the item. (For example, if the item was used 10 days for freshwater fishing and used 10 days for marine fishing (for a total of 20 days of use), indicate "50%" as the percentage of use for marine fishing.)

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on marine fishing licenses, fishing stamps or fees?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Percent of use for Marine (Saltwater) fishing:  %

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How much did you **PERSONALLY** spend on special marine fishing clothing (foul weather gear, boots, waders, masks, wetsuits, etc.)?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Percent of use for Marine (Saltwater) fishing:  %

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How much did you **PERSONALLY** spend on books, magazine, newspaper and electronic subscriptions devoted to recreational fishing?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Percent of use for Marine (Saltwater) fishing:  %

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During the past 12 months, have you owned any of the following items that you personally used for marine recreational fishing?

Boat

- Yes
- No

Vehicle (car, truck, motor home or RV, off-road vehicle, etc.)

- Yes
- No

Second home (i.e., cabin, single family home, timeshare, etc.)

- Yes
- No

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How long is the boat you used most often for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months?

Feet

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Is the boat you used most often motorized?

- Yes
- No

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Earlier you said you have owned a boat that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months. Please select any boat and boating accessories you have PERSONALLY spent money on in the past 12 months. Select all that apply.

- Purchase of motor boat(s) and accessories
- Purchase of a non-motorized boat(s) (canoe, kayak)
- Boat electronics and accessories purchased separately from boat(s) (ex. GPS, fish finders, radios, ropes, etc.)
- Boat and trailer maintenance and repairs
- Boat mooring, storage, and haul out/launch fees
- Boat insurance
- Boat and trailer license and registration

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Did you buy all of these items in California?

- Yes
- No

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on boat electronics and accessories purchased separately from boat(s) (ex: GPS, fish finders, radios, ropes, etc.)?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Was your purchase financed?

- Yes
- No

Did you purchase new or used?

- New
- Used

Did you purchase from a Broker/Dealer or Private Party?

- Broker/Dealer
- Private Party

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How much did you **PERSONALLY** spend on boat and trailer maintenance and repairs?

Personal expense: \$  .00

% of repairs done by you

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How much did you **PERSONALLY** spend on boat mooring, storage, and haul out/launch fees?

Personal expense: \$  .00

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Thinking about the total usage of your boat(s) used for marine recreational fishing, what percentage of the time in the past 12 months did you use this boat(s) for marine recreational fishing compared to other boating activities?

 %

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Earlier you said you have owned a vehicle that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months. Please select any of the items below you PERSONALLY spent money on in the past 12 months. Select all that apply.

- Purchase of vehicles used for marine recreational fishing
- Repair and maintenance for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing
- Insurance for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing
- License and registration for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing

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Did you buy all of these items in California?

- Yes
- No

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on your purchase of vehicles used for marine recreational fishing?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Was your purchase financed?

- Yes
- No

Did you purchase New or Used?

- New
- Used

Did you purchase from a Broker/Dealer or Private Party?

- Broker/Dealer
- Private Party

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on repair and maintenance for vehicles used for marine recreational fishing?

Personal expense: \$  .00

% of repairs done by you

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Thinking about the total usage of your vehicle(s) used for marine recreational fishing, what percentage of the time in the past 12 months did you use this vehicle(s) for marine recreational fishing compared to other vehicle activities?

%

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Earlier you said you have owned a second home that you personally used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months. Please select any of the items below you PERSONALLY spent money on in the past 12 months.

- Purchase of second home used for marine recreational fishing
- Repair and maintenance for homes used for marine recreational fishing
- Insurance for homes used for marine recreational fishing

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Did you buy all of these items in California?

- Yes
- No

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on repair and maintenance for homes used for marine recreational fishing?

Personal expense: \$  .00

% of repairs done by you

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How much did you PERSONALLY spend on a second home that you used for marine recreational fishing in the past 12 months?

Personal expense: \$  .00

Was your purchase financed?

- Yes
- No

Did you purchase new or used?

- New
- Used

Did you make your purchase with a Real Estate Agent?

- Yes
- No

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How much did you **PERSONALLY** spend on repair and maintenance for homes used for marine recreational fishing?

Personal expense: \$  .00

% of repairs done by you

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Thinking about your total usage of this second home, what percentage of time in the past 12 months did you use this home for marine recreational fishing?

%

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Section B: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may have different expenditure patterns. The following questions will help us to ensure that we have a representative sample of anglers, and to see how expenditure patterns vary across types of anglers. Your answers are strictly confidential.

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During the past 12 months, how many days have you spent marine (i.e. saltwater) fishing for finfish in California?

 Number of days (count partial days as full days)

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Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

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In what year were you born?

 (Year)

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**How many years have you been marine recreational fishing?**

 (Number of Years)

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**Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

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What is your race? (please select all that apply)

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Asian
- Other

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**Section B: About You and Your Household**

Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2019? (Please select only one category)

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$39,999
- \$40,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$79,999
- \$80,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

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What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Please check only one category)

- 12th Grade or less
- High school graduate or GED
- Associate or technical school degree or college coursework
- Bachelor's degree (ex: BA or BS)
- Advanced, professional, or doctoral degree or coursework

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