

# Who Pays for Wildlife Management?

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Hunters and hunting play an important part in Alabama's economic picture. Obviously, the money spent on licenses and permits, along with guns, ammunition, archery equipment, and camouflage clothing adds up when multiplied by the number of hunters in Alabama.

Those are just the basics. Most hunters spend much more throughout the season. Consider the costs of travel, food, and sometimes lodging. Factor in the hunting club dues and/or land leases. What about that

4-wheeler? Don't forget the processing costs and taxidermy fees. And there are a lot of other extras that add up to big bucks.

Hunting is big business in Alabama! It generates jobs, sales tax, and income for landowners, allowing them to maintain and improve wildlife habitat beneficial to deer and many other wildlife species. It provides funding that sustains the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's enforcement, habitat management, and research functions, and benefits non-game wildlife as well.

Think you know about Alabama hunting and hunters?  
Test yourself with the following quiz. The results may surprise you!

1. What percentage of Alabama residents are hunters?  
 A. 4.6%    B. 9%  
 C. 12.3%    D. 16.2%
2. How many jobs are supported by hunting activities in Alabama?  
 A. 968    B. 12,854  
 C. 14,372    D. 16,871
3. Among the 50 states, where does Alabama rank in annual hunting-related sales?  
 A. 5<sup>th</sup>    B. 10<sup>th</sup>  
 C. 15<sup>th</sup>    D. 20<sup>th</sup>
4. Alabama has approximately how many resident hunters?  
 A. 213,800    B. 423,000  
 C. 182,900    D. 327,000
5. What is Alabama's average expenditure per hunter for hunting-related purchases?  
 A. \$532    B. \$1,569  
 C. \$1,883    D. \$727
6. Hunting-related activities impact Alabama's state income taxes by what amount?  
 A. \$9,637,219  
 B. \$11,032,809  
 C. \$12,620,472  
 D. \$13,593,015
7. How many licensed hunters in Alabama only hunt deer?  
 A. 378,753    B. 213,074  
 C. 327,422    D. 278,497
8. What is the total of retail sales for hunting in Alabama?  
 A. \$799,303,993  
 B. \$422,550,675  
 C. \$564,928,033  
 D. \$623,407,107
9. What percentage of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries' funding is apportioned from the Alabama General Fund?  
 A. 0%    B. 10%  
 C. 2%    D. 30%
10. What was the total number of man-days for all types of hunting in 2001?  
 A. 5,637,229  
 B. 7,615,502  
 C. 6,906,583  
 D. 8,354,022
11. How many Alabama hunters currently hold lifetime licenses?  
 A. 18,547    B. 21,429  
 C. 29,195    D. 35,801
12. How much money was received in 2001 from the sale of resident and non-resident hunting licenses?  
 A. \$6,374,923  
 B. \$7,154,395  
 C. \$8,729,306  
 D. \$9,120,742
13. What amount of federal funding was apportioned to Alabama in 2001 through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act?  
 A. \$3,601,969  
 B. \$1,547,893  
 C. \$2,889,472  
 D. \$4,398,183
14. Non-residents account for what percentage of Alabama hunting licenses in 2001?  
 A. 13%    B. 21%  
 C. 27%    D. 35%
15. How much in retail sales was generated by non-resident hunters in Alabama?  
 A. \$50,334,982  
 B. \$63,827,929  
 C. \$76,536,291  
 D. \$85,048,992

Most of the statistics used for this quiz are from the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation conducted for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by the U.S. Census Bureau. Numbers are based on U.S. citizens 16 years of age and older. Additional information provided by the Conservation Department's Accounting Section and License Unit.