



2019-2020 Hunter Success Survey Summary

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Hunters purchased 82,052 small game licenses (includes upland game, small game and waterfowl) during the 2019/20 hunting seasons (4.4% overall decrease from 2018/19 sales). Of these, 65,845 were purchased by residents (4.1% decrease from 2018/19) and 16,207 by non-residents (5.6% decrease from 2018/19). Overall, upland game harvest and hunter participation were lower during the 2019/20 season compared to 2018/19. The number of resident pheasant hunters decreased by 26% compared to the 2018/19 season and the number of non-resident pheasant hunters decreased 11% compared to 2018/19. For quail, the number of resident hunters pursuing quail decreased 29% and non-residents decreased by 18% compared to 2018/19. For pheasants, harvest decreased by 24% (99,430 compared to 130,449 last year), whereas quail harvest decreased by 52% (39,263 compared to 82,278 last year).

Figure 1. Small/upland game hunting permit sales, 1940-2019, by residency.

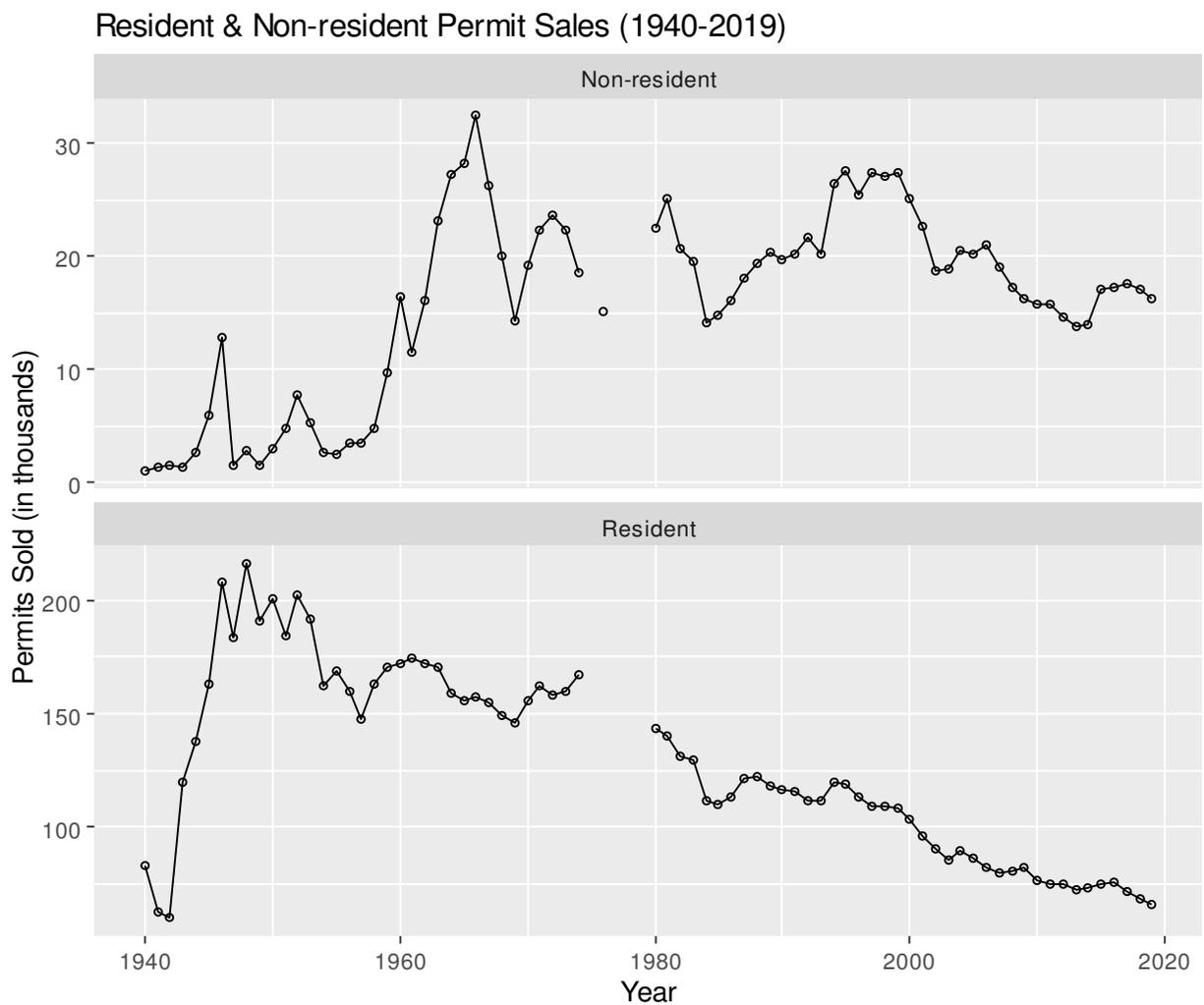


Table 1. Permit sales by residency for the 2017/18 through 2019/20 seasons.

Year	Residency	
	Resident	Non-Resident
2017/18	71,284	17,650
2018/19	68,626	17,161
2019/20	65,845	16,207

Table 2. Harvest statistics for pheasants and quail from the 2019/20 season.

Residency	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	35,321	31,899	7,851	15,938	11,712	3,349
Resident	114,587	67,531	19,429	58,422	27,551	9,179
Total	149,908	99,430	27,280	74,360	39,263	12,528

Table 3. Harvest statistics for pheasants and quail from the 2018/19 season.

Residency	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	39,175	38,946	8,788	19,494	20,332	4,081
Resident	150,898	91,503	24,456	89,502	61,946	12,984
Total	190,073	130,449	33,244	108,996	82,278	17,065

Table 4. Percent difference of 2019/20 (Table 2) from 2018/19 (Table 3) harvest statistics.

Residency	Percent Difference					
	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	-9.8	-18.1	-10.7	-18.2	-42.4	-17.9
Resident	-24.1	-26.2	-20.6	-34.7	-55.5	-29.3
Total	-21.1	-23.8	-17.9	-31.8	-52.3	-26.6

Figure 2. Pheasant Harvest and Hunters from 1955/56 through 2019/20 seasons.

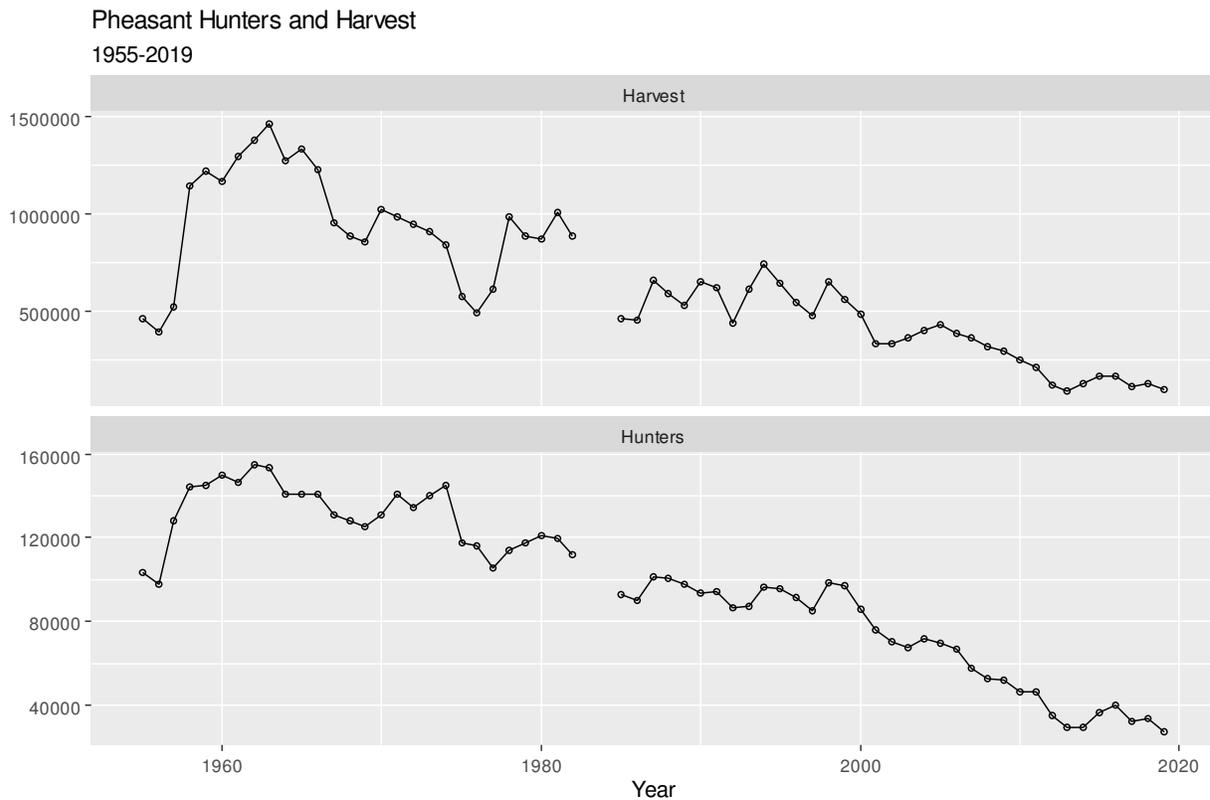


Table 4. Number of youth, novice, women, and apprentice hunters taken afield by hunters during the 2018/19 small and upland game, and waterfowl seasons.

2019/20	Total
Youth (less than 16 years old)	23,544
New adult hunter (16 years or older)	9,866
Women	9,539
Apprentice license holder (12-29 years old without hunter safety class)	1,388
2018/19	
Youth (less than 16 years old)	25,759
New adult hunter (16 years or older)	11,912
Women	10,037
Apprentice license holder (12-29 years old without hunter safety class)	1,773

Figure 3. Distribution of pheasant harvest and days afield by month of season for the 2018/19 hunting seasons.

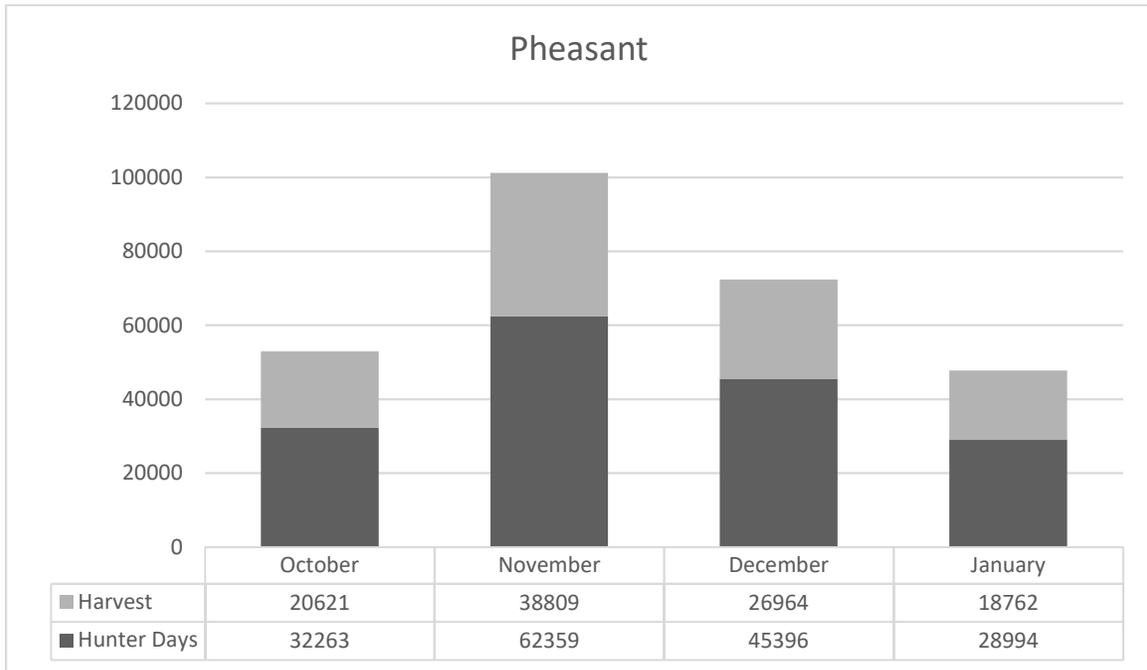


Figure 4. Distribution of quail harvest and days afield by month of season for the 2018/19 hunting seasons.

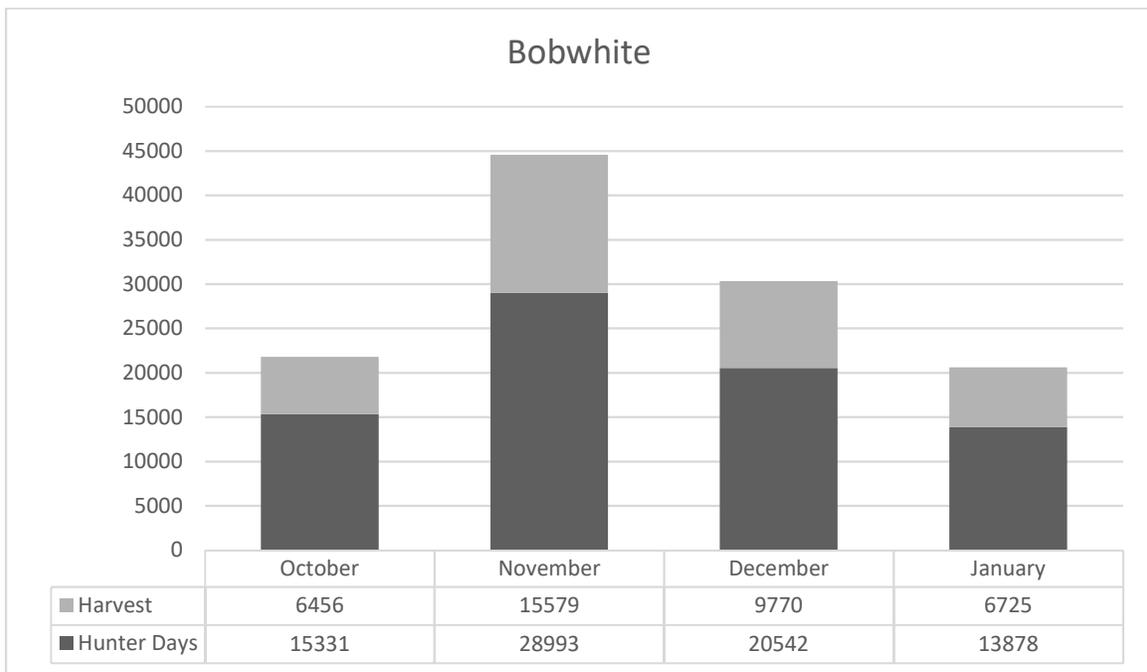


Figure 5. Set combinations of factors reported influencing hunters' decision to hunt upland and small game, and waterfowl in Nebraska.

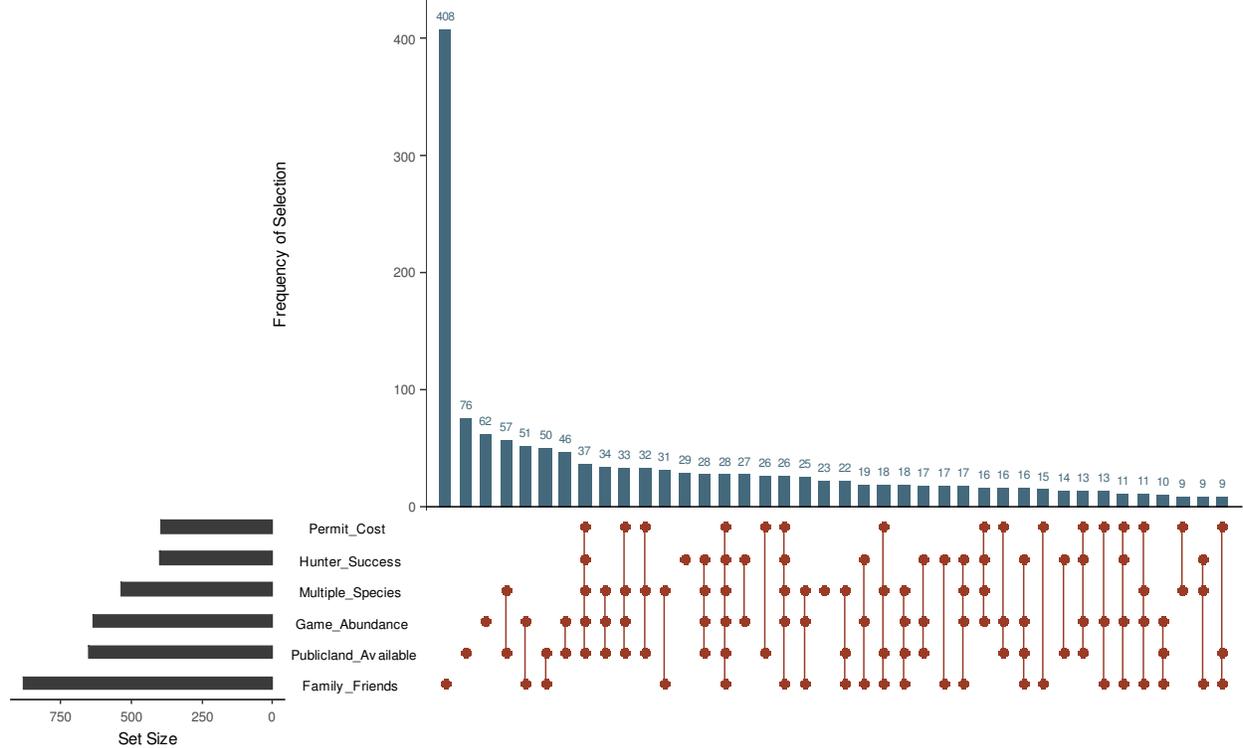


Figure 6. State of residence for non-resident hunters. Non-residents came from 48 different states, the top 10 are below. Numbers at the base of each bar are the number of raw respondents who selected that state.

