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The spring turkey hunter survey is conducted each year at the end of the spring season. In 2018, the spring season closed on 31 May. The objective of the survey is to obtain information on the spring turkey harvest and success, to determine age and sex of the harvest, and to assess characteristics of the hunt and hunters (e.g., satisfaction). This year's survey was available to hunters from 22 June to 9 July 2018, inclusive. A summary of estimated harvest and success is available in a separate report, *2018 Spring Wild Turkey Harvest*.

**Caveats.** The spring Wild Turkey Hunter Survey samples spring turkey hunters who provided valid email addresses at the time they purchased their permit(s). As such, the sample frame may be biased and not strictly generalizable to the population of all spring turkey hunters. For the spring 2018 season, however, 69.1% of unique, individual permit buyers provided an email address. A reminder email was sent to all non-respondents one week after the initial invitation was sent, but no further attempts were made to contact hunters who failed to respond to the survey. Therefore, results might be biased toward successful hunters, if successful hunters respond more readily to harvest surveys. However, it is likely that such biases are small given the proportion of permit buyers sampled and the response rate (see 2018 Spring Wild Turkey Harvest report).

**Interpretations.** Non-resident hunters during the spring 2017 season came largely from Colorado and Minnesota, and residents from Lancaster, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties. Most resident hunters did not hunt in other states (94%), but the majority of non-residents (72%) had hunted in other states, including Kansas and Minnesota. Spring 2017 turkey hunters spent an average of 5.8 days afield hunting turkeys. Total number of days spent afield by respondents was 17,664. Knox, Dawes, Lincoln, and Custer Counties were reported as being hunted in most frequently. Whereas residents were not pursuing a specific subspecies (74%), non-residents reported pursuing Merriam's more than other subspecies (49%). Importance of feather coloration and genetic purity of a particular subspecies was generally low for residents and non-residents, but was higher among non-residents pursuing Merriam's turkeys. Almost all resident (98%) and non-resident (96%) hunters would hunt Nebraska again based on their experiences in the spring of 2017. Most hunters were satisfied with the number of turkeys seen afield and were overall satisfied with their spring 2017 hunting experiences. Among resident hunters, availability of permits, turkey abundance, and having family in the state were most important in their decision to hunt in Nebraska. Among non-residents, subspecies available, the number of permits allowed per hunter, and success rates were also important.

**Take-home Message:** Spring turkey hunting continues to be a popular and satisfying experience for turkey hunters.

**Methods.** This year's survey was composed and administered in-house using Snap Survey development software (Snap v11) and Snap Webhosting service. An initial invitation to participate in the survey for the spring 2018 season was sent to 16,142 (69.1% of unique permit buyers) spring turkey hunters, but 583 were bounced back as undeliverable, giving an effective sample size of 15,559 permitted hunters. Initial invitations were emailed on 22 June 2018, and a reminder email was sent to all non-responding hunters on 29 June 2018. The survey was closed on 9 July 2018. The survey was also available on the NGPC website for hunters who did not have valid emails associated with their permits. The website survey was open over the same period as the invitation-only version. At the end of the survey period, responses had been received from 4,018 spring turkey hunters, representing 5,831 individual permits for the spring 2018 season. The raw response rate was, therefore, 25.8% and the permit response rate was 37.5%. Each survey respondent represented 5.2 spring 2018 permit buyers.

**Results.** Below are figures and tables that summarize hunter responses to survey questions. In most cases, the results are presented for residents, non-residents, and all hunters combined.

**Table 1.** Statistics on how long survey respondents spent (in minutes) taking the survey.

Counts Respondents	Descriptive Statistics					
	Total	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
Duration of interview	4018	0.3	261.3	7.7	9	7.5

**Table 2.** Top ten states in which spring 2017 non-resident turkey hunters resided and raw number of respondents from each.

State of residence	
Colorado	439
Minnesota	202
Missouri	143
Iowa	111
Arkansas	108
Mississippi	98
Illinois	89
Indiana	76
Alabama	68
Wisconsin	67

**Table 3.** Number and percent of non-residents who reported having been a Nebraskan at some point in the past.

Have you ever been a resident the state of Nebraska?	
Yes	167 8%
No	1915 92%

**Table 3.** Among Nebraska residents, top 10 counties of residence and raw number of respondents from each for the spring 2018 turkey season.

County	
Lancaster	297
Douglas	235
Sarpy	128
Buffalo	83
Hall	62
Seward	45
Lincoln	44
Cass	43
Madison	37
Platte	36

**Table 4.** Number of permits purchased by resident, non-resident, and all hunters for the 2018 spring turkey season.

Number of Permits	Resident				Non-resident				Total			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Statewide Youth Permit	1558 84%	233 13%	54 3%	17 1%	1972 91%	90 4%	51 2%	43 2%	3530 88%	323 8%	105 3%	60 1%
Statewide Regular or Landowner Permit	215 12%	1279 69%	259 14%	109 6%	226 10%	1082 50%	632 29%	216 10%	441 11%	2361 59%	891 22%	325 8%

**Table 5.** Resident, non-resident, and total number of hunters reporting hunting wild turkey in states other than Nebraska during the spring 2018 season.

Did you hunt turkeys during the spring 2018 season in any state other than Nebraska?	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Yes	104 6%	1577 73%	1681 42%
No	1758 94%	575 27%	2333 58%

**Table 6.** State most frequently hunted by resident, non-resident, and all hunters who indicated that they hunted in states other than Nebraska during the spring 2018 turkey season.

Resident		Non-resident		Total	
Kansas	22	Kansas	171	Kansas	193
Iowa	9	Missouri	149	Missouri	152
South Dakota	4	Colorado	126	Colorado	127
Texas	4	Minnesota	113	Minnesota	113
Florida	3	Iowa	90	Iowa	99
Missouri	3	Mississippi	85	Mississippi	85
Wyoming	3	Wisconsin	73	Wisconsin	73
Illinois	2	Alabama	61	Alabama	61
Arkansas	1	Arkansas	59	Illinois	61
Colorado	1	Illinois	59	Arkansas	60

**Table 7.** Number of resident, non-resident, and total respondents who indicated whether they hunted turkeys in Nebraska during the spring 2018 spring turkey season.

Did you hunt turkeys in Nebraska during the spring 2018 season?	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Yes	1771 95%	2114 98%	3885 97%
No	91 5%	42 2%	133 3%

**Table 8.** Total and average number of days afield during the 2018 spring turkey season reported by resident, non-resident, and total hunter respondents who hunted.

How many days did you hunt turkeys during the 2018 spring season?	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Total	9645	11795	21440
Days per hunter	5.5	5.6	5.5

**Table 9.** Top 10 counties resident, non-resident, and all hunters reported hunting in most frequently during the 2018 spring turkey-hunting season.

Resident		Non-Resident		Total	
Lancaster	114	Dawes	193	Dawes	218
Knox	83	Lincoln	112	Lincoln	178
Lincoln	66	Unknown	111	Knox	164
Cass	62	Custer	94	Custer	138
Buffalo	59	Knox	81	Lancaster	124
Holt	46	Holt	71	Holt	117
Washington	45	Boyd	67	Unknown	114
Custer	44	Frontier	65	Frontier	99
Saunders	44	Red Willow	63	Boyd	95
Gage	43	Sioux	63	Harlan	80

**Table 10.** Turkey sub-species resident, non-resident and total hunters reported pursuing during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Subspecies	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Respondents	1759	2103	3862
Eastern	199 11%	157 7%	356 9%
Merriam's	283 16%	1039 49%	1322 34%
Rio Grande	51 3%	249 12%	300 8%
No particular subspecies	1324 75%	894 43%	2218 57%

**Table 11.** Top 10 counties of harvest for the first turkey harvested for resident, non-resident, and total hunters during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Resident		Non-resident		Total	
Lancaster	55	Dawes	128	Dawes	144
Knox	40	Lincoln	81	Lincoln	108
Holt	35	Custer	79	Custer	106
Buffalo	33	Knox	66	Knox	106
Cass	32	Holt	59	Holt	94
Custer	27	Boyd	51	Boyd	68
Lincoln	27	Unknown	50	Frontier	67
Frontier	25	Sheridan	48	Lancaster	61
Washington	25	Frontier	42	Harlan	57
Saunders	23	Sioux	41	Sheridan	57

**Table 12.** Top 10 counties of harvest for the second turkey harvested for resident, non-resident, and total hunters during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Resident		Non-resident		Total	
Lancaster	14	Dawes	45	Dawes	48
Custer	10	Lincoln	39	Lincoln	47
Dawson	10	Holt	33	Custer	41
Lincoln	8	Custer	31	Holt	37
Knox	7	Unknown	25	Knox	30
Buffalo	6	Sheridan	24	Frontier	26
Saline	6	Knox	23	Unknown	26
Washington	6	Frontier	21	Sheridan	25
Frontier	5	Boyd	20	Boyd	22
Gage	5	Keya Paha	17	Keya Paha	21

**Table 13.** Top 10 counties of harvest for the third turkey harvested for resident, non-resident, and total hunters during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Resident		Non-resident		Total	
Custer	7	Custer	10	Custer	17
Knox	3	Dawes	10	Harlan	12
Washington	3	Harlan	10	Dawes	11
Dawson	2	Holt	9	Lincoln	10
Dodge	2	Lincoln	8	Holt	9
Harlan	2	Unknown	8	Knox	9
Lincoln	2	Frontier	6	Unknown	8
Pawnee	2	Keya Paha	6	Sheridan	7
Saline	2	Knox	6	Frontier	6
Sarpy	2	Dundy	5	Keya Paha	6

**Table 14.** Hunting activity and timing of harvest by week of season for resident, non-resident, and total hunters during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Week of season	Resident		Non-resident		Total	
	Hunted	Harvested	Hunted	Harvested	Hunted	Harvested
Early & Youth Archery (25 March-6 April)	277 7%	66 7%	192 8%	81 6%	469 7%	147 6%
Youth Shotgun/Archery (7 April-31 May)	320 8%	89 9%	140 6%	52 4%	460 7%	141 6%
Week 1, any weapon (14-20 April)	666 16%	136 14%	449 18%	273 20%	1115 17%	409 17%
Week 2, any weapon (21-27 April)	738 18%	209 21%	469 19%	255 19%	1207 18%	464 20%
Week 3, any weapon (28 April-4 May)	716 18%	175 18%	392 16%	214 16%	1108 17%	389 17%
Week 4, any weapon (5-11 May)	590 14%	139 14%	362 15%	212 16%	952 15%	351 15%
Week 5, any weapon (12-18 May)	412 10%	93 9%	231 9%	142 10%	643 10%	235 10%
Late Season, any weapon (19-31 May)	362 9%	93 9%	241 10%	128 9%	603 9%	221 9%

**Table 15.** Subspecies of wild turkey resident, non-resident, and total hunters purported as the last turkey they harvested during the 2018 spring turkey season.

Subspecies	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Eastern Wild Turkey	274 30%	150 10%	424 18%
Rio Grande Wild Turkey	145 16%	312 21%	457 19%
Merriam's Wild Turkey	161 17%	597 40%	758 32%
A mixture of one or more of these (hybrid)	235 25%	394 27%	629 26%
Do not remember	107 12%	29 2%	136 6%

**Table 16.** Number of turkeys harvested by age and sex by resident, non-resident, and total hunters during the 2018 spring turkey season. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding errors.

Number harvested	Resident				Non-resident				Total			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Adult males (toms)	99 11%	619 70%	121 14%	48 5%	99 7%	822 57%	375 26%	139 10%	198 9%	1441 62%	496 21%	187 8%
Juvenile males (jakes)	462 72%	161 25%	20 3%	3 0%	719 76%	194 21%	29 3%	2 0%	1181 74%	355 22%	49 3%	5 0%
Bearded hens	567 98%	10 2%	1 0%	- -	835 99%	8 1%	- -	- -	1402 99%	18 1%	1 0%	- -
Unknown age/sex	565 99%	2 0%	- -	1 0%	823 99%	3 0%	2 0%	- -	1388 99%	5 0%	2 0%	1 0%

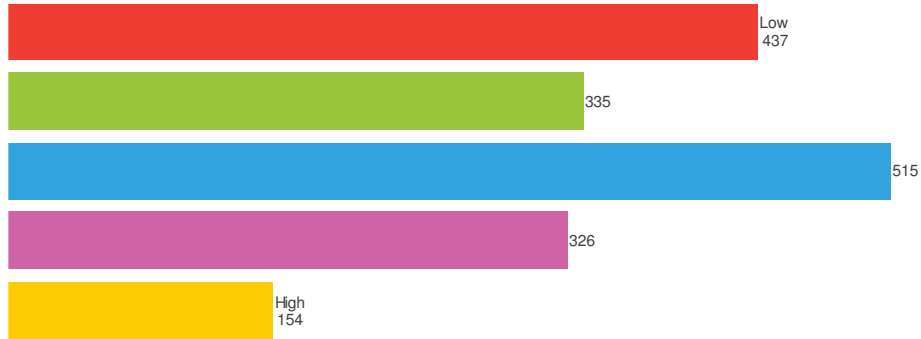
**Table 17.** Allocation of harvest by residents, non-residents, and total hunters between private land where permission was required to hunt and public lands during the 2018 spring season. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding errors.

Turkeys harvested on...	Resident				Non-resident				Total			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
...private land where permission was required?	73 11%	643 89%	137 88%	52 91%	182 19%	736 77%	367 89%	127 83%	255 15%	1379 82%	504 89%	179 85%
...land open to public hunting?	617 89%	81 11%	18 12%	5 9%	788 81%	225 23%	45 11%	26 17%	1405 85%	306 18%	63 11%	31 15%

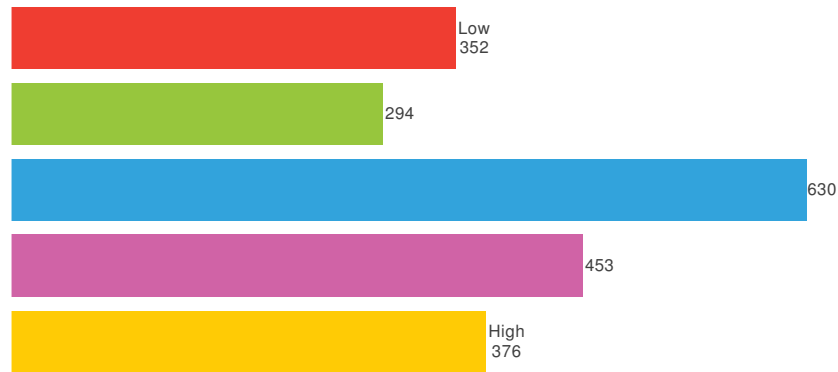


**Figure 1.** Resident, non-resident, and total hunters' rating of the number of turkeys observed during the spring 2018 turkey season.

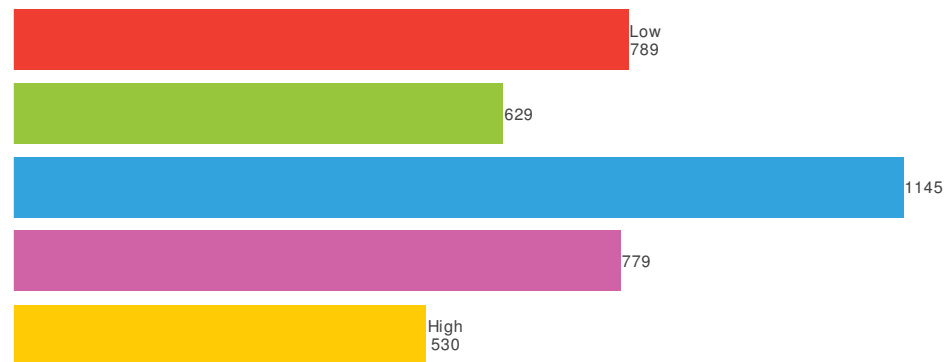
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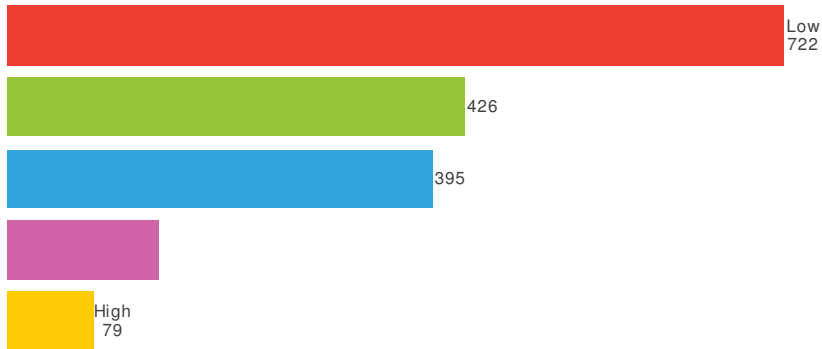


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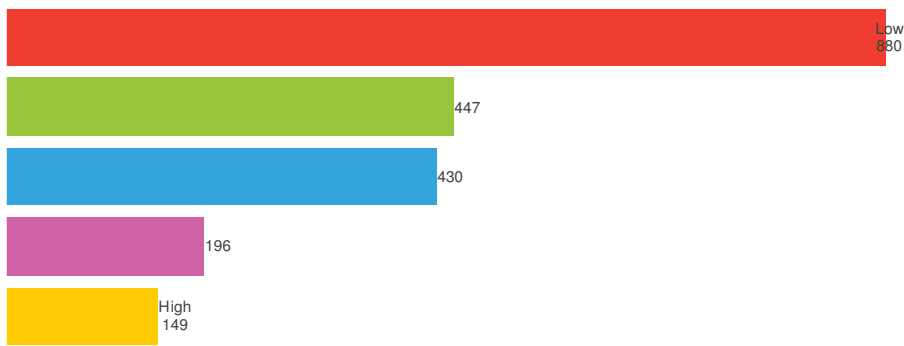


**Figure 2.** Resident, non-resident, and total hunter rating of the number of turkey hunters encountered during the spring 2018 turkey season.

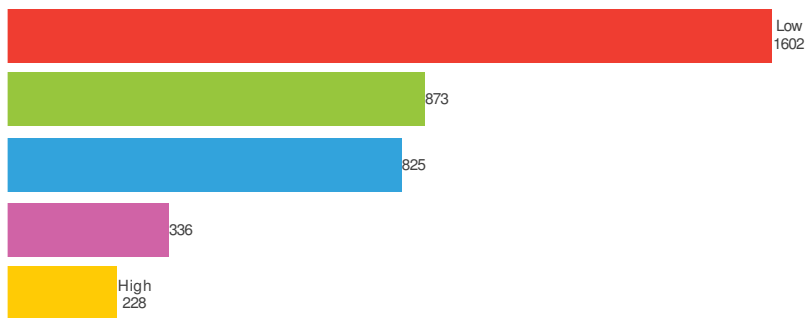
Resident



Non-resident



Total



**Table 18.** Importance to resident, non-resident, and all hunters that the turkey they harvested in 2018 has the correct feather coloration for the subspecies they were pursuing.

Respondents		Resident	Non-resident	Total
Very Important		82	<b>524</b>	606
		5%	<b>25%</b>	16%
Neutral		140	333	473
		8%	16%	12%
Not Important at all		266	381	647
		15%	18%	17%
		195	170	365
		11%	8%	9%
		<b>1073</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>1765</b>
		<b>61%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>46%</b>

**Table 19.** Importance of correct sub-species coloration of turkey to the sub-species being pursued in 2018 for resident, non-resident, and all hunters by the species hunters reported pursuing.

			Importance Ranking									
			Very Important		Important		Neutral		Unimportant		Not Important at all	
Sub-species Being Pursued	Resident	Eastern	21	11%	25	13%	46	23%	21	11%	<b>85</b>	<b>43%</b>
		Merriam's	47	17%	48	17%	57	20%	31	11%	<b>99</b>	<b>35%</b>
		Rio Grande	6	12%	10	20%	14	27%	6	12%	<b>15</b>	<b>29%</b>
		No particular subspecies	26	2%	70	5%	165	12%	145	11%	<b>916</b>	<b>69%</b>
	Non-resident	Eastern	33	21%	26	17%	35	22%	22	14%	<b>40</b>	<b>26%</b>
		Merriam's	<b>460</b>	<b>44%</b>	242	23%	165	16%	65	6%	107	10%
		Rio Grande	62	25%	50	20%	<b>69</b>	<b>28%</b>	21	8%	46	19%
		No particular subspecies	40	4%	61	7%	169	19%	82	9%	<b>541</b>	<b>61%</b>
	Total	Eastern	54	15%	51	14%	81	23%	43	12%	<b>125</b>	<b>35%</b>
		Merriam's	<b>507</b>	<b>38%</b>	290	22%	222	17%	96	7%	206	16%
		Rio Grande	68	23%	60	20%	<b>83</b>	<b>28%</b>	27	9%	61	20%
		No particular subspecies	66	3%	131	6%	334	15%	227	10%	<b>1457</b>	<b>66%</b>

**Table 20.** Importance of exact genetic match (genetic purity) between the turkey harvested in 2018 and the subspecies resident, non-resident, and all hunters reported pursuing.

Respondents		Resident	Non-resident	Total
Very Important		80	420	500
		5%	20%	13%
Neutral		126	352	478
		7%	17%	12%
		249	400	649
		14%	19%	17%
Not Important at all		194	191	385
		11%	9%	10%
		<b>1109</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1847</b>
		<b>63%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>48%</b>

**Table 21.** The importance of the genetic purity of the turkey harvested in spring 2018 matching the sub-species being pursued by resident, non-resident, and all hunters by sub-species hunters reported pursuing.

		Importance Ranking										
		Very Important		Important		Neutral		Unimportant		Not Important at all		
Sub-species Being Pursued	Resident	Eastern	17	9%	26	13%	42	21%	22	11%	<b>92</b>	<b>46%</b>
		Merriam's	39	14%	44	16%	64	23%	32	11%	<b>103</b>	<b>37%</b>
		Rio Grande	5	10%	8	16%	11	22%	11	22%	<b>16</b>	<b>31%</b>
		No particular subspecies	31	2%	63	5%	145	11%	144	11%	<b>941</b>	<b>71%</b>
	Non-resident	Eastern	23	15%	34	22%	34	22%	22	14%	<b>43</b>	<b>28%</b>
		Merriam's	<b>361</b>	<b>35%</b>	259	25%	207	20%	78	8%	134	13%
		Rio Grande	46	18%	52	21%	<b>70</b>	<b>28%</b>	21	8%	60	24%
		No particular subspecies	42	5%	58	6%	143	16%	91	10%	<b>559</b>	<b>63%</b>
	Total	Eastern	40	11%	60	17%	76	21%	44	12%	<b>135</b>	<b>38%</b>
		Merriam's	<b>400</b>	<b>30%</b>	303	23%	271	21%	110	8%	237	18%
		Rio Grande	51	17%	60	20%	<b>81</b>	<b>27%</b>	32	11%	76	25%
		No particular subspecies	73	3%	121	5%	288	13%	235	11%	<b>1500</b>	<b>68%</b>

**Table 22.** Resident and non-resident agreement with statements related to their hunting experiences in Nebraska during the 2018 spring turkey season. The agreement scores for each item with the highest frequency of selection by respondents is highlighted.

	Resident					Non-Resident					Overall				
	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
"I saw too many hunters"	<b>818</b> <b>46%</b>	443 25%	368 21%	80 5%	58 3%	<b>1058</b> <b>50%</b>	451 21%	408 19%	111 5%	79 4%	<b>1876</b> <b>48%</b>	894 23%	776 20%	191 5%	137 4%
"I was satisfied with the number of turkeys seen"	325 18%	349 20%	<b>451</b> <b>26%</b>	393 22%	248 14%	247 12%	332 16%	<b>518</b> <b>25%</b>	502 24%	506 24%	572 15%	681 18%	<b>969</b> <b>25%</b>	895 23%	754 19%
"I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting"	258 15%	330 19%	<b>752</b> <b>43%</b>	283 16%	123 7%	166 8%	264 13%	<b>938</b> <b>45%</b>	414 20%	285 14%	424 11%	594 16%	<b>1690</b> <b>44%</b>	697 18%	408 11%
"Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my hunting experience"	111 6%	240 14%	466 26%	<b>580</b> <b>33%</b>	370 21%	95 5%	178 8%	427 20%	636 30%	<b>769</b> <b>37%</b>	206 5%	418 11%	893 23%	<b>1216</b> <b>31%</b>	1139 29%

**Table 23.** Overall respondent agreement with the statement, “I saw too many hunters” by number of turkeys harvested on public or private land during the spring 2018 turkey season. Strongest agreement for each harvest level and land type are highlighted.

		"I saw too many hunters."				
Turkeys Harvested		Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on Private land	0	<b>81</b> <b>32%</b>	64 25%	63 25%	27 11%	19 7%
	1	<b>707</b> <b>51%</b>	321 23%	256 19%	56 4%	35 3%
	2	<b>272</b> <b>54%</b>	109 22%	89 18%	20 4%	13 3%
	3	<b>92</b> <b>51%</b>	37 21%	39 22%	4 2%	7 4%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land (including OFW)	0	<b>723</b> <b>52%</b>	329 23%	261 19%	51 4%	39 3%
	1	<b>85</b> <b>28%</b>	81 26%	83 27%	35 11%	22 7%
	2	<b>18</b> <b>29%</b>	<b>18</b> <b>29%</b>	15 24%	10 16%	1 2%
	3	11 35%	5 16%	<b>12</b> <b>39%</b>	2 6%	1 3%

**Table 24.** Overall respondent agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw” by number of turkeys harvested on public or private land during the spring 2018 turkey season. Strongest agreement for each harvest level and land type are highlighted.

		"I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw."					
		Turkeys Harvested	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on Private land	0		32 13%	33 13%	59 23%	<b>76</b> <b>30%</b>	52 21%
	1		129 9%	217 16%	<b>371</b> <b>27%</b>	343 25%	312 23%
	2		32 6%	58 12%	103 20%	132 26%	<b>179</b> <b>36%</b>
	3		10 6%	24 13%	40 22%	<b>54</b> <b>30%</b>	51 28%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land (including OFW)	0		126 9%	215 15%	<b>359</b> <b>26%</b>	<b>366</b> <b>26%</b>	335 24%
	1		37 12%	51 17%	70 23%	<b>87</b> <b>29%</b>	59 19%
	2		2 3%	8 13%	14 23%	<b>22</b> <b>35%</b>	16 26%
	3		2 6%	1 3%	11 35%	4 13%	<b>13</b> <b>42%</b>

**Table 25.** Overall respondent agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting” by number of turkeys harvested on public or private land during the spring 2018 turkey season. Strongest agreement for each harvest level and land type are highlighted.

	Turkeys Harvested	"I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting."				
		Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on Private land	0	20 8%	38 15%	58 23%	<b>89</b> <b>35%</b>	48 19%
	1	130 10%	212 16%	<b>666</b> <b>50%</b>	211 16%	126 9%
	2	41 8%	53 11%	<b>261</b> <b>54%</b>	76 16%	52 11%
	3	20 11%	19 11%	<b>95</b> <b>54%</b>	20 11%	21 12%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land (including OFW)	0	131 10%	201 15%	<b>717</b> <b>52%</b>	195 14%	127 9%
	1	21 7%	45 15%	71 23%	<b>110</b> <b>36%</b>	58 19%
	2	7 11%	6 10%	11 18%	<b>21</b> <b>34%</b>	17 27%
	3	1 3%	7 23%	3 10%	8 26%	<b>12</b> <b>39%</b>



**Table 26.** Overall respondent agreement with the statement, “Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my hunting experience” by number of turkeys harvested on public or private land during the spring 2018 turkey season. Strongest agreement for each harvest level and land type are highlighted.

	Turkeys Harvested	"Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my hunting experience."				
		Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on Private land	0	4 2%	24 9%	52 20%	<b>90</b> <b>35%</b>	85 33%
	1	42 3%	90 7%	260 19%	475 35%	<b>506</b> <b>37%</b>
	2	9 2%	26 5%	64 13%	155 31%	<b>249</b> <b>50%</b>
	3	- -	6 3%	22 12%	63 35%	<b>88</b> <b>49%</b>
Number of turkeys harvested on public land (including OFW)	0	40 3%	87 6%	250 18%	497 35%	<b>528</b> <b>38%</b>
	1	5 2%	25 8%	62 20%	<b>117</b> <b>38%</b>	95 31%
	2	- -	2 3%	10 16%	25 40%	<b>26</b> <b>41%</b>
	3	- -	1 3%	6 19%	6 19%	<b>18</b> <b>58%</b>

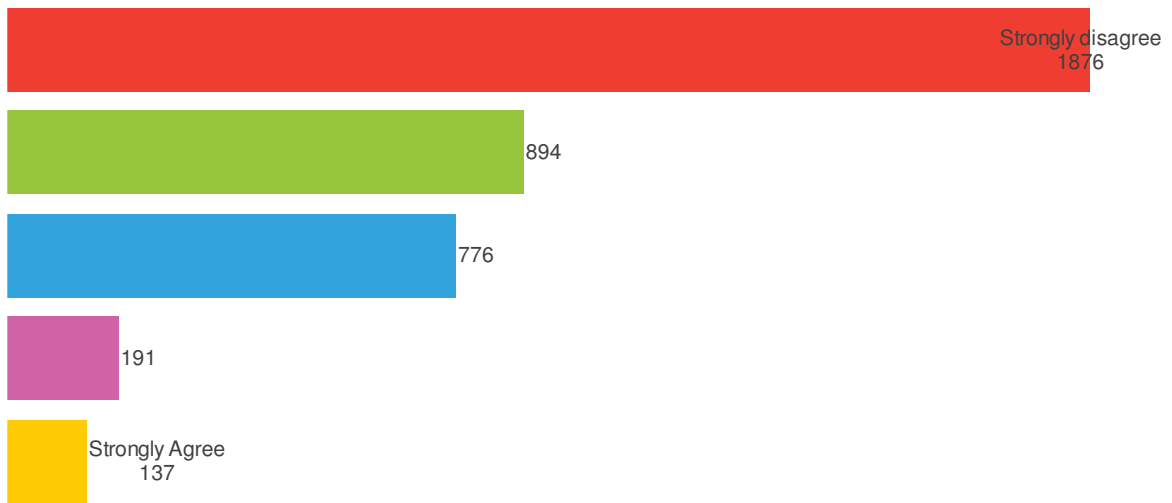


Resident, non-resident, and total number of hunters who would hunt turkeys in Nebraska again in the future given their experiences during the 2018 spring season.

Response	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Yes	1715 97%	1995 95%	3710 96%
No	53 3%	114 5%	167 4%

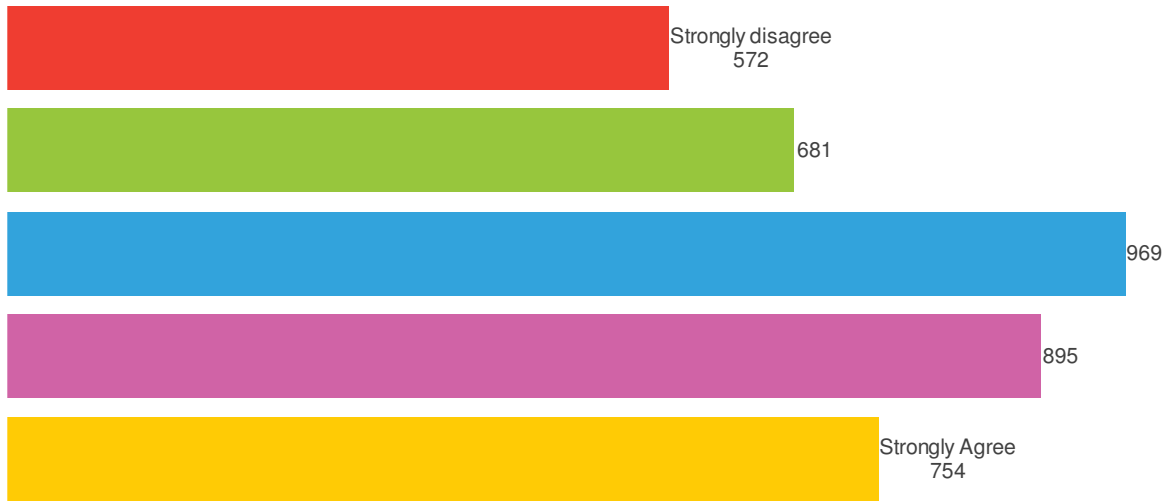
**Figure 3.** Hunter agreement with the statement, “I saw too many hunters,” regarding their experiences during the spring 2018 turkey season.

"I saw too many hunters."



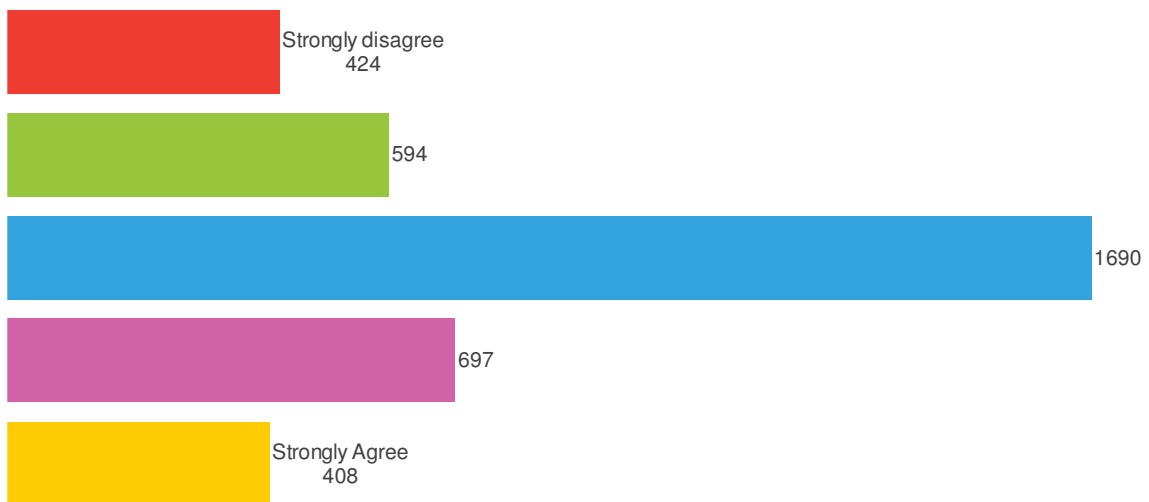
**Figure 4.** Hunter agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw,” regarding their experiences during the spring 2018 turkey season.

“I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw.”



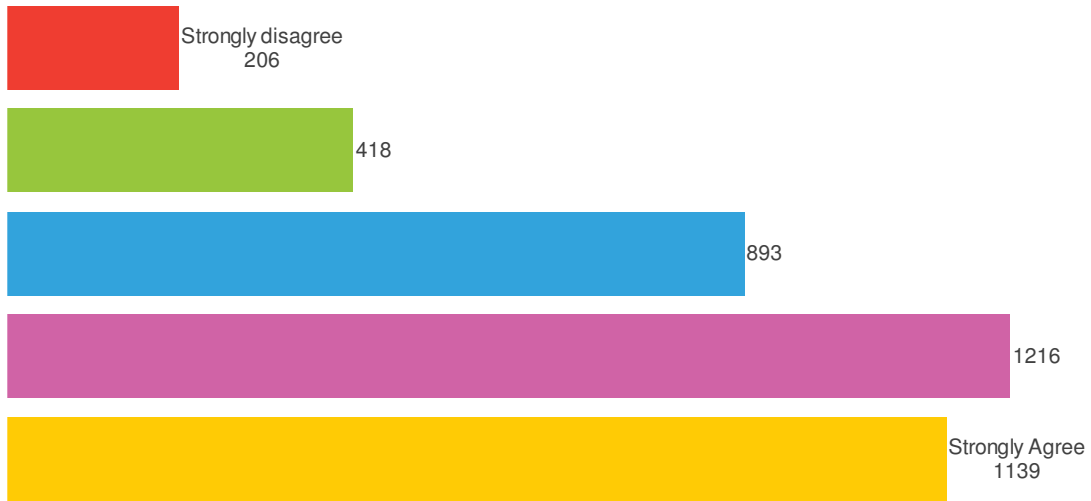
**Figure 5.** Hunter agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting,” regarding their experiences during the 2018 spring turkey season.

“I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting.”



**Figure 6.** Hunter agreement with the statement, “Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my hunting experience,” regarding their experiences during the 2018 spring turkey season.

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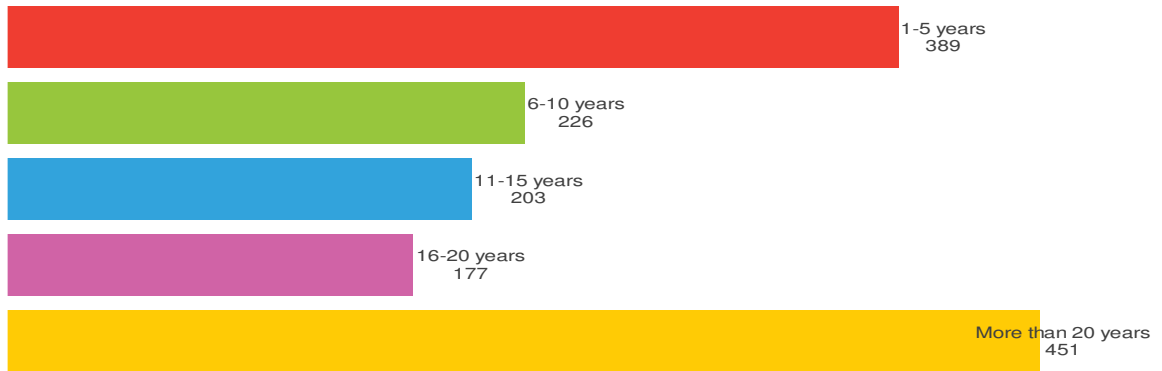


**Table 23.** Number of hunters accompanying youth, novice, women, and apprentice hunters afield, and the number they reported accompanying during the spring 2017 turkey season.

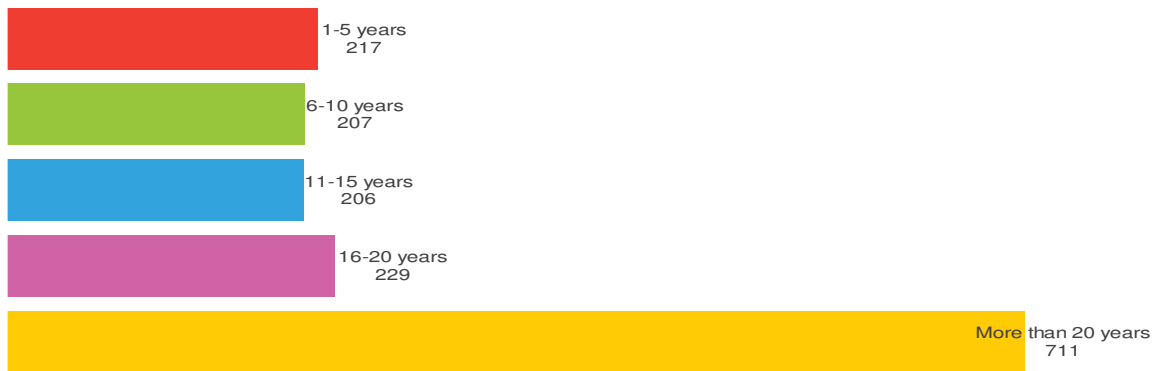
Respondents	Hunters Accompanying	Number Accompanied
	1110	
Youth hunters less than 16 years old	516 46%	512
New adult hunters at least 16 years old	417 38%	407
Women	333 30%	302
Apprentice license holders	92 8%	78

**Figure 7.** Resident, non-resident, and total number of years of experience hunting turkeys reported by hunters who hunted during the 2017 spring turkey season.

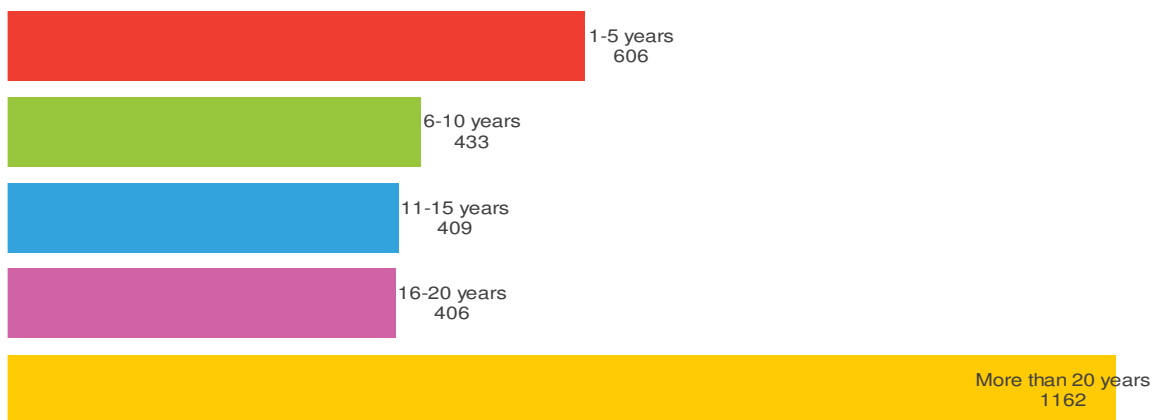
Resident



Non-resident



Total

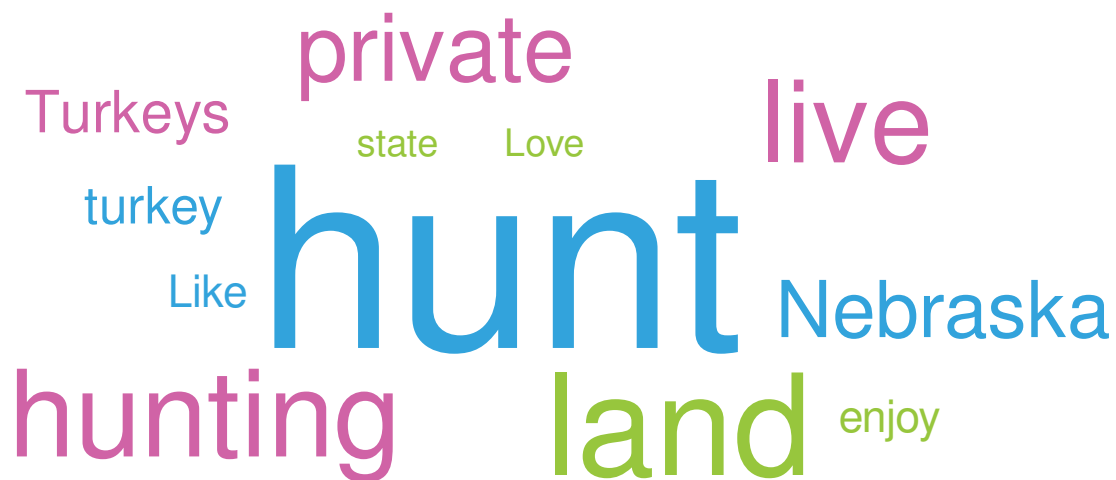


**Table 24.** Factors influencing resident, non-resident, and total hunters’ decisions to hunt turkeys in Nebraska during the 2017 spring season. (Choices with ≥40% selection are in bold.)

Respondents	Resident	Non-resident	Total
	1432	1569	3001
Availability of public land to hunt	286 20%	429 27%	715 24%
Family and/or friends who live in state	<b>657</b> <b>46%</b>	609 39%	<b>1266</b> <b>42%</b>
Ability to hunt a different or particular subspecies of turkey	161 11%	<b>763</b> <b>49%</b>	924 31%
Availability of permits	<b>800</b> <b>56%</b>	<b>971</b> <b>62%</b>	<b>1771</b> <b>59%</b>
Permit costs	446 31%	385 25%	831 28%
Number of permits allowed per hunter	354 25%	<b>643</b> <b>41%</b>	997 33%
Hunter success rate	465 32%	<b>620</b> <b>40%</b>	1085 36%
Turkey population abundance	<b>731</b> <b>51%</b>	<b>954</b> <b>61%</b>	<b>1685</b> <b>56%</b>
Other	247 17%	145 9%	392 13%

**Figure 8.** Word cloud of hunters’ “Other” responses regarding the factors influencing their decision to hunt wild turkeys in Nebraska during the spring 2017 season.

If other, please provide further details.

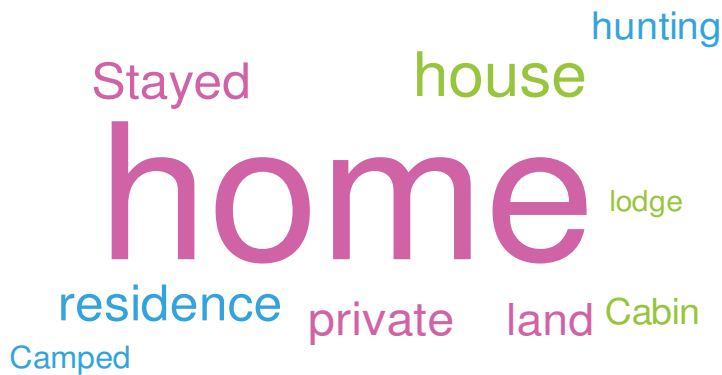


**Table 21.** Type of lodging resident, non-resident, and total hunters used when hunting turkeys in Nebraska during the 2017 spring season.

	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Respondents	1427	1566	2993
Hotel/motel	59 4%	<b>502</b> <b>32%</b>	561 19%
Commercial campground (e.g., KOA)	1 0%	19 1%	20 1%
Public camping site (e.g., state parks)	62 4%	179 11%	241 8%
Private residence of family or friends	<b>919</b> <b>64%</b>	<b>596</b> <b>38%</b>	<b>1515</b> <b>51%</b>
Other	<b>386</b> <b>27%</b>	270 17%	656 22%

**Figure 9.** Word cloud of hunters' "Other" responses regarding the type of lodging resident and non-resident hunters used while hunting wild turkeys in Nebraska during the spring 2017 season.

Other locations where resident hunters stayed while hunting



Other locations where non-resident hunters stayed while hunting

