

# **GRAY WOLF** 2024-2025 HARVEST REPORT



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#### **Executive Summary**

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) requires mandatory registration of all harvested gray wolves and surveys gray wolf hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage wolf populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. Harvest and hunting activity summarized in this report correspond only to gray wolves designated as Trophy Game Animals and does not include gray wolves designated as Predatory Animals. The harvest statistics presented in this report were based on data collected from registered gray wolf harvests and 622 responses to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 2,407 license holders and extrapolated to represent 2,470 gray wolf hunting licenses issued. A total of 34 gray wolves were harvested in Wyoming during the 2024-2025 hunting season.

#### TABLE I GRAY WOLF HARVEST SUMMARY STATEWIDE 2024-2025

RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVES	DAYS/HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
RESIDENT	2,197	936	10,088	25	404	2.7%
NONRESIDENT	273	144	839	5	168	3.5%
TOTAL	2,470	1,080	10,927	34	364	2.8%

## TABLE II GRAY WOLF TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST 2015-2024

YEAR	2015ª	2016 <sup>ª</sup>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VALID LICENSES										
RESIDENT	-	-	2,334	2,393	1,732	1,887	2,198	2,082	2,320	2,197
NONRESIDENT	-	-	193	261	153	237	240	241	277	273
TOTAL	-	-	2,527	2,654	1,885	2,124	2,438	2,323	2,597	2,470
ACTIVE HUNTERS										
RESIDENT	-	-	1,877	1,466	898	1,106	1,058	842	931	936
NONRESIDENT	-	-	126	165	117	159	146	126	92	144
TOTAL	-	-	2,003	1,631	1,015	1,266	1,203	968	1,023	1,080
HARVEST										
RESIDENT	-	-	39	39	24	32	29	29	24	25
NONRESIDENT	-	-	4	0	1	1	1	0	4	5
TOTAL	-	-	44	43	26	33	32	31	28	34
DAVO										
DAYS RESIDENT	_	_	12,537	17,433	11,157	14,452	16,646	9,235	11,813	10,088
NONRESIDENT	-	-	694	1,005	661	1,114	1,101	1,633	748	839
TOTAL	-	-	13,231	18,438	11,818	15,566	17,747	10,868	12,561	10,927
DAYS PER HARVEST						454.0	574.0	040.4		404.0
RESIDENT NONRESIDENT	-	-	321.4 173.5	447.0 0.0	464.9 661.0	451.6 1,114.0	574.0 1,101.0	318.4 0.0	492.0 187.0	404.0 168.0
TOTAL	-	-	300.7	428.8	454.5	471.7	554.6	374.8	449.0	364.0
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HUNTER SUCCESS										
RESIDENT	-	-	2.1%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%	3.4%	2.6%	2.7%
NONRESIDENT	-	-	3.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	4.3%	3.5%
TOTAL	-	-	2.2%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%	2.8%
FIREARM HARVEST										
RESIDENT	-	-	97.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
NONRESIDENT	-	-	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	-	-	97.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
ARCHERY HARVEST										
RESIDENT	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NONRESIDENT	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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MUZZLELOADER HAR\ RESIDENT	-	_	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NONRESIDENT	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL	-	-	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Harvest totals include gray wolves harvested illegally. Illegal harvests are not assigned a residency category, so harvest reported in the TOTAL category may be greater than the sum of RESIDENT and NONRESIDENT. Illegal harvest are also not counted toward the TOTAL hunter success and TOTAL days per harvest.

<sup>a</sup> No hunting season was held in 2015 or 2016.

#### TABLE I-H GRAY WOLF HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS BY HUNT AREA 2024-2025

		202	24-2023			
HUNT AREA	RESIDENCY	HUNTERS	HARVEST	DAYS	DAYS/ HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
	RESIDENT	133	2	1,981	990.5	1.5%
1 CLARKS FORK	NONRESIDENT	26	0	199	NA	0.0%
I OLAINO I ONN	TOTAL	159	2	2,180	1,090.0	1.3%
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	RESIDENT	150	4	1,453	363.2	2.7%
2 NORTH FORK	NONRESIDENT	23	0	114	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	173	4	1,567	391.8	2.3%
	RESIDENT	87	1	683	683.0	1.1%
3 SOUTH FORK	NONRESIDENT	16	1	86	86.0	6.2%
	TOTAL	103	2	769	384.5	1.9%
	RESIDENT	96	1	428	428.0	1.0%
4 GREYBULL <sup>a</sup>	NONRESIDENT	0	1	0	0.0	0.0%
	TOTAL	96	3	428	214.0	2.1%
	RESIDENT	154	3	1,127	375.7	1.9%
5 WIND RIVER <sup>a</sup>	NONRESIDENT	18	0	116	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	172	4	1,243	414.3	1.7%
	DECIDENT	440		4 000	070 5	0.40/
	RESIDENT	116	4	1,082	270.5	3.4%
6 PACIFIC CREEK <sup>a</sup>	NONRESIDENT TOTAL	23 139	0 5	109 1191	NA 297.8	0.0% 2.9%
	TOTAL	139	5	1191	297.0	2.9%
	RESIDENT	13	0	72	NA	0.0%
7 TARGHEE	NONRESIDENT	3	0	21	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	16	0	93	NA	0.0%
	DECIDENT	400	0	704	400.0	0.00/
8 FISH CREEK	RESIDENT NONRESIDENT	100 13	6 3	794 48	132.3 16.0	6.0% 23.1%
0 FISH CREEK	TOTAL	113	9	40 842	93.6	8.0%
	TOTAL	115	9	042	95.0	0.070
	RESIDENT	58	0	529	NA	0.0%
9 CRYSTAL CREEK <sup>a</sup>	NONRESIDENT	3	0	16	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	61	1	545	NA	0.0%
	RESIDENT	71	0	459	NA	0.0%
10 RIM	NONRESIDENT	11	0	433 67	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	82	0	526	NA	0.0%
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	RESIDENT	71	2	792	396.0	2.8%
11 GREEN RIVER	NONRESIDENT	3	0	11	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	74	2	803	401.5	2.7%
	RESIDENT	58	0	438	NA	0.0%
12 ALPINE	NONRESIDENT	3	0	430	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	61	0	446	NA	0.0%
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13 WHISKEY	RESIDENT	21	2	81	40.5	9.5%
MOUNTAIN	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	21	2	81	40.5	9.5%
	RESIDENT	29	0	169	NA	0.0%
14 FREMONT LAKE	NONRESIDENT	29	0	44	NA	0.0%
	TOTAL	37	0	213	NA	0.0%
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#### TABLE III GRAY WOLF LICENSE DATA SUMMARY STATEWIDE 2024-2025

RESIDENCY	NUMBER OF LICENSES	NUMBER SURVEYED	USABLE RESPONSES	RESPONSE RATE
RESIDENT	2,197	2,145	518	24.1%
NONRESIDENT	273	262	104	39.7%
TOTAL	2,470	2,407	622	25.8%