



MOUNTAIN LION

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 mountain lions and surveys mountain lion hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage mountain lion populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. The harvest statistics presented in this report were based on data collected from registered mountain harvests and 548 responses to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 4,691 license holders and extrapolated to represent 4,998 mountain hunting licenses issued. A total of 354 mountain lions were harvested in Wyoming during the 2024-2025 hunting season.

TABLE I
MOUNTAIN LION
HARVEST SUMMARY
STATEWIDE
2024-2025

RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSES	FALL ¹			SPRING ²			ANNUAL			DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
		HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST		
RESIDENT	4,456	1,141	16,333	83	751	7,678	120	1,388	24,011	203	118.3	14.6%
NONRESIDENT	542	193	1,291	77	206	915	74	357	2,206	151	14.6	42.3%
TOTAL	4,998	1,334	17,624	160	957	8,593	194	1,745	26,217	354	74.1	20.3%

¹ Sep. 1 - Dec 31, 2024

² Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025

TABLE II
MOUNTAIN LION
 TEN YEAR COMPARISON OF STATEWIDE HARVEST
 2015-2024

	RESIDENCY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VALID LICENSES	RESIDENT	3,011	3,222	3,173	3,558	3,540	2,867	3,833	4,329	4,327	4,456
	NONRESIDENT	327	356	350	432	424	458	520	555	544	542
	TOTAL	3,338	3,580	3,523	3,990	3,964	3,325	4,353	4,884	4,871	4,998
ANNUAL HUNTERS	RESIDENT	918	789	1,045	1,102	1,462	774	1,240	1,149	1,331	1,388
	NONRESIDENT	25	224	241	263	304	248	259	437	321	357
	TOTAL	1,168	1,013	1,287	1,365	1,766	1,022	1,499	1,586	1,652	1,745
ANNUAL HARVEST	RESIDENT	156	160	173	221	235	240	201	184	218	203
	NONRESIDENT	92	95	109	109	110	151	122	133	122	151
	TOTAL	248	255	282	330	345	391	323	317	340	354
ANNUAL DAYS	RESIDENT	7,686	5,947	10,921	12,540	14,279	13,878	20,371	20,296	17,714	24,011
	NONRESIDENT	950	946	1,256	1,639	1,939	2,462	2,258	4,429	1,793	2,206
	TOTAL	8,636	6,893	12,177	14,179	16,218	16,340	22,629	24,725	19,507	26,217
DAYS/HARVEST	RESIDENT	49.3	37.2	63.1	56.7	60.8	57.8	101.3	110.3	81.3	118.3
	NONRESIDENT	10.3	9.9	11.5	15	17.6	16.3	18.5	33.3	14.7	14.6
	TOTAL	34.8	26.9	43.2	43	47	41.8	70.1	78	57.4	74.1
HUNTER SUCCESS	RESIDENT	—	—	16.6%	20.1%	16.1%	31.0%	16.2%	16.0%	16.4%	14.6%
	NONRESIDENT	—	—	45.2%	41.4%	36.2%	60.9%	47.1%	30.4%	38.0%	42.3%
	TOTAL	21.2%	25.2%	21.9%	24.2%	19.5%	38.3%	21.5%	20.0%	20.6%	20.3%
RIFLE/PISTOL HARVEST	RESIDENT	—	—	93.6%	94.1%	94.3%	95.0%	92.7%	96.2%	96.3%	97.5%
	NONRESIDENT	—	—	91.7%	93.6%	91.7%	90.1%	90.0%	82.7%	83.6%	89.4%
	TOTAL	85.4%	83.7%	92.9%	93.9%	93.5%	93.1%	91.7%	90.5%	91.8%	94.1%
MUZZLELOADER HARVEST	RESIDENT	—	—	1.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
	NONRESIDENT	—	—	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%
	TOTAL	0.0%	1.3%	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
ARCHERY HARVEST	RESIDENT	—	—	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	4.6%	7.3%	3.8%	3.2%	2.5%
	NONRESIDENT	—	—	6.4%	6.4%	8.3%	9.9%	8.3%	17.3%	14.8%	10.6%
	TOTAL	14.6%	15.0%	5.7%	5.8%	6.5%	6.6%	7.7%	9.5%	7.4%	5.9%

TABLE I-HA
MOUNTAIN LION
HARVEST, HUNTING, PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS
BY HUNT AREA
2024-2025

HUNT AREA	RESIDENCY	FALL ¹			SPRING ²			ANNUAL			DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
		HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST		
1 BEAR LODGE	RESIDENT	153	1,312	12	77	343	8	229	1,655	20	82.8	8.7%
	NONRESIDENT	21	103	4	7	7	0	28	110	4	27.5	14.3%
	TOTAL	174	1,415	16	84	350	8	257	1,765	24	73.5	9.3%
2 TETON	RESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%
3 BRIDGER	RESIDENT	10	48	0	20	29	2	29	77	2	38.5	6.9%
	NONRESIDENT	14	90	4	0	0	1	14	90	5	18	35.7%
	TOTAL	24	138	4	20	29	3	43	167	7	23.9	16.3%
4 POPO AGIE	RESIDENT	29	124	0	20	200	2	48	324	2	162	4.2%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	29	124	0	20	200	5	48	324	5	64.8	10.4%
5 IRON MOUNTAIN	RESIDENT	29	504	1	29	257	5	58	761	6	126.8	10.3%
	NONRESIDENT	14	69	0	14	42	2	28	111	2	55.5	7.1%
	TOTAL	43	573	1	43	299	7	86	872	8	109	9.3%
6 LARAMIE PEAK	RESIDENT	134	903	5	39	257	8	172	1,160	13	89.2	7.6%
	NONRESIDENT	14	76	0	14	49	5	28	125	5	25	17.9%
	TOTAL	148	979	5	53	306	13	200	1,285	18	71.4	9.0%
7 SOUTH SNOWY RANGE	RESIDENT	115	1,055	5	39	305	1	153	1,360	6	226.7	3.9%
	NONRESIDENT	7	42	7	0	0	1	7	42	8	5.2	114.3%
	TOTAL	122	1,097	12	39	305	2	160	1,402	14	100.1	8.8%
8 SEMINOE	RESIDENT	105	913	0	67	713	5	172	1,626	5	325.2	2.9%
	NONRESIDENT	7	69	0	14	42	3	21	111	3	37	14.3%
	TOTAL	112	982	0	81	755	8	193	1,737	8	217.1	4.1%
9 SIERRA MADRE	RESIDENT	58	1,188	0	29	846	0	86	2,034	0	-	0.0%
	NONRESIDENT	14	35	3	14	90	1	28	125	4	31.2	14.3%
	TOTAL	72	1,223	3	43	936	1	114	2,159	4	539.8	3.5%
10 HAYSTACKS	RESIDENT	20	124	1	10	29	4	29	153	5	30.6	17.2%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	20	124	1	10	29	6	29	153	7	21.9	24.1%
11 RED DESERT	RESIDENT	29	134	0	29	200	1	58	334	1	334	1.7%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	29	134	1	29	200	3	58	334	4	83.5	6.9%
12 FLAMING GORGE	RESIDENT	48	1,350	5	39	86	3	86	1,436	8	179.5	9.3%
	NONRESIDENT	14	21	0	7	55	0	21	76	0	-	0.0%
	TOTAL	62	1,371	5	46	141	3	107	1,512	8	189	7.5%
13 WASATCH	RESIDENT	20	248	1	20	172	0	39	420	1	420	2.6%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%
	TOTAL	20	248	1	20	172	0	39	420	1	420	2.6%
14 LINCOLN	RESIDENT	67	723	7	39	248	3	105	971	10	97.1	9.5%
	NONRESIDENT	7	7	10	14	49	0	21	56	10	5.6	47.6%
	TOTAL	74	730	17	53	297	3	126	1,027	20	51.4	15.9%
15 KAYCEE	RESIDENT	48	561	2	48	580	6	96	1,141	8	142.6	8.3%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	100.0%
	TOTAL	48	561	2	55	587	13	103	1,148	15	76.5	14.6%
16 GAS HILLS	RESIDENT	48	267	2	39	134	3	86	401	5	80.2	5.8%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	7	28	1	7	28	1	28	14.3%
	TOTAL	48	267	2	46	162	4	93	429	6	71.5	6.5%
17 PINEY	RESIDENT	48	200	3	0	0	0	48	200	3	66.7	6.2%
	NONRESIDENT	7	14	5	0	0	0	7	14	5	2.8	71.4%
	TOTAL	55	214	8	0	0	0	55	214	8	26.8	14.5%
18 WIND RIVER	RESIDENT	29	286	1	29	124	3	58	410	4	102.5	6.9%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	29	286	2	29	124	3	58	410	5	82	8.6%
19 NORTHWEST	RESIDENT	77	390	2	67	276	8	143	666	10	66.6	7.0%
	NONRESIDENT	7	28	3	0	0	8	7	28	11	2.5	157.1%
	TOTAL	84	418	5	67	276	16	150	694	21	33	14.0%

TABLE I-HA (continued) MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS BY HUNT AREA

HUNT AREA	RESIDENCY	FALL ¹			SPRING ²			ANNUAL			DAYS / HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
		HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST		
20 OWL CREEK/ BIGHORN BASIN	RESIDENT	48	200	2	29	96	7	77	296	9	32.9	11.7%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	14	28	6	14	28	6	4.7	42.9%
	TOTAL	48	200	2	43	124	13	91	324	15	21.6	16.5%
21 SHELL	RESIDENT	48	1,141	5	10	428	2	58	1,569	7	224.1	12.1%
	NONRESIDENT	21	83	11	28	138	3	49	221	14	15.8	28.6%
	TOTAL	69	1,224	16	38	566	5	107	1,790	21	85.2	19.6%
22 TEN SLEEP	RESIDENT	58	789	2	67	333	1	124	1,122	3	374	2.4%
	NONRESIDENT	14	49	8	35	110	12	49	159	20	8	40.8%
	TOTAL	72	838	10	102	443	13	173	1,281	23	55.7	13.3%
23 SHERIDAN	RESIDENT	58	1,008	5	48	276	5	105	1,284	10	128.4	9.5%
	NONRESIDENT	35	165	6	14	35	2	49	200	8	25	16.3%
	TOTAL	93	1,173	11	62	311	7	154	1,484	18	82.4	11.7%
24 ROCHELLE	RESIDENT	48	276	3	29	172	16	77	448	19	23.6	24.7%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	48	276	4	29	172	17	77	448	21	21.3	27.3%
25 HARTVILLE	RESIDENT	39	238	0	29	153	1	67	391	1	391	1.5%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	39	238	0	29	153	2	67	391	2	195.5	3.0%
26 GREYS RIVER	RESIDENT	48	552	6	39	324	7	86	876	13	67.4	15.1%
	NONRESIDENT	28	151	7	7	21	4	35	172	11	15.6	31.4%
	TOTAL	76	703	13	46	345	11	121	1,048	24	43.7	19.8%
27 CASPER MOUNTAIN	RESIDENT	48	219	2	48	210	3	96	429	5	85.8	5.2%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	14	49	1	14	49	1	49	7.1%
	TOTAL	48	219	2	62	259	4	110	478	6	79.7	5.5%
28 CROWHEART BUTTE	RESIDENT	20	86	0	29	105	2	48	191	2	95.5	4.2%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	20	86	0	29	105	4	48	191	4	47.8	8.3%
29 HOBACK	RESIDENT	0	0	2	29	504	3	29	504	5	100.8	17.2%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	0	0	3	29	504	4	29	504	7	72	24.1%
30 NEWCASTLE	RESIDENT	39	514	0	10	191	5	48	705	5	141	10.4%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%
	TOTAL	39	514	0	10	191	5	48	705	5	141	10.4%
31 ELK MOUNTAIN	RESIDENT	39	618	4	10	48	4	48	666	8	83.2	16.7%
	NONRESIDENT	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.0%
	TOTAL	39	618	7	10	48	4	48	666	11	60.5	22.9%
32 HULETT	RESIDENT	39	362	5	20	39	2	58	401	7	57.3	12.1%
	NONRESIDENT	14	289	2	28	165	5	42	454	7	64.9	16.7%
	TOTAL	53	651	7	48	204	7	100	855	14	61.1	14.0%

¹ Sep. 1 - Dec 31, 2024

² Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025

Note: There were 23 cases where one or more harvested mountain lions were registered with WGFD staff corresponding to a hunt area - residency - season combination where no survey respondents reported hunting:

- HA 4 - Nonresident Spring and Nonresident Annual
- HA 7 - Nonresident Spring
- HA 10 - Nonresident Spring and Nonresident Annual
- HA 11 - Nonresident Fall, Nonresident Spring, and Nonresident Annual
- HA 18 - Nonresident Fall and Nonresident Annual
- HA 19 - Nonresident Spring
- HA 24 - Nonresident Fall, Nonresident Spring, and Nonresident Annual
- HA 25 - Nonresident Spring and Nonresident Annual
- HA 28 - Nonresident Spring and Nonresident Annual
- HA 29 - Nonresident Fall, Nonresident Spring, and Nonresident Annual
- HA 30 - Nonresident Fall and Nonresident Annual

TABLE I-MU
MOUNTAIN LION
HARVEST, HUNTING, PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCESS
BY MANAGEMENT UNIT
2024-2025

MANAGEMENT UNIT	HUNT AREA	MORTALITY LIMIT	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/HARVEST	HUNTER SUCCESS
NORTH EAST	1	24	257	1,765	24	73.5	9.3%
	24	UNLIMITED	77	448	21	21.3	27.3%
	30	12	48	705	5	141	10.4%
	32	25	100	855	14	61.1	14.0%
	TOTAL	61	343	3,773	64	59	18.7%
SOUTH EAST	5	15	86	872	8	109	9.3%
	6	18	200	1,285	18	71.4	9.0%
	7	14	160	1,402	14	100.1	8.8%
	8	10	193	1,737	8	217.1	4.1%
	9	12	114	2,159	4	539.8	3.5%
	10	10	29	153	7	21.9	24.1%
	16	6	93	429	6	71.5	6.5%
	25	12	67	391	2	195.5	3.0%
	27	UNLIMITED	110	478	6	79.7	5.5%
	31	11	48	666	11	60.5	22.9%
	TOTAL	108	595	9,572	84	114	14.1%
SOUTH WEST	11	4	58	334	4	83.5	6.9%
	12	8	107	1,512	8	189	7.5%
	13	5	39	420	1	420	2.6%
	TOTAL	17	126	2,266	13	174.3	10.3%
NORTH CENTRAL	15	UNLIMITED	103	1,148	15	76.5	14.6%
	21	20	107	1,790	21	85.2	19.6%
	22	25	173	1,281	23	55.7	13.3%
	23	18	154	1,484	18	82.4	11.7%
	TOTAL	63	350	5,703	77	74.1	22.0%
WEST	2	3	0	0	0	NA	0.0%
	3	8	43	167	7	23.9	16.3%
	4	10	48	324	5	64.8	10.4%
	14	30	126	1,027	20	51.4	15.9%
	17	8	55	214	8	26.8	14.5%
	18	12	58	410	5	82	8.6%
	19	25	150	694	21	33	14.0%
	20	18	91	324	15	21.6	16.5%
	26	23	121	1,048	24	43.7	19.8%
	28	4	48	191	4	47.8	8.3%
	29	9	29	504	7	72	24.1%
	TOTAL	150	548	4,903	116	42.3	21.2%

TABLE III
MOUNTAIN LION
LICENSE DATA SUMMARY
STATEWIDE
2024-2025

RESIDENCY	UNIQUE LICENSE HOLDERS	NUMBER SURVEYED ^a	USABLE RESPONSES	RESPONSE RATE
RESIDENT	4,456	4,288	469	10.9%
NONRESIDENT	542	403	79	19.6%
TOTAL	4,998	4,691	548	11.7%

^a All unique license holders with a valid email addresses were surveyed