

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT



Agency Snapshot



Conserving Wildlife, Serving People

Wyoming Game and Fish Revenue

Nearly 85 percent of revenue comes from hunters, anglers and recreational shooters and boaters. This includes hunting and fishing licenses, conservation stamps and fees. It also includes revenue from federal taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle, boat fuel and other outdoor equipment. The total revenue for fiscal year 2025 was \$107 million.

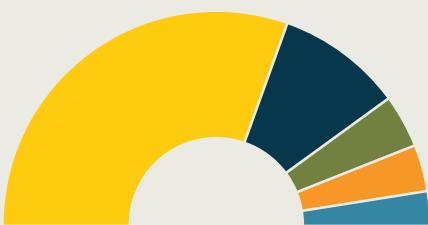
2024 annual resident/nonresident license revenue



Economic impact

Hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts have a significant economic impact on Wyoming. According to the most recent national report, hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers spend more than \$1 billion annually on travel and equipment in the state. Sportspeople play a vital role in wildlife and our state's economy. The total includes the estimated \$365 million spent by wildlife watchers on travel and retail and the \$33.8 million spent to purchase hunting, fishing and trapping licenses each year. (*Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Report*)

Game & Fish funding sources



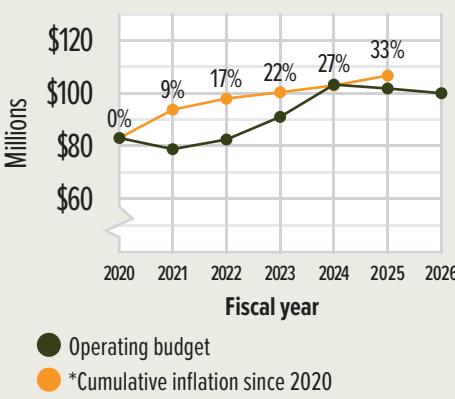
* Hunting & fishing licenses, conservation stamps, application fees

** Tax revenue on guns, ammo, and other hunting and fishing equipment

*** Income from investments & land, publication sales, Access Yes donations, boat registration, and other items

**** License recoupment is legislative reimbursement for the issuance of free and reduced priced licenses as defined in WY state statute

Game & Fish operating budget & inflation



Operating budget

*Cumulative inflation since 2020

* Inflation rates provided by the Wyoming Department of Administration and Information Economic Analysis Division's inflation tables.



Conserving wildlife

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department takes great pride in overseeing more than 800 species of wildlife and warmly welcomes all residents and visitors to explore our magnificent state. Since 1890, we have passionately prioritized conservation, management and research, reflecting our deep commitment to safeguarding our natural heritage. We truly understand our hunting and fishing traditions play a vital role in connecting people to the breathtaking wild spaces we hold

dear and call home. For more than 130 years, we have strategically invested in habitat and wildlife management, demonstrating our unwavering dedication to this cause. We remain vigilant in our mission, ensuring a vibrant future for generations to come. Whether you are a hunter, angler, trapper, recreational shooter, or wildlife enthusiast, we recognize our shared passion for the rich diversity of fish and wildlife that make Wyoming so extraordinary.



Serving people

The department recognizes people are our greatest allies in conservation. We encourage everyone — whether you are a wildlife viewer, hunter, angler, trapper, or simply exploring our state — to get outside and engage with nature. We want you to experience our outdoor culture and hunting heritage, helping to ensure that fish and wildlife

remain abundant for future generations. Game and Fish is dedicated to working with the public to enhance appreciation, access and information about Wyoming's fish and wildlife. We need your support in the field and at the legislature to continue our conservation efforts and to serve you effectively.



Access Yes!

The Access Yes program was established to address obstacles sportspersons face in finding places to hunt and fish. Game and Fish works with landowners to help provide access to hunting and fishing on private lands. Access Yes has opened more than 2.58 million acres, 94 stream miles and more than 3,964 lake acres for public access.



Habitat work

Quality habitat is a cornerstone of wildlife management. Investing in sound habitat builds a resilient landscape that allows wildlife to withstand the highs and lows of water availability and harsh winters. In 2025, Game and Fish treated more than 200,000 acres to prevent invasive annual grasses. And in 2024, created over 49 miles of connected streams for fish passage and completed hundreds of on-the-ground projects to maintain and improve aquatic and terrestrial habitats.



Education and outreach

Inspiring a conservation ethic among youth and adults remains a priority for the department. Educational programs in the classroom and beyond included Trout in the Classroom, the National Archery in Schools Program, Conservation Crates, and Hunter Education in Schools, which reached a combined 13,623 students across the state. An additional 37,755 people were reached statewide through Game and Fish outreach programs, events and other classroom-based

educational programs. An additional 3,608 students were certified through Wyoming's hunter education program. The Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp hosted nine different camp programs geared towards youth, women and families, where 272 people experienced hands-on conservation learning. Volunteers remain critical in supporting the agency's efforts, with 331 volunteers serving 12,825 hours towards supporting our mission.

Landowners and partners

Game and Fish relies heavily on the significant support and efforts from our partners and landowners to effectively manage Wyoming's fish and wildlife. The commitment of state legislators, our citizens and partner organizations is essential for achieving conservation success. Numerous landowners throughout the state actively participate in wildlife management and habitat improvement on their properties. Many of these dedicated individuals have enrolled more than 2.58 million acres, 94 stream miles and 3,964 lake acres in the Access Yes program across Wyoming.

However, there is still much work to be done. Game and Fish continues the tradition of collaborating with people and partners from all over the state to develop strategies that will conserve wildlife for future generations.



If you are interested in participating please scan this QR code for more information.

Invasives

Aquatic: In 2025, Wyoming faced an increased risk from aquatic invasive species as surrounding states continue to discover new infestations, but Wyoming still remains free of invasive mussels. Over the inspection season, staff inspected more than 76,000 boats to protect the state's waters from invasive aquatic plants and animals. Of those inspections, more than 8,000 were considered high-risk — the highest number since the AIS program was established in 2010 by the Wyoming Legislature. Keeping Wyoming waters clean and invasive-free is a significant undertaking that benefits all Wyoming residents and visiting anglers.



Terrestrial: Game and Fish and partners continue to focus efforts on Invasive Annual Grass (IAG) treatments statewide. In 2025 we put additional emphasis on assisting landowners and land managers with both pre and post fire treatment efforts which resulted in over 200,000 acres of treatments conducted statewide. This work ensures that wildlife have access to high quality habitats.

Wyoming Game and Fish Commission



The Commission, a seven-member board, oversees the department. The members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. Each member serves a single six-year term. Commissioners are appointed based on judicial districts and political party affiliation.

BY THE NUMBERS

Over 800
species managed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department

309,024
individuals purchased at least one hunting or fishing license in 2025

3.14 million
acres of public access areas providing high quality hunting and fishing opportunity

48
Game and Fish managed Wildlife Habitat Management Areas

7.63 million
fish stocked in 2025

35,731
pheasants stocked in 2025

60,000+
customer service calls answered

222
habitat projects executed in 2024*

200k +
acres of habitat treated for invasives

116
stream miles were worked on and improved in 2024*

550+
stream and lake fish populations surveyed in 2025

76,067
aquatic invasive species inspections

64
watercraft with mussels found at AIS check stations.
The state remains free of invasive mussels

30,026
samples analyzed by the forensics lab, 25,253 by the fish health lab and 4,215 teeth processed by the tooth aging section in 2024*

5,159
animals tested for chronic wasting disease in 2025

400
full-time employees

1 million+
people visited the new Game and Fish website

9.8 million
people were reached by Game and Fish social media accounts in 2025

37,755
people were reached at 345 education and outreach programs in 2025

3,608
students completed their hunter-education certification

21
state, national and international awards were won by *Wyoming Wildlife* magazine in 2025