



**HUNTER EDUCATION RULE
19.36.3 NMAC**



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Identifying the Barriers

HUNTING

- Competing Interests
- Lack of Opportunity
- Lack of Mentors
- Hunter Ed Requirements
- Lack of Exposure
- Lack of Hunting Success
- Lack of Family Incentives
- Urbanization
- Schools No Longer Teach Conservation
- Negative firearms Attitudes
- Regulation Complexity
- Lack Skills-Based Training
- Cost to Participate

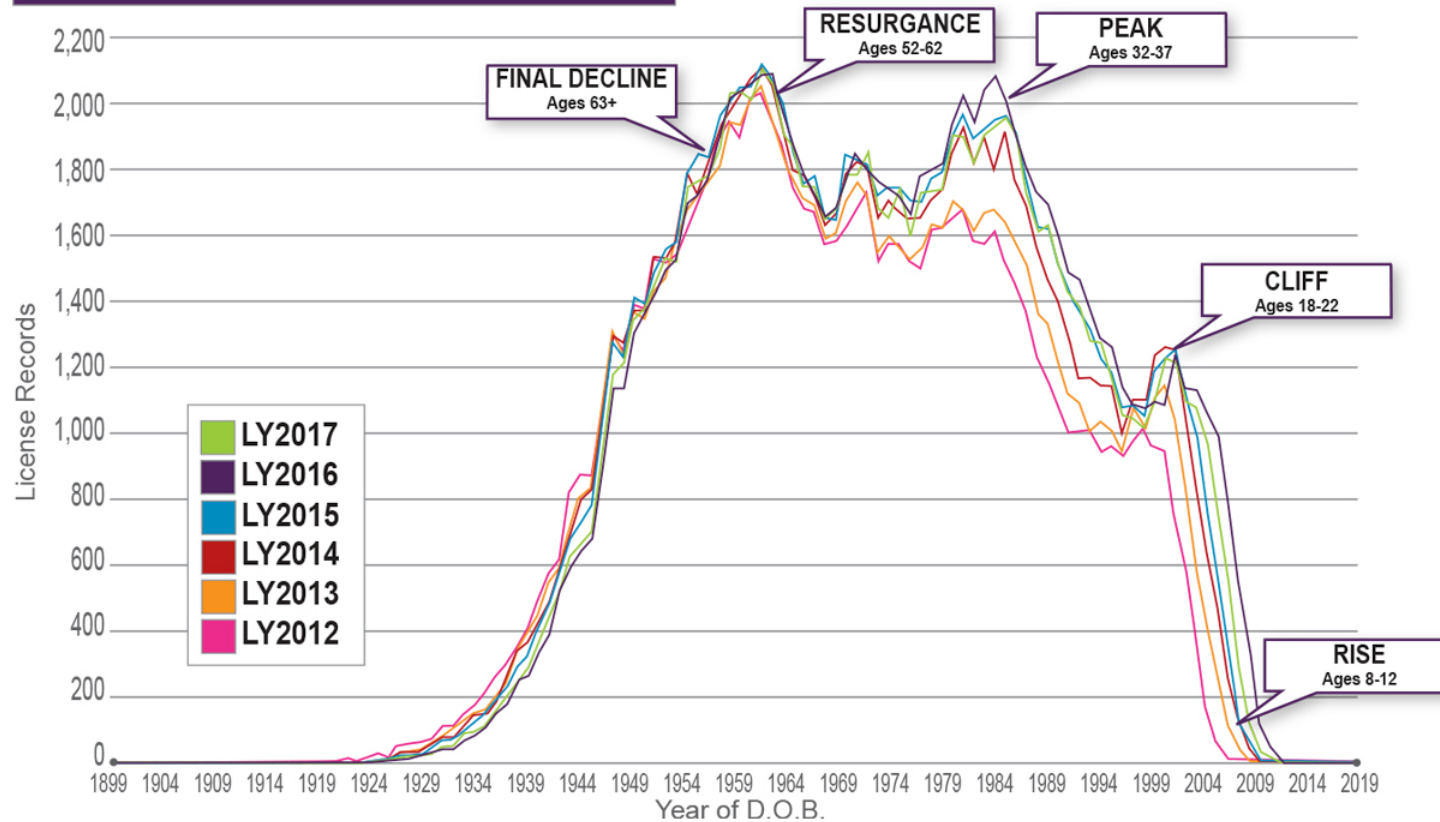
FISHING

- Not Enough Time
- Health/Age
- Takes Time Away From Family
- Other Interests
- Cost of License
- Work/School Obligations
- Costs Associated with Boating
- Cost of Equipment
- No One to Fish With
- Access to Fishing Areas
- License Requirements & Regulations
- Don't Catch Enough Fish

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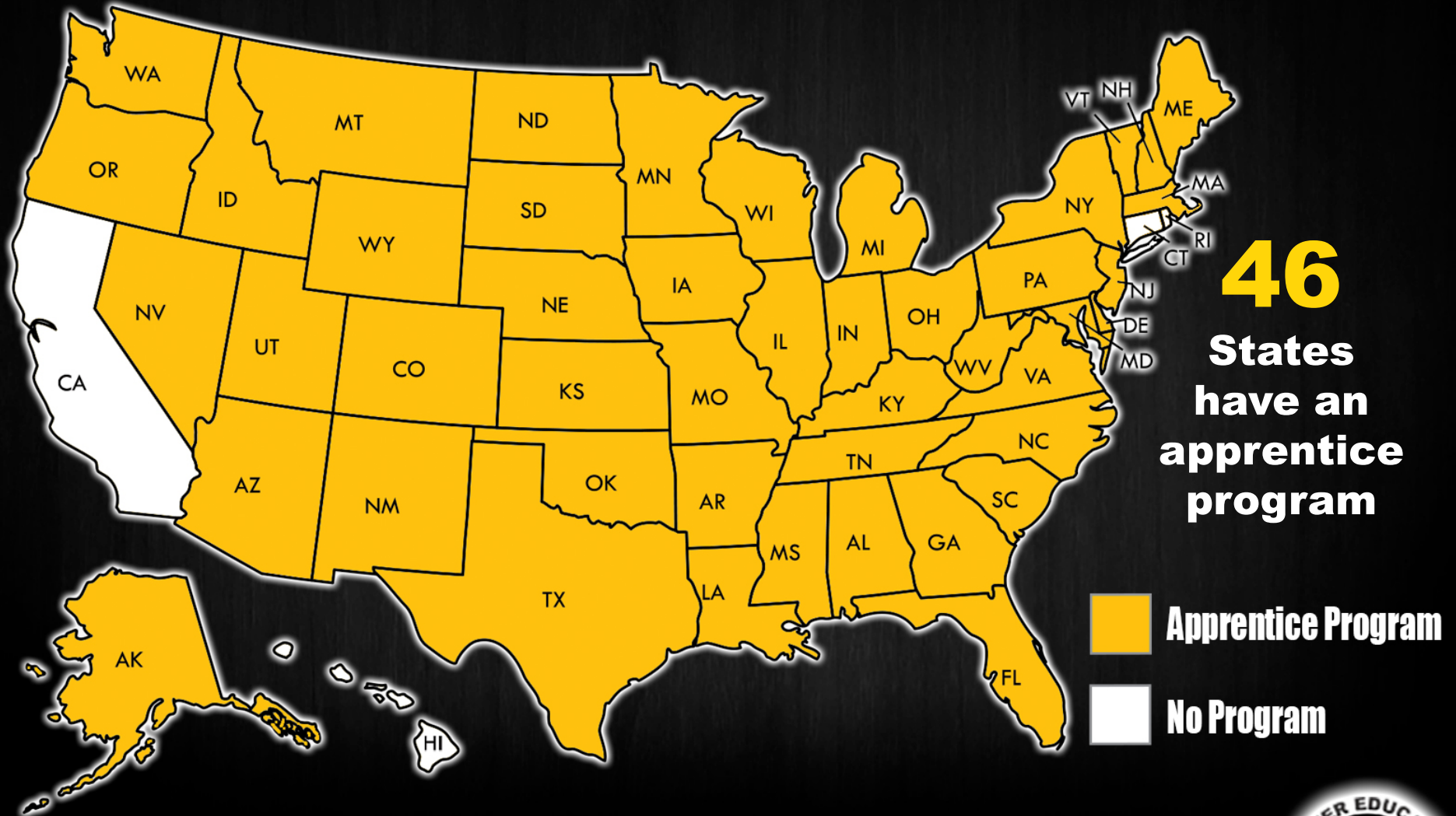
2012-2017 Customer License Trends



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Apprentice Programs in America



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Department's Education Programs



Hunter Education

- Traditional Course
- Live Fire
- Online Hunter Education
- **Mentored-Youth**
- Afterschool Program
- Virtual Hunter Education



Aquatic Education

- Basic and Advance Fishing Skills Training
- Trout in the Classroom
- Native Trout Releases
- Watershed Watch
- Water Quality Monitoring



Archery Education

- Bowhunter Education
- National Archery in Schools Program (NASP)
- Scholastic 3-D Archery (S3DA)



Wildlife Conservation

- In-School Presentations
- Classroom Curriculum
- Wildlife Trunks
- BioBlitz



Responsible Hunter

- Youth Shooting Sports
- New Mexico Youth Hunter Education Challenge (NMYEC)
- Live Fire Training
- Shooting Range Development



OHV Program

- OHV Safety Training
- Law Enforcement Training
- Safety Sam

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How The Program Works

STEP-BY-STEP

1

Obtain your CIN, free from the Department at <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us>.

2

Obtain the free study guide at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/newmexico/studyGuide/20103303>.

3

Take the New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter Quiz at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/mentored-youth-program>.

Mentored-Youth Hunter

- **Study Guide:** firearms, ammunition, hunter safety, shooting fundamentals, survival, wildlife identification, game care, laws and regulations
- Must pass test with a **minimum score of 80%**
- Temporary number is only valid for **two-consecutive license years**
- **Allowable species:** deer, turkey, javelina and small-game

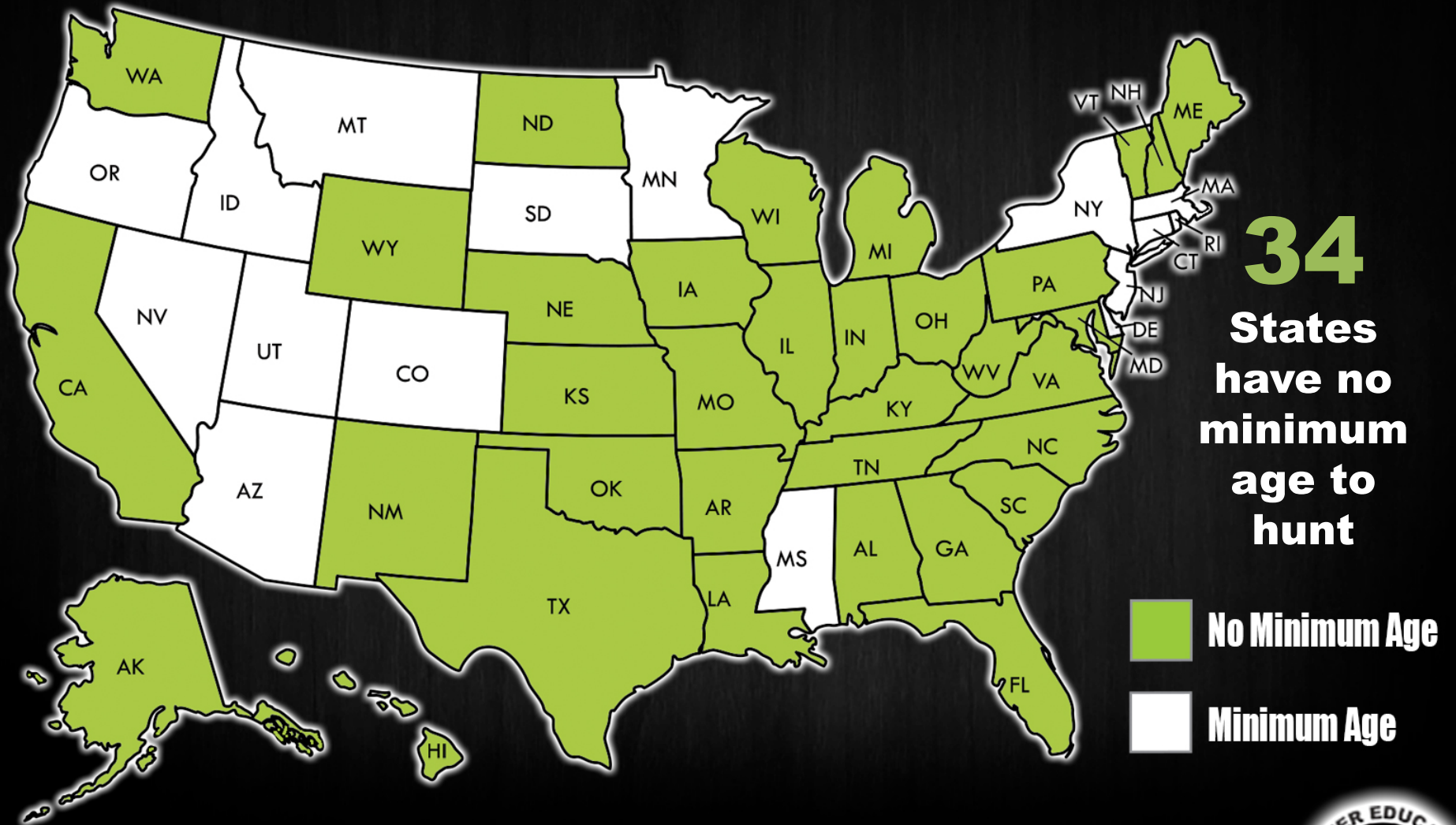
Mentors

- Must be **18 years of age or older** and possess a **valid hunting license**
- Must be in **unaided sight and audible distance** from one another

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States With No Minimum Age to Hunt



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TOP 10 SAFEST ACTIVITIES

	Activity	% Serious Injuries Per 100 Participants
1.	Billiards/Pool	0.02%
2.	Hunting with Firearms	0.03%
3.	Bowling	0.05%
4.	Archery (Target)	0.05%
5.	Water Skiing	0.10%
6.	Exercise with Equipment	0.12%
7.	Tennis	0.16%
8.	Mountain Biking (Off-Road)	0.16%
9.	Fishing	0.18%
10.	Golf	0.22%

TOP 10 LEAST SAFE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	% Serious Injuries Per 100 Participants
1.	Football (Tackle)	4.01%
2.	Basketball	1.75%
3.	Skateboarding	1.51%
4.	Soccer	1.44%
5.	Wrestling	1.13%
6.	Bicycle Riding	1.12%
7.	Cheerleading	0.83%
8.	In-Line Rollerskating	0.83%
9.	Baseball	0.82%
10.	Softball	0.72%

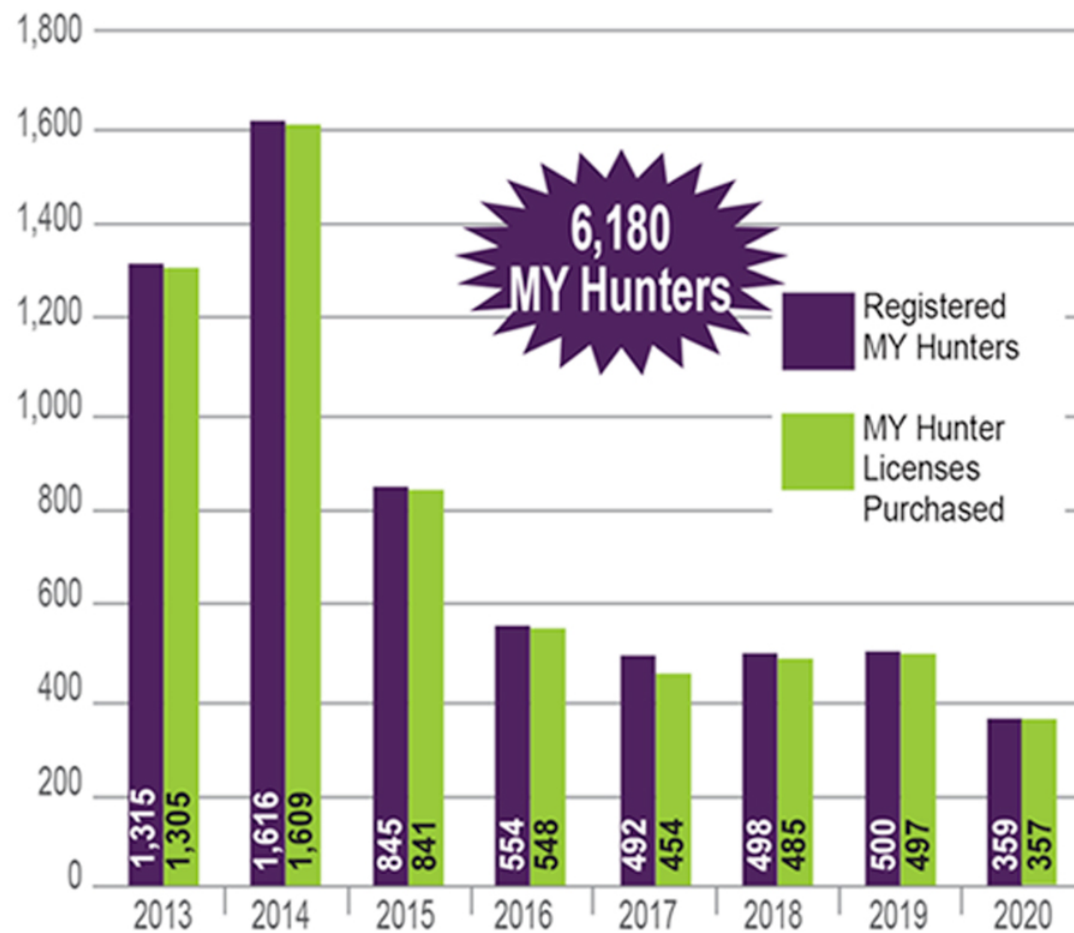
**HUNTING
WITH A
FIREARM
SECOND
IN SAFETY
FOR ALL
AGES**

Source: National Sporting Goods Association, Consumer Products Safety Commission, National Electronic Injury Surveillance System and the International Hunter Education Association

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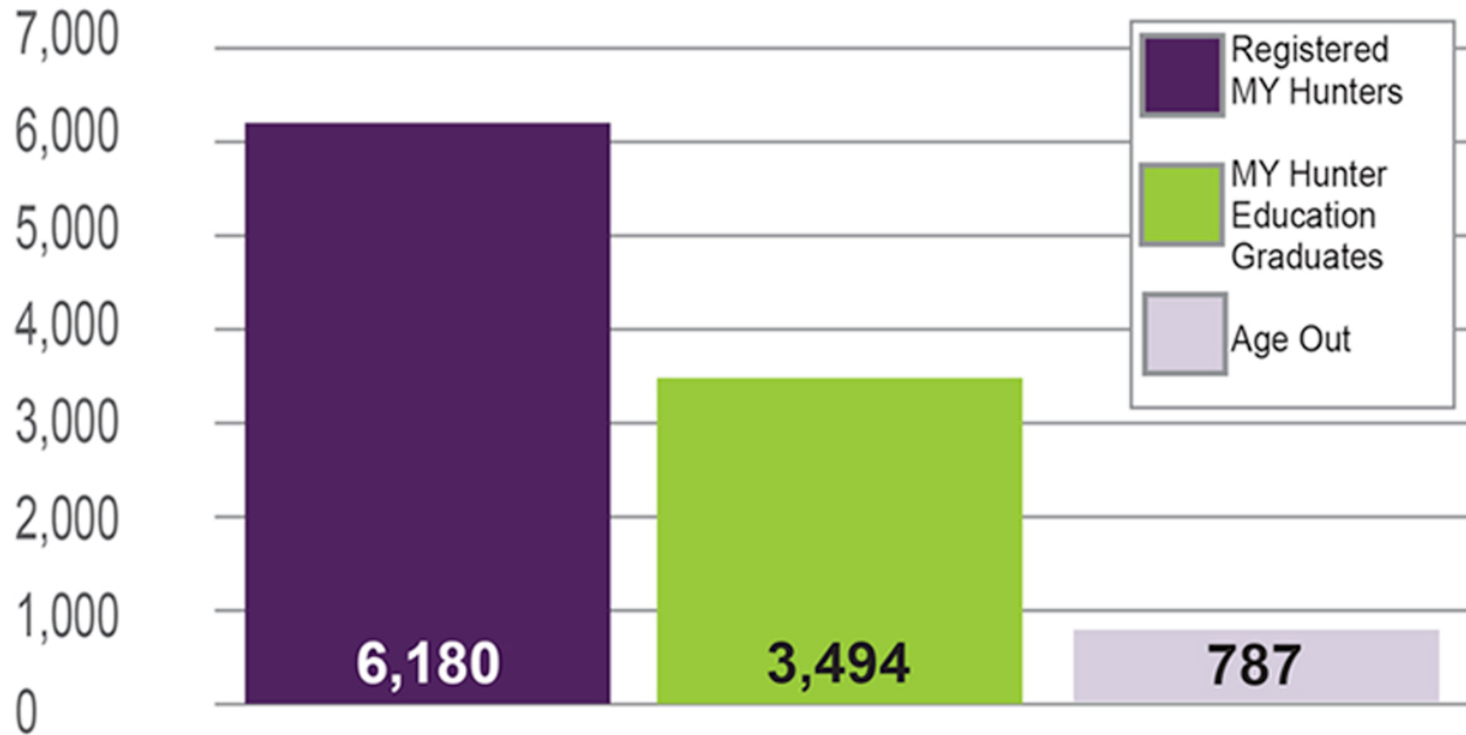
Participation By Year



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Program Completion

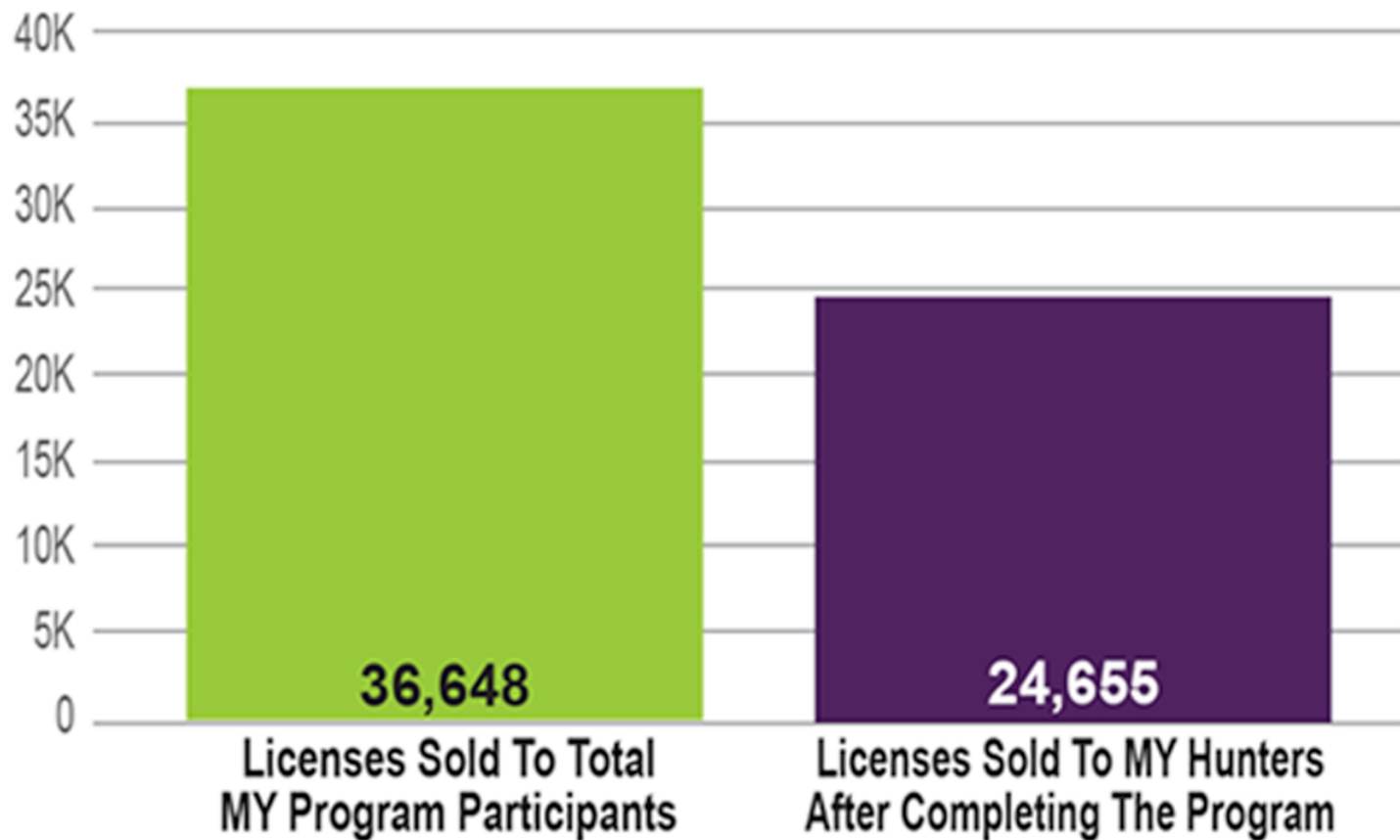


13% or 787 youth ages 16 or older participated in the Mentored-Youth Hunting Program and aged out of the Hunter Education requirement.

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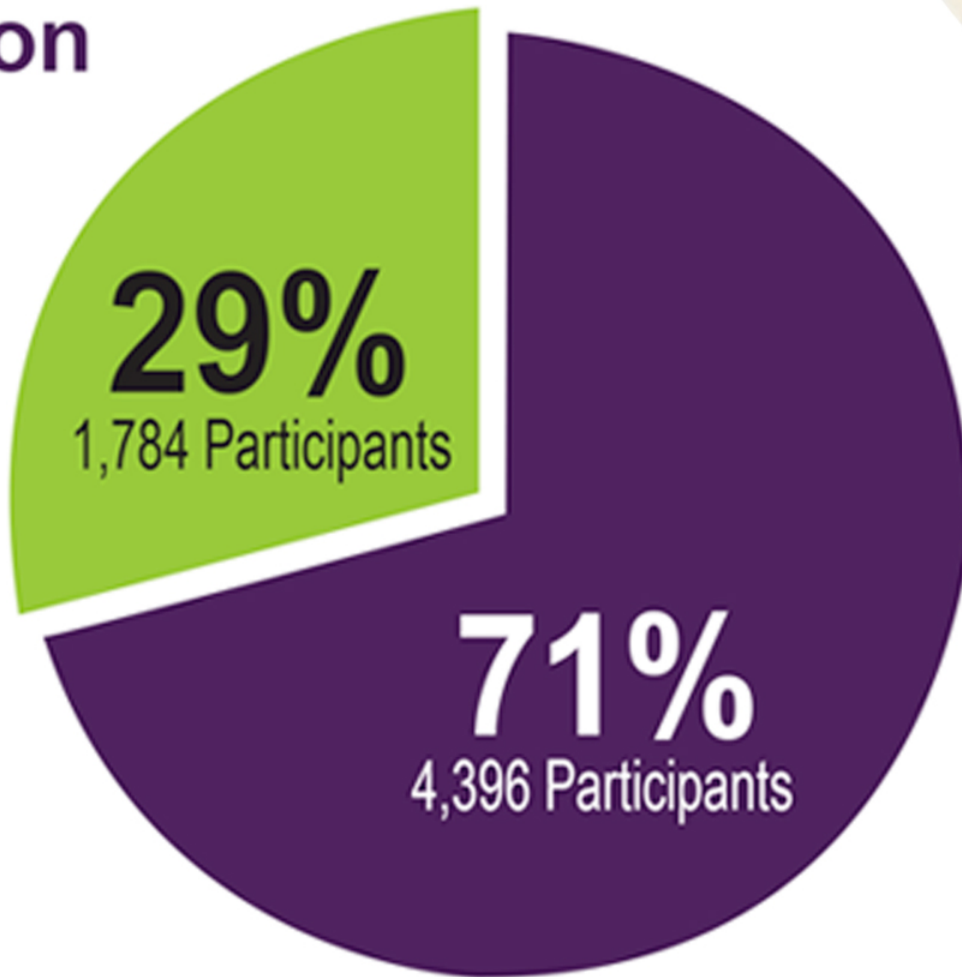
Licenses Sold To Mentored-Youth



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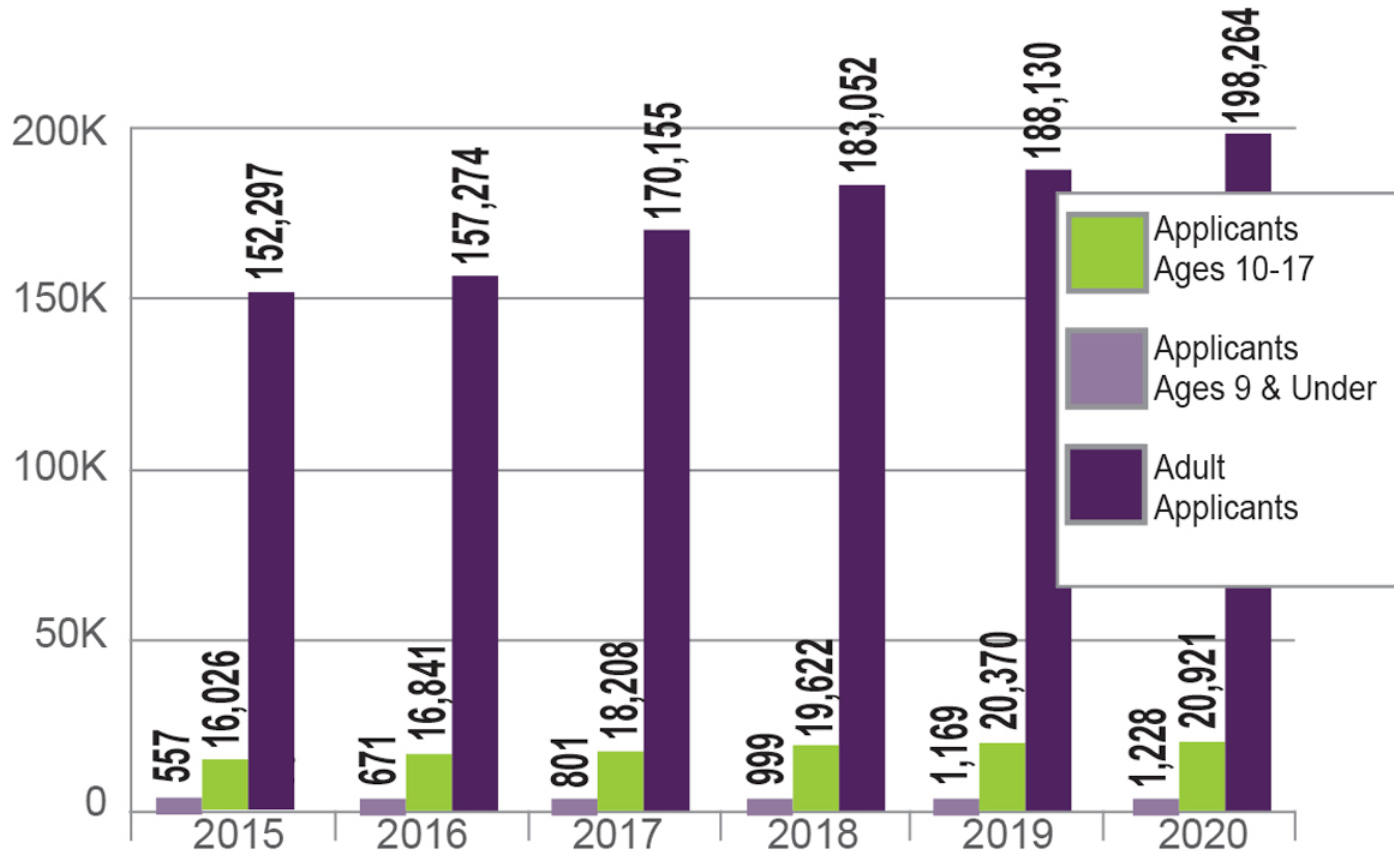
Participation By Gender



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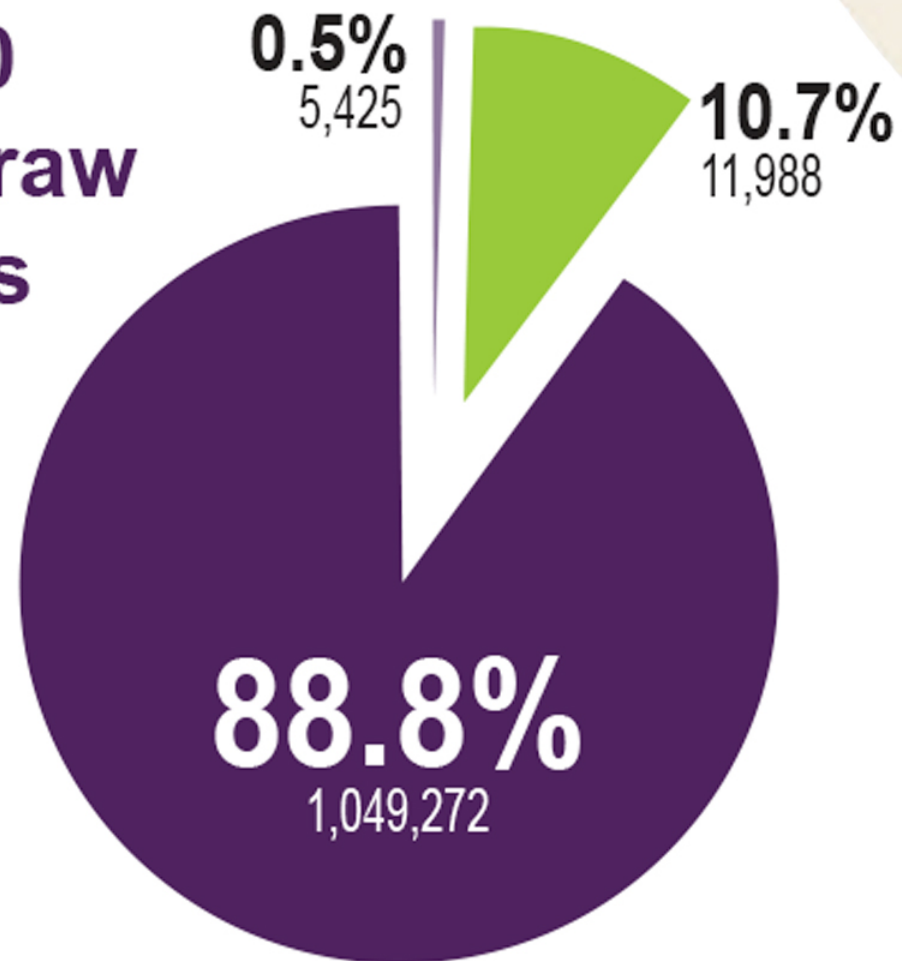
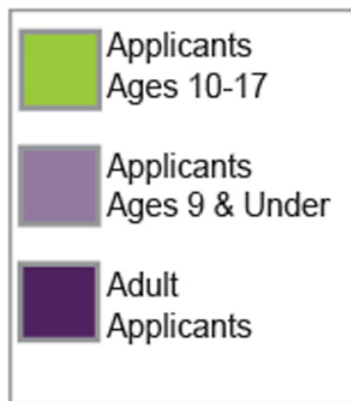
2015-2020 Big-Game Draw Applicants



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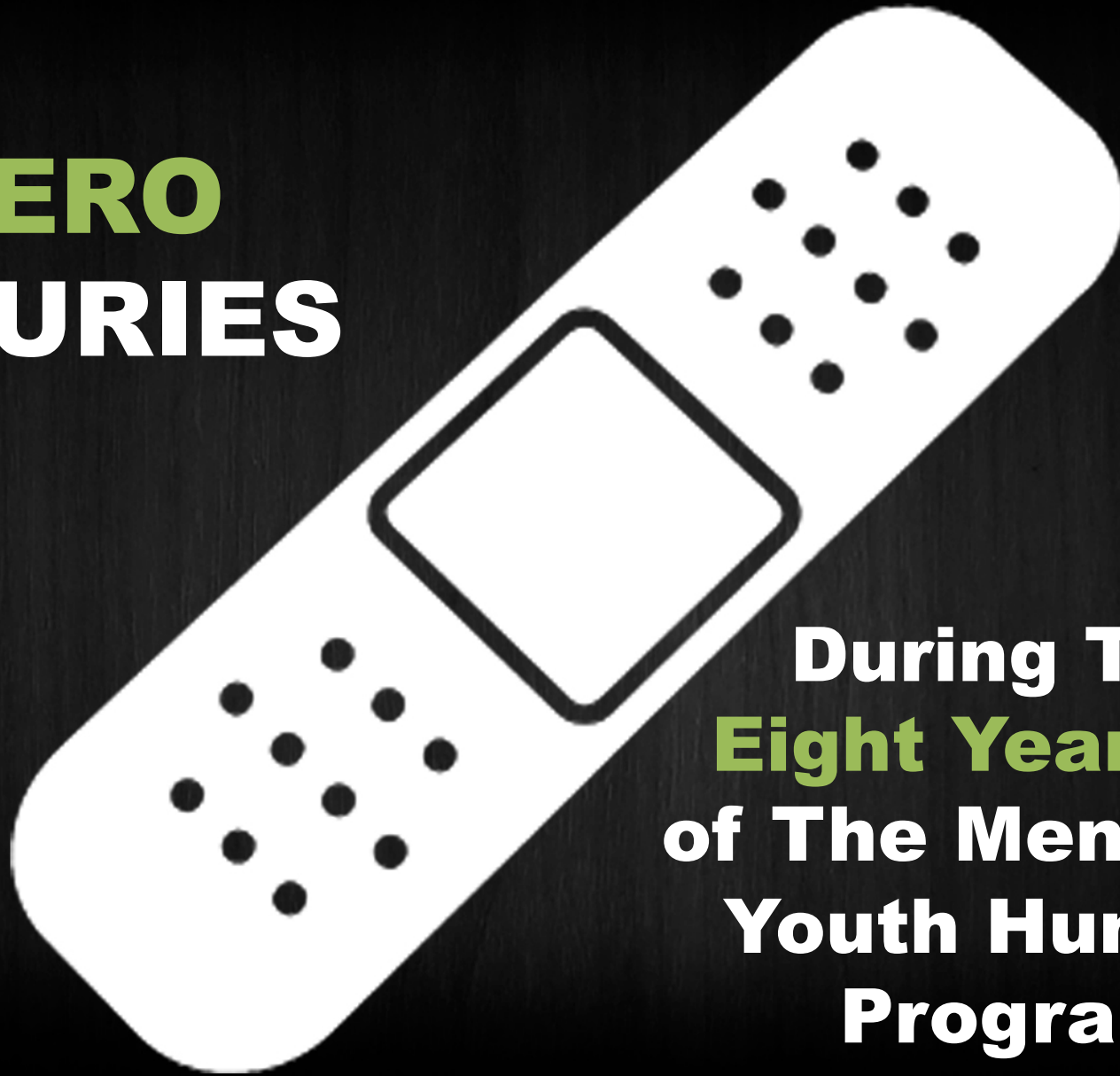
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ZERO
INJURIES



During The
Eight Year Run
of The Mentored-
Youth Hunting
Program

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Proposed Changes to 19.36.3 NMAC

19.36.3.9 TYPES OF COURSES:

A. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years who satisfies the requirements of either of the following training courses shall be issued a certificate following successful completion of a hunter training course:

(1) completion of a hunter training course comprised of class work and firearms proficiency training and testing; or

(2) completion of an abbreviated hunter training course comprised of written lessons and testing and current registration in the department's mentored-youth program.

B. Registration in the department's mentored-youth program is limited to first-time youth hunters, **10 8** to 17 years of age, for a period of two consecutive license years and a person shall only register in the program once. Any mentored-youth hunter that is currently registered with the Department as of November 13, 2014 shall remain **elidible eligible** to hunt the species listed in Subsection D. of 19.36.3.9 NMAC for the remaining two consecutive license year cycle.

C. Mentored-youth program hunters shall hunt with a firearm only after successful completion of the written lesson and testing portion of the course and while supervised by a licensed parent, guardian or another licensed adult with consent of the parent or guardian who is within unaided voice and sight distance.

D. Mentored-youth program hunters shall be limited to **hunitng hunting** small-game, turkey, deer, **pronghorn antelope** and javelina for the license year beginning April 1, 2015 and continuing thereafter. [19.36.3.9 NMAC - N, 1/1/2013; A, 12/30/2014]

1. Allow first-time youth hunters, **8 years of age and older**, to participate in the program
2. Add **pronghorn antelope** to list of allowable species
3. Correct misspellings



