



## **2024 New Mexico Turkey Harvest Results**

In 2024, 15,342 turkey licenses were sold. This number was down 4% from 15,969 licenses in 2023. Reporting is mandatory for turkey hunters, and 11,969 license holders filed a report, yielding a return rate of 78%. Eighty-two percent of reporting license holders said they went hunting. The average harvest success rate for hunters across the year was 22%. A total of 2,629 turkeys were reported harvested in 2024.

Table 1. New Mexico turkey hunting license sales and reported harvests

| <i><b>Year</b></i> | <i><b>Spring Licenses Sold</b></i> | <i><b>Reported Spring Harvest</b></i> | <i><b>Fall Licenses Sold</b></i> | <i><b>Reported Fall Harvest</b></i> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2013               | 9,284                              | 1,459                                 | 2,989                            | 258                                 |
| 2014               | 8,916                              | 1,960                                 | 3,336                            | 555                                 |
| 2015               | 9,462                              | 2,155                                 | 3,790                            | 556                                 |
| 2016               | 10,159                             | 2,339                                 | 3,842                            | 427                                 |
| 2017               | 10,507                             | 2,611                                 | 4,490                            | 848                                 |
| 2018               | 13,361                             | 2,541                                 | 4,335                            | 383                                 |
| 2019               | 10,789                             | 2,220                                 | 4,194                            | 654                                 |
| 2020               | 12,717                             | 2,125                                 | 5,780                            | 701                                 |
| 2021               | 13,421                             | 2,422                                 | 4,946                            | 512                                 |
| 2022               | 10,496                             | 1,839                                 | 4,237                            | 460                                 |
| 2023               | 10,844                             | 2,019                                 | 5,125                            | 843                                 |
| 2024               | 10,933                             | 2,232                                 | 4,409                            | 397                                 |

### **Spring**

There were 10,933 spring turkey licenses sold in 2024. Of the license holders, 8,266 filed a harvest report for a return rate of 75.6%. Eighty-nine percent of reporting license holders said that they went hunting (7,392). The average number of days spent afield per hunter was 3.8 days, though the greatest number of hunters spent 2 days afield. Hunters reported harvesting 2,232 turkeys in the spring season, with 1,772 as first turkeys and 460 as second turkeys. The success rate on first bird harvest was 24.0%. Of the spring hunters who harvested a first turkey, 26.0% were successful at harvesting a second turkey. For this report, age was classified by beard

length, and a male with a beard longer than 4 inches was considered an adult (older than two years). The proportion of adult males harvested was 82.7%. Thirteen hens were harvested. Harvest information reported for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

We can estimate total number of hunters and total harvest by using information from license holders who submit harvest reports, and extrapolating proportion of license holders who hunted and harvest success of reporting hunters to the non-reporting license holders. The estimated number of spring hunters was 9,777. The estimated spring turkeys harvested was 3,037, with estimated first and second harvests of 2,411 and 626, respectively.

Table 2. New Mexico spring turkey hunting statistics broken down by GMU

| <i><b>GMU</b></i> | <i><b>Hunters</b></i> | <i><b>Days<br/>Hunted</b></i> | <i><b>Harvest</b></i> | <i><b>First<br/>Harvest</b></i> | <i><b>Success<br/>on First<br/>Turkey</b></i> | <i><b>Second<br/>Turkey</b></i> | <i><b>% of<br/>Beards<br/>&gt;4"</b></i> | <i><b>Hunter<br/>Rating</b></i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1*</b>         | 17                    | 72                            | 1                     | 1                               | 6%                                            |                                 | 100%                                     | 3.7                             |
| <b>2</b>          | 260                   | 836                           | 125                   | 103                             | 40%                                           | 22                              | 80%                                      | 3.7                             |
| <b>3*</b>         | 4                     | 13                            |                       |                                 | 0%                                            |                                 |                                          | 2.8                             |
| <b>4</b>          | 115                   | 398                           | 47                    | 39                              | 34%                                           | 8                               | 83%                                      | 3.6                             |
| <b>5</b>          | 192                   | 683                           | 35                    | 31                              | 16%                                           | 4                               | 57%                                      | 3.2                             |
| <b>6</b>          | 668                   | 2,247                         | 100                   | 83                              | 12%                                           | 17                              | 82%                                      | 3.2                             |
| <b>7</b>          | 25                    | 102                           | 10                    | 7                               | 28%                                           | 3                               | 60%                                      | 3.7                             |
| <b>8**</b>        | 10                    | 42                            | 4                     | 3                               | 30%                                           | 1                               | 50%                                      | 4.4                             |
| <b>9</b>          | 156                   | 669                           | 33                    | 27                              | 17%                                           | 6                               | 76%                                      | 3.3                             |
| <b>10</b>         | 264                   | 1,135                         | 44                    | 35                              | 13%                                           | 9                               | 82%                                      | 3.2                             |
| <b>12</b>         | 18                    | 94                            |                       |                                 | 0%                                            |                                 |                                          | 3.6                             |
| <b>13</b>         | 59                    | 231                           | 12                    | 11                              | 19%                                           | 1                               | 75%                                      | 3.8                             |
| <b>14</b>         | 299                   | 1,070                         | 49                    | 44                              | 15%                                           | 5                               | 73%                                      | 3.2                             |
| <b>15</b>         | 368                   | 1,495                         | 105                   | 85                              | 23%                                           | 20                              | 78%                                      | 3.5                             |
| <b>16</b>         | 667                   | 2,548                         | 233                   | 183                             | 27%                                           | 50                              | 80%                                      | 3.9                             |
| <b>17</b>         | 121                   | 346                           | 39                    | 22                              | 18%                                           | 17                              | 67%                                      | 3.5                             |
| <b>18</b>         | 65                    | 287                           | 20                    | 17                              | 26%                                           | 3                               | 65%                                      | 3.5                             |
| <b>19**</b>       | 7                     | 31                            | 1                     | 1                               | 14%                                           |                                 | 0%                                       | 3.9                             |
| <b>20</b>         | 35                    | 84                            | 11                    | 10                              | 29%                                           | 1                               | 100%                                     | 3.5                             |
| <b>21</b>         | 100                   | 281                           | 22                    | 18                              | 18%                                           | 4                               | 57%                                      | 3.4                             |
| <b>22</b>         | 17                    | 57                            | 8                     | 6                               | 35%                                           | 2                               | 88%                                      | 3.7                             |
| <b>23</b>         | 177                   | 610                           | 68                    | 46                              | 26%                                           | 22                              | 81%                                      | 3.4                             |
| <b>24</b>         | 262                   | 1,044                         | 90                    | 72                              | 27%                                           | 18                              | 86%                                      | 3.4                             |
| <b>26**</b>       | 2                     | 7                             |                       |                                 | 0%                                            |                                 |                                          | 3.0                             |
| <b>27</b>         | 6                     | 13                            | 4                     | 4                               | 67%                                           |                                 | 100%                                     | 4.5                             |
| <b>28**</b>       | 2                     | 6                             |                       |                                 | 0%                                            |                                 |                                          | 5.0                             |
| <b>30**</b>       | 8                     | 23                            | 1                     | 1                               | 13%                                           |                                 | 0%                                       | 3.3                             |

|              |              |               |              |              |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>31**</b>  | 3            | 6             |              |              | 0%         |            |            | 3.7        |
| <b>32</b>    | 54           | 172           | 28           | 23           | 43%        | 5          | 71%        | 3.6        |
| <b>33</b>    | 2            | 4             |              |              | 0%         |            |            | 4.0        |
| <b>34</b>    | 1,138        | 4,038         | 340          | 272          | 24%        | 68         | 88%        | 3.4        |
| <b>35*</b>   | 4            | 14            | 3            | 2            | 50%        | 1          | 100%       | 4.3        |
| <b>36</b>    | 400          | 1,415         | 131          | 103          | 26%        | 28         | 89%        | 3.5        |
| <b>37</b>    | 150          | 453           | 51           | 40           | 27%        | 11         | 80%        | 3.6        |
| <b>38</b>    | 41           | 112           | 7            | 5            | 12%        | 2          | 86%        | 3.3        |
| <b>39</b>    | 46           | 109           | 22           | 19           | 41%        | 3          | 86%        | 3.8        |
| <b>40</b>    | 11           | 43            | 3            | 3            | 27%        |            | 100%       | 3.2        |
| <b>41</b>    | 10           | 28            | 3            | 3            | 30%        |            | 100%       | 3.3        |
| <b>42</b>    | 73           | 195           | 33           | 26           | 36%        | 7          | 70%        | 3.6        |
| <b>43</b>    | 55           | 217           | 13           | 12           | 22%        | 1          | 54%        | 3.3        |
| <b>44</b>    | 2            | 10            |              |              | 0%         |            |            | 5.0        |
| <b>45</b>    | 431          | 1,616         | 100          | 84           | 19%        | 16         | 89%        | 3.4        |
| <b>46</b>    | 75           | 340           | 36           | 32           | 43%        | 4          | 78%        | 3.6        |
| <b>47</b>    | 31           | 92            | 6            | 5            | 16%        | 1          | 100%       | 3.6        |
| <b>48</b>    | 63           | 228           | 23           | 18           | 29%        | 5          | 96%        | 3.8        |
| <b>49</b>    | 168          | 711           | 47           | 39           | 23%        | 8          | 89%        | 3.6        |
| <b>50</b>    | 3            | 9             |              |              | 0%         |            |            | 2.3        |
| <b>51</b>    | 240          | 830           | 68           | 53           | 22%        | 15         | 88%        | 3.7        |
| <b>52</b>    | 83           | 271           | 23           | 19           | 23%        | 4          | 83%        | 3.7        |
| <b>53</b>    | 73           | 326           | 17           | 15           | 21%        | 2          | 88%        | 3.7        |
| <b>54</b>    | 16           | 60            | 10           | 8            | 50%        | 2          | 100%       | 4.5        |
| <b>55</b>    | 166          | 443           | 128          | 85           | 51%        | 43         | 90%        | 4.6        |
| <b>56</b>    | 21           | 57            | 9            | 6            | 29%        | 3          | 100%       | 3.6        |
| <b>57</b>    | 58           | 162           | 37           | 27           | 47%        | 10         | 89%        | 3.7        |
| <b>58</b>    | 29           | 63            | 18           | 14           | 48%        | 4          | 89%        | 4.0        |
| <b>59</b>    | 15           | 33            | 13           | 9            | 60%        | 4          | 69%        | 3.8        |
| <b>UNK</b>   | 6            | 52            | 1            | 1            | 17%        |            |            | 3.0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>7,392</b> | <b>26,533</b> | <b>2,232</b> | <b>1,772</b> | <b>24%</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>83%</b> | <b>3.5</b> |

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### **Fall**

There were 4,409 fall turkey licenses sold in 2024. Of these license holders, 2,474 filed a harvest report for a return rate of 84.0%. Sixty-seven percent of reporting license holders (2,474) said that they went hunting. The average number of days spent afield per hunter was 3.8, with the largest number of hunters spending 2 days afield. Hunters reported harvesting 397 turkeys in the fall season, comprised of 217 hens and 180 toms. The success rate for fall harvest was 16.1%. Reported information for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

We can estimate total number of hunters and total harvest by using information from license holders who submit harvest reports, and extrapolating proportion of license holders who hunted and harvest success of reporting hunters to the non-reporting license holders. The estimated total number of fall hunters was 2,946. The estimated total of fall turkeys harvested was 473, with an estimated 258 hens and 214 toms.

Table 3. New Mexico fall turkey hunting statistics broken down by GMU

| GMU  | Hunters | Days Hunted | Harvest | Success Rates | Hunter Rating | Sex of Harvest |          | Harvest Month |     |
|------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----|
|      |         |             |         |               |               | Hens           | Gobblers | Sept          | Nov |
| 1*   | 8       | 22          | 1       | 13%           | 3.3           | 1              |          |               | 1   |
| 2    | 54      | 171         | 20      | 37%           | 3.5           | 5              | 15       | 2             | 18  |
| 3*   | 1       | 3           |         | 0%            | 4.0           |                |          |               |     |
| 4    | 13      | 54          |         | 0%            | 3.4           |                |          |               |     |
| 5    | 76      | 298         | 7       | 9%            | 3.0           | 5              | 2        | 1             | 5   |
| 6    | 286     | 943         | 36      | 13%           | 3.2           | 23             | 13       | 3             | 30  |
| 7    | 5       | 13          |         | 0%            | 4.4           |                |          |               |     |
| 8**  | 1       | 1           | 1       | 100%          | 4.0           | 1              |          |               | 1   |
| 9    | 67      | 306         | 14      | 21%           | 3.3           | 9              | 5        | 3             | 10  |
| 10   | 114     | 466         | 18      | 16%           | 3.2           | 7              | 11       | 4             | 13  |
| 12   | 10      | 37          |         | 0%            | 2.7           |                |          |               |     |
| 13   | 39      | 198         | 2       | 5%            | 2.9           |                | 2        |               | 2   |
| 14** | 18      | 63          |         | 0%            | 3.3           |                |          |               |     |
| 15   | 136     | 606         | 19      | 14%           | 3.2           | 9              | 10       | 4             | 15  |
| 16   | 316     | 1,343       | 60      | 19%           | 3.1           | 33             | 27       | 11            | 49  |
| 17   | 62      | 205         | 12      | 19%           | 3.1           | 8              | 4        | 1             | 11  |
| 18** | 7       | 14          | 1       | 14%           | 2.7           |                | 1        |               | 1   |
| 20   | 16      | 59          | 2       | 13%           | 2.9           | 1              | 1        |               | 2   |
| 21   | 39      | 138         | 3       | 8%            | 3.0           | 2              | 1        | 0             | 3   |
| 22   | 11      | 34          | 3       | 27%           | 3.3           | 1              | 2        | 1             | 2   |
| 23   | 80      | 302         | 13      | 16%           | 3.5           | 6              | 7        | 2             | 11  |
| 24   | 99      | 314         | 21      | 21%           | 3.3           | 7              | 14       | 1             | 20  |

|              |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>27**</b>  | 3            | 6            | 1          | 33%        | 2.7        | 1          |            |           | 1          |
| <b>29</b>    | 1            | 5            |            | 0%         | 5.0        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>30**</b>  | 2            | 4            |            | 0%         | 3.5        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>31**</b>  | 1            | 2            |            | 0%         | 1.0        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>32</b>    | 10           | 17           | 2          | 20%        | 3.4        |            | 2          |           | 2          |
| <b>33**</b>  | 1            | 1            |            | 0%         | 2.0        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>34</b>    | 409          | 1,391        | 64         | 16%        | 3.4        | 44         | 20         | 1         | 58         |
| <b>35*</b>   | 1            | 2            |            | 0%         | 2.0        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>36</b>    | 97           | 341          | 11         | 11%        | 3.1        | 6          | 5          |           | 10         |
| <b>37</b>    | 51           | 255          | 1          | 2%         | 2.9        | 1          |            |           |            |
| <b>38**</b>  | 3            | 7            | 1          | 33%        | 4.3        |            | 1          |           | 1          |
| <b>39</b>    | 10           | 18           | 6          | 60%        | 3.7        | 3          | 3          |           | 5          |
| <b>40</b>    | 1            | 2            | 1          | 100%       | 4.0        | 1          |            |           | 1          |
| <b>41</b>    | 2            | 2            | 2          | 100%       | 4.0        |            | 2          |           | 2          |
| <b>42</b>    | 9            | 36           | 6          | 67%        | 3.7        | 2          | 4          | 1         | 5          |
| <b>43</b>    | 20           | 82           | 2          | 10%        | 3.1        |            | 2          |           | 2          |
| <b>44</b>    | 1            | 1            |            | 0%         | 5.0        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>45</b>    | 131          | 579          | 14         | 11%        | 3.1        | 8          | 6          | 2         | 11         |
| <b>46</b>    | 8            | 26           | 1          | 13%        | 3.3        | 1          |            |           | 1          |
| <b>47</b>    | 4            | 11           |            | 0%         | 3.5        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>48</b>    | 22           | 95           | 6          | 27%        | 3.6        | 5          | 1          | 2         | 4          |
| <b>49**</b>  | 12           | 41           | 2          | 17%        | 3.8        | 1          | 1          |           | 2          |
| <b>50**</b>  | 4            | 17           |            | 0%         | 2.5        |            |            |           |            |
| <b>51</b>    | 120          | 424          | 29         | 24%        | 3.4        | 16         | 13         | 1         | 28         |
| <b>52</b>    | 64           | 331          | 4          | 6%         | 3.1        | 4          |            | 2         | 1          |
| <b>53**</b>  | 4            | 9            | 2          | 50%        | 4.8        | 1          | 1          | 1         | 1          |
| <b>54</b>    | 2            | 6            | 1          | 50%        | 4.0        |            | 1          |           | 1          |
| <b>55</b>    | 9            | 52           | 2          | 22%        | 3.6        | 1          | 1          | 0         | 2          |
| <b>56</b>    | 3            | 3            | 3          | 100%       | 5          | 2          | 1          | 1         | 2          |
| <b>57</b>    | 7            | 39           | 1          | 14%        | 3          |            | 1          |           | 1          |
| <b>59</b>    | 4            | 8            | 2          | 50%        | 4.3        | 2          |            |           | 2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,474</b> | <b>9,403</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>16%</b> | <b>3.2</b> | <b>217</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>337</b> |

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