



2025 New Mexico Turkey Harvest Results

In 2025, 15,318 turkey licenses were sold. This number was similar to license sales in 2024 (15,342). Reporting is mandatory for turkey hunters, and 12,464 license holders filed a report, yielding a return rate of 81.4%. Seventy-six percent of reporting license holders said they went hunting. The average harvest success rate for hunters across the year was 25%.

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

<i>Year</i>	<i>Spring Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Estimated Spring Harvest</i>	<i>Fall Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Estimated Fall Harvest</i>
2013	9,284	1,894	2,989	335
2014	8,916	2,395	3,336	675
2015	9,462	2,607	3,790	680
2016	10,159	3,036	3,842	536
2017	10,507	3,281	4,490	1030
2018	13,361	4,007	4,335	508
2019	10,789	2,960	4,194	824
2020	12,717	2,600	5,780	837
2021	13,421	3,201	4,946	661
2022	10,496	2,462	4,237	544
2023	10,844	2,769	5,125	983
2024	10,933	3,037	4,409	473
2025	10,616	3,640	4,702	593

Spring

There were 10,616 spring turkey licenses sold in 2025. Of the license holders, 8,481 filed a harvest report for a return rate of 79.9%. Eighty 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 2,658 turkeys in the spring season, with 2,085 as first turkeys and 573 as second turkeys. The success rate on first bird harvest was 30.9%. Of the spring hunters who harvested a first turkey, 27.5%

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 86.5%. Seventeen hens were harvested. Harvest information reported for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

We can estimate the total number of hunters and total harvest by using information from license holders who submitted harvest reports and extrapolating the proportion of license holders who hunted and the harvest success of reporting hunters to the non-reporting license holders. The estimated number of spring hunters was 8,537. The estimated number of spring turkeys harvested was 3,640, with estimated first and second harvests of 2,831 and 809, respectively.

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

<i>GMU</i>	<i>Hunters</i>	<i>Days Hunted</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>First Harvest</i>	<i>Success on First Turkey</i>	<i>Second Turkey</i>	<i>% of Beards >4"</i>	<i>Hunter Rating</i>
1*	15	35			0%			3
2	300	962	148	121	40%	27	99%	3.8
3*	8	27	3	2	25%	1	67%	3.3
4	147	424	75	57	39%	18	83%	3.9
5	194	599	43	36	19%	7	100%	3.4
6	725	2,498	120	104	14%	16	100%	3.4
7	32	109	8	7	22%	1	88%	4.2
8**	12	69	1	1	8%		0%	4.0
9	213	812	58	53	25%	5	78%	3.6
10	335	1,521	62	51	15%	11	85%	3.4
11	2	4	1	1	50%		0%	4.0
12	25	96	6	5	20%	1	100%	3.4
13	76	240	21	15	20%	6	90%	3.6
14	334	1,173	66	49	15%	17	80%	3.2
15	420	1,714	155	119	28%	36	86%	3.5
16	700	2,467	304	224	32%	80	99%	3.6
17	102	308	45	36	35%	9	87%	3.3
18	55	271	17	15	27%	2	76%	3.3
20	26	73	8	8	31%		88%	3.0
21	84	274	31	23	27%	8	97%	3.4
22	29	108	16	12	41%	4	81%	3.6
23	181	722	78	57	32%	21	90%	3.5
24	257	945	77	66	26%	11	88%	3.5
25**	7	23	1	1	14%		0%	3.3
26**	3	13	1	1	33%		100%	3.7

27	6	16	5	5	83%		100%	4.3
30**	4	7			0%			3.5
31**	3	6			0%			3.0
32	41	133	15	12	29%	3	93%	3.6
33	1	1			0%			5.0
34	1031	3,776	282	233	23%	49	91%	3.8
35*	14	44	5	4	29%	1	100%	3.8
36	335	1,102	135	105	31%	30	87%	3.5
37	135	481	60	46	34%	14	92%	3.6
38	35	107	11	9	26%	2	91%	3.4
39	34	78	22	13	38%	9	82%	4.1
40	12	26	8	8	67%		88%	3.8
41	11	19	5	3	27%	2	80%	4.5
42	64	150	44	35	55%	9	68%	4.0
43	65	219	15	14	22%	1	93%	3.7
45	486	1,880	142	112	23%	30	82%	3.6
46	94	348	59	46	49%	13	83%	4.0
47	31	70	18	12	39%	6	100%	3.9
48	58	189	24	22	38%	2	71%	3.9
49	204	782	85	64	31%	21	89%	3.7
50	5	27			0%			3.2
51	329	1,130	97	75	23%	22	98%	3.6
52	87	291	28	21	24%	7	82%	3.5
53	57	244	20	19	33%	1	80%	3.7
54	25	44	18	11	44%	7	89%	4.2
55	150	318	128	86	57%	42	100%	4.6
56	23	60	17	12	52%	5	82%	4.2
57	54	195	24	18	33%	6	92%	3.7
58	40	83	30	22	55%	8	93%	4.3
59	18	43	13	11	61%	2	100%	4.4
UNK	11	56	3	3	27%		100%	3.7
TOTAL	7,745	27,412	2,658	2,085	30.9%	573	86%	3.6

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Fall

There were 4,702 fall turkey licenses sold in 2025. Of these license holders, 3,983 filed a harvest report for a return rate of 84.7%. Sixty-seven percent of reporting license holders (2,673) said that they went hunting. The average number of days spent afield per hunter was 3.7, with the largest number of hunters spending 2 days afield. Hunters reported harvesting 500 turkeys in the fall season, comprised of 276 hens and 224 males. The success rate for fall harvest was 18.7%. Reported information for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

We can estimate the total number of hunters and total harvest by using information from license holders who submitted harvest reports and extrapolating the proportion of license holders who hunted and the harvest success of reporting hunters to the non-reporting license holders. The estimated total number of fall hunters was 3,156. The estimated total number of fall turkeys harvested was 593, with an estimated 327 hens and 266 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*	11	27	1	9%	2.9	1			1
2	69	184	30	44%	3.6	11	19	3	26
4	21	50	7	33%	4.0	3	4		6
5	103	381	18	18%	3.4	12	6	1	15
6	377	1,417	69	18%	3.3	40	29	6	62
7	6	17	2	33%	3.8	1	1		1
8**	2	6		0%	3.0				
9	87	354	9	10%	3.2	3	6	2	7
10	129	591	11	9%	3.3	7	4		11
11	1	4		0%	3.0				
12	8	24	2	25%	4.1	1	1		2
13	25	103	2	8%	3.2		2		2
14**	18	55	2	11%	3.5	1	1		2
15	150	673	11	7%	2.9	5	6	1	10
16	255	1,026	37	15%	3.2	14	23	3	32
17	50	153	5	10%	3.1	1	4		5
18**	5	15		0%	2.4				
19**	1	5		0%	4.0				
20	8	46		0%	2.5				
21	44	241	5	11%	3.3	2	3	0	5
22	11	29	3	27%	3.5	2	1		3
23	83	321	12	15%	3.2	6	6	1	10

24	95	313	15	16%	3.1	10	5	14
25**	1	5		0%	1.0			
26**	2	12		0%	1.5			
27**	2	5		0%	3.5			
28**	1	2	1	100%	4.0	1		1
30**	2	3	1	50%	3.5		1	1
32	16	35	7	44%	4.1	4	3	7
33**	1	3		0%	3.0			
34	402	1,328	73	18%	3.3	56	17	1 68
35*	3	10	1	33%	2.3	1		1
36	103	372	28	27%	3.6	13	15	2 25
37	71	237	14	20%	3.0	9	5	2 12
38**	7	26	1	14%	3.6		1	1
39	22	72	13	59%	3.8	4	9	13
40	8	11	5	63%	4.3	2	3	5
41	7	9	7	100%	4.3	5	2	4
42	18	30	12	67%	4.2	3	9	1 11
43	23	60	6	26%	3.5	5	1	6
45	172	668	27	16%	3.1	15	12	4 22
46	32	102	16	50%	4.2	9	7	2 13
47	7	16	1	14%	3.4		1	1
48	28	125	6	21%	3.1	2	4	6
49**	11	32		0%	2.2			
50**	2	20		0%	1.0			
51	152	530	21	14%	3.2	17	4	1 18
52	65	267	8	12%	3.2	6	2	1 6
53**	4	14		0%	3.3			
54	6	34		0%	2.8			
55	7	15	1	14%	3.6	1		1
56	1	5	1	100%	5.0		1	1
57	17	53	6	35%	3.7	2	4	5
58	2	16		0%	3.5			
59	5	12	3	60%	3.2	1	2	3
UNK	3	7		0%	2.7			
TOTAL	3,769	10,171	500	18.7%	3.3	276	224	32 444

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