

**Table 1.** Annual Cougar Mortality Statistics 2001-2024, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

| License Ye | Sport Harvest |      |       | Depredation Kill |      |      | Bighorn Sheep Protection |      |      | Other<br>(road kill, accident, etc.) |      |      | Total | % Female |
|------------|---------------|------|-------|------------------|------|------|--------------------------|------|------|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------|----------|
|            | Fem           | Male | Unk.* | Fem              | Male | Unk. | Fem                      | Male | Unk. | Fem                                  | Male | Unk. |       |          |
| 2001-02    | 76            | 110  | 0     | 3                | 3    | 1    | 5                        | 6    | 0    | 3                                    | 0    | 2    | 209   | 41.2%    |
| 2002-03    | 82            | 120  | 1     | 14               | 13   | 1    | 14                       | 11   | 0    | 6                                    | 3    | 2    | 267   | 43.4%    |
| 2003-04    | 84            | 114  | 0     | 17               | 5    | 0    | 5                        | 12   | 0    | 3                                    | 2    | 0    | 242   | 45.0%    |
| 2004-05    | 72            | 89   | 0     | 16               | 16   | 1    | 3                        | 8    | 0    | 4                                    | 0    | 0    | 209   | 46.3%    |
| 2005-06    | 34            | 72   | 0     | 5                | 5    | 0    | 6                        | 8    | 0    | 1                                    | 3    | 0    | 134   | 34.8%    |
| 2006-07    | 82            | 95   | 0     | 11               | 13   | 1    | 8                        | 10   | 0    | 3                                    | 1    | 0    | 224   | 46.7%    |
| 2007-08    | 59            | 104  | 0     | 13               | 13   | 0    | 3                        | 8    | 0    | 1                                    | 1    | 0    | 202   | 37.6%    |
| 2008-09    | 50            | 72   | 0     | 5                | 11   | 0    | 4                        | 11   | 0    | 4                                    | 1    | 0    | 158   | 39.9%    |
| 2009-10    | 55            | 103  | 0     | 7                | 11   | 0    | 8                        | 7    | 0    | 1                                    | 5    | 0    | 197   | 36.0%    |
| 2010-11    | 57            | 110  | 1     | 1                | 3    | 0    | 8                        | 6    | 0    | 5                                    | 5    | 0    | 196   | 36.2%    |
| 2011-12    | 75            | 123  | 0     | 14               | 7    | 0    | 4                        | 8    | 0    | 5                                    | 7    | 0    | 243   | 40.2%    |
| 2012-13    | 87            | 170  | 0     | 14               | 6    | 0    | 7                        | 23   | 0    | 4                                    | 5    | 1    | 317   | 35.3%    |
| 2013-14    | 85            | 117  | 1     | 12               | 12   | 0    | 5                        | 12   | 0    | 5                                    | 4    | 0    | 253   | 42.4%    |
| 2014-15    | 102           | 130  | 0     | 12               | 10   | 1    | 8                        | 10   | 0    | 4                                    | 7    | 0    | 284   | 44.8%    |
| 2015-16    | 88            | 151  | 0     | 14               | 9    | 0    | 6                        | 5    | 1    | 7                                    | 13   | 0    | 294   | 39.1%    |
| 2016-17    | 89            | 154  | 1     | 15               | 6    | 0    | 5                        | 12   | 0    | 7                                    | 9    | 2    | 300   | 38.7%    |
| 2017-18    | 94            | 143  | 1     | 10               | 10   | 0    | 9                        | 10   | 0    | 5                                    | 9    | 1    | 292   | 40.4%    |
| 2018-19    | 122           | 236  | 0     | 14               | 11   | 0    | 6                        | 22   | 0    | 5                                    | 6    | 2    | 424   | 34.7%    |
| 2019-20    | 112           | 170  | 0     | 3                | 5    | 0    | 7                        | 19   | 0    | 4                                    | 3    | 0    | 323   | 39.0%    |
| 2020-21    | 122           | 150  | 0     | 10               | 7    | 0    | 9                        | 17   | 0    | 11                                   | 4    | 1    | 331   | 45.9%    |
| 2021-22    | 91            | 171  | 0     | 8                | 15   | 1    | 8                        | 15   | 0    | 6                                    | 5    | 1    | 321   | 35.2%    |
| 2022-23    | 106           | 199  | 1     | 9                | 13   | 0    | 7                        | 19   | 0    | 15                                   | 6    | 1    | 376   | 36.4%    |
| 2023-24    | 111           | 194  | 0     | 13               | 10   | 0    | 3                        | 5    | 0    | 12                                   | 9    | 1    | 358   | 38.8%    |
| 2024-25    | 101           | 185  | 0     | 11               | 12   | 0    | 10                       | 8    | 1    | 8                                    | 6    | 0    | 342   | 38.0%    |

\*Unk. - Unknown, sometimes the sex is impossible to determine due to decomposition or physical damage.