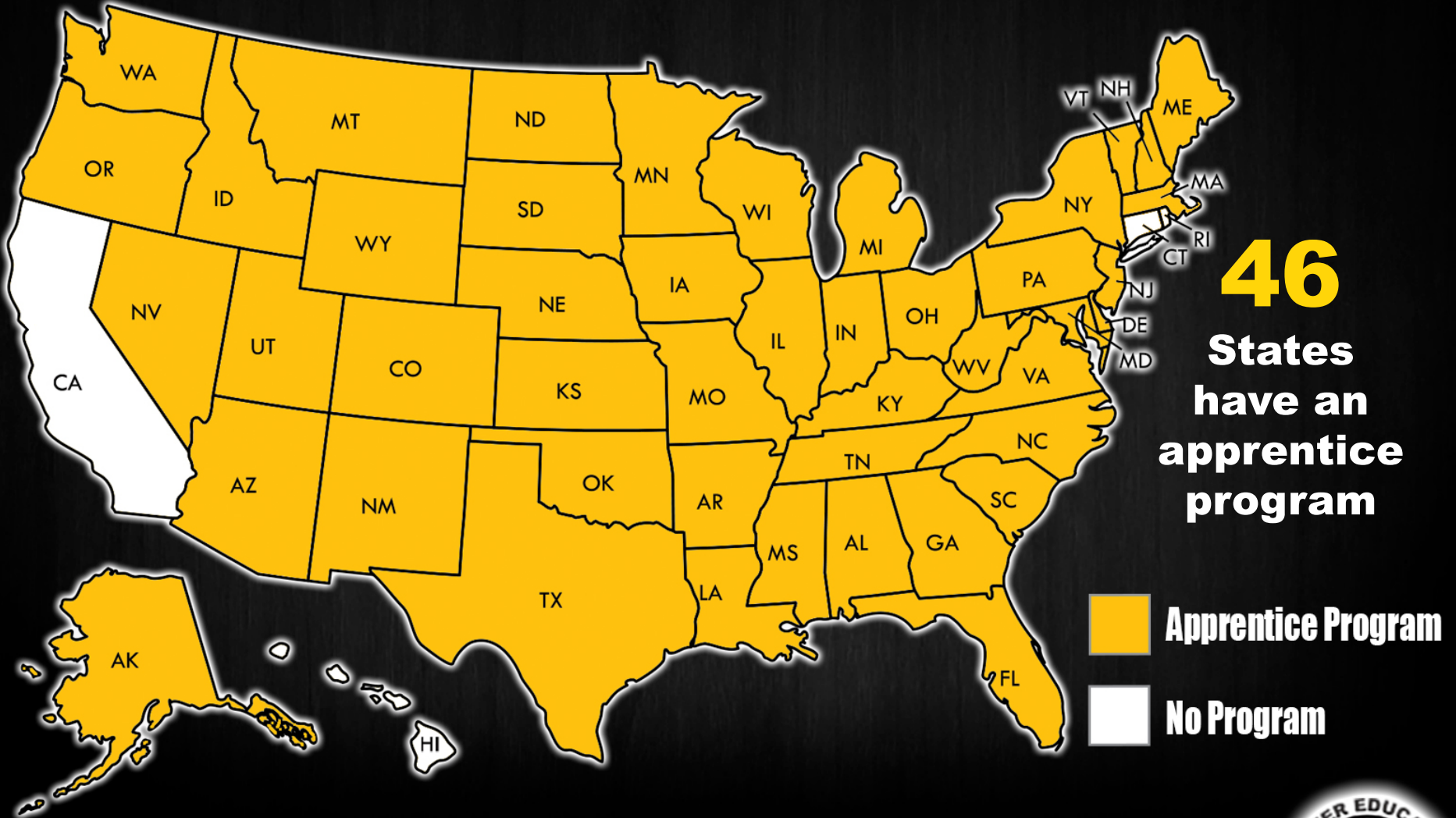




**HUNTER EDUCATION RULE
19.36.3 NMAC**

Apprentice Programs in America



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

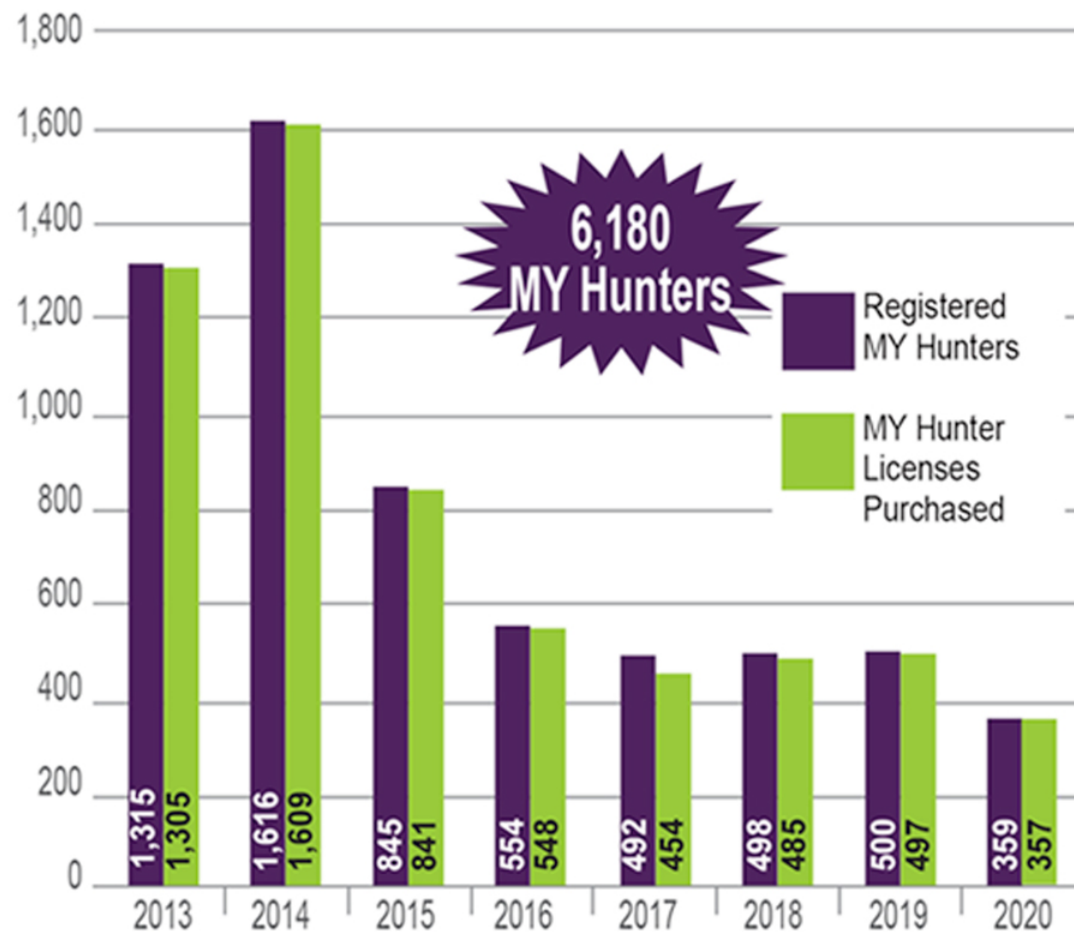
Mentors

- 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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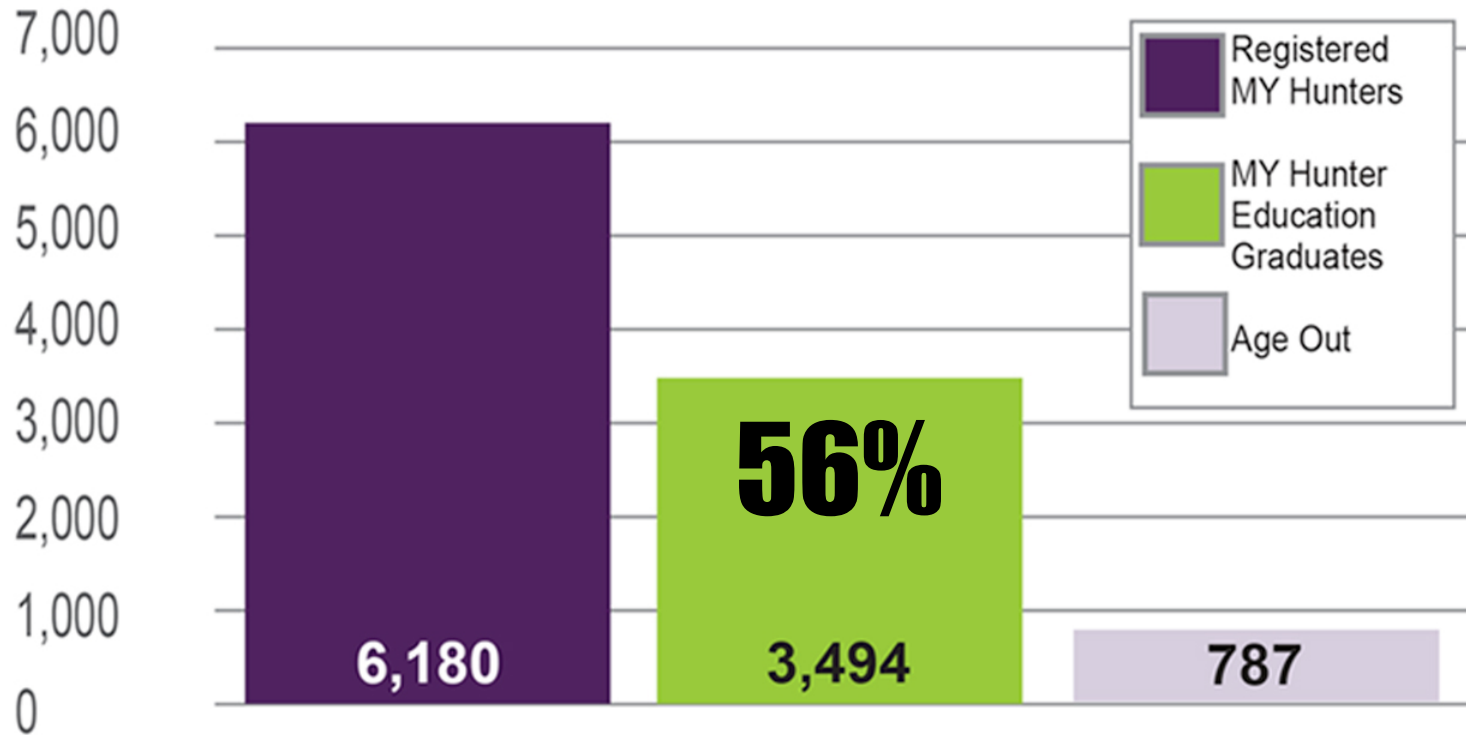
Participation By Year



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Program Completion

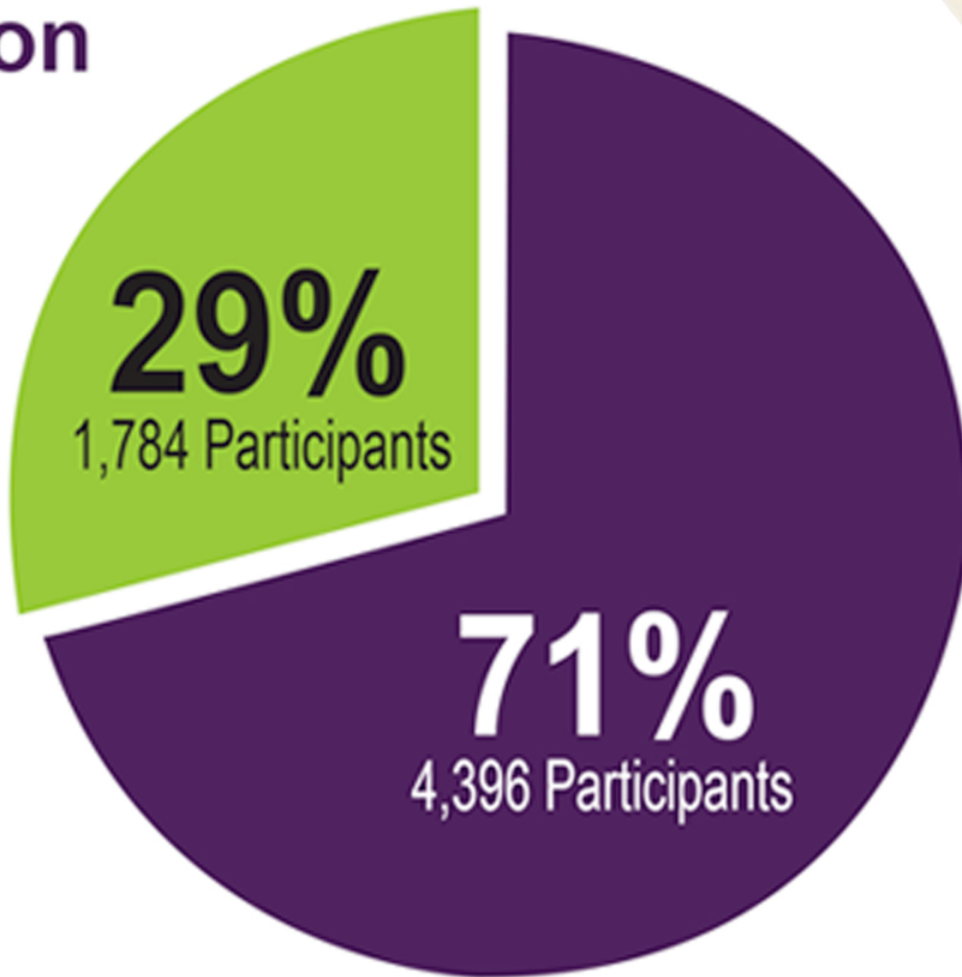


13% or 787 youth ages 16 or older participated in the Mentored-Youth Hunting Program and aged out of the Hunter Education requirement.

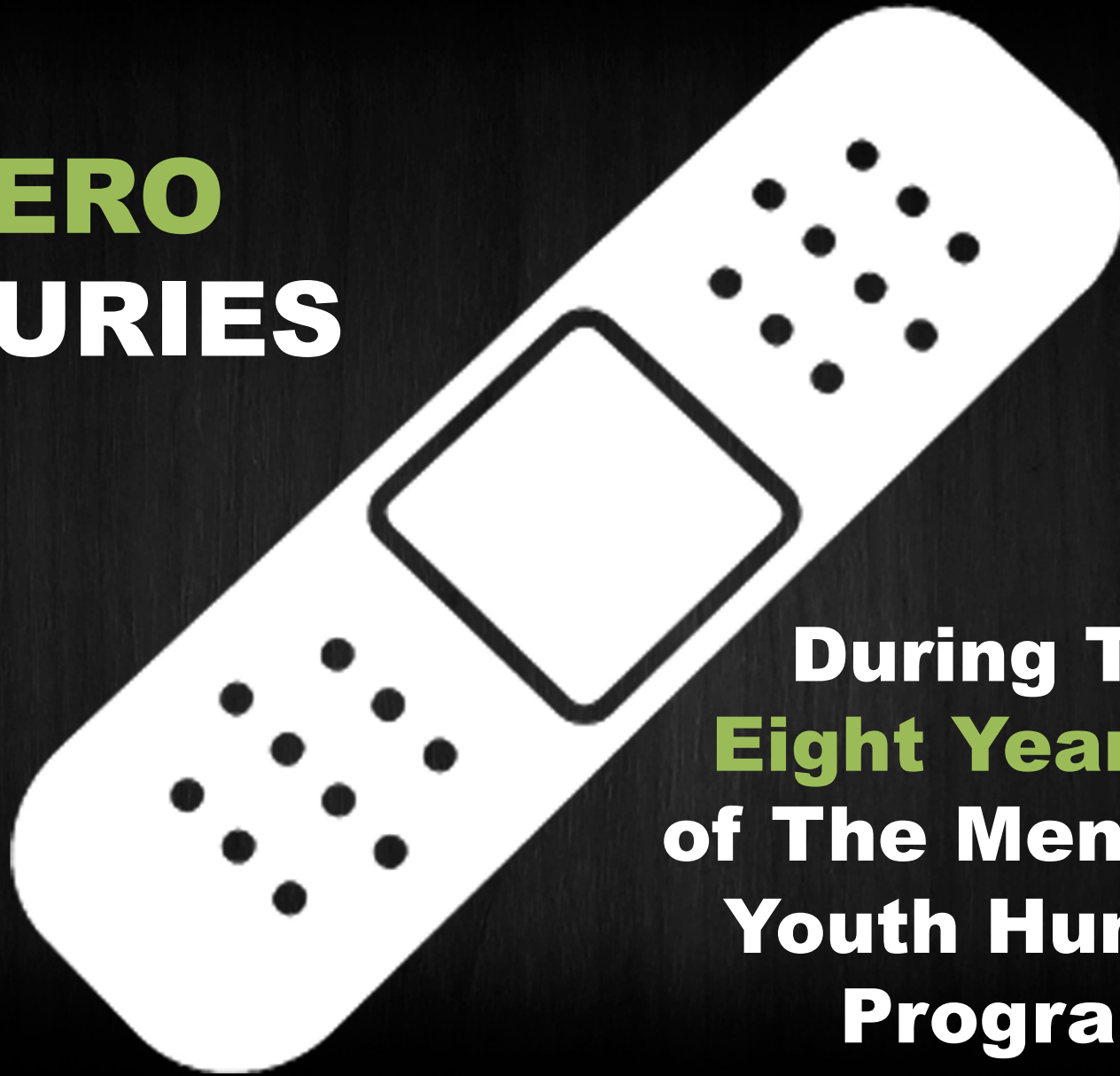
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Participation By Gender



ZERO
INJURIES



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

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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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Proposed Changes to 19.36.3 NMAC

1. Allow first-time youth hunters, **8 to 17 years of age**, to participate in the program
2. Add **pronghorn antelope** to list of allowable species
3. Establishes a tier system, allowing youth 8-10 to hunt small game and 10-17 to hunt small-game, turkey, deer, pronghorn antelope and javelina.
4. Add **training requirement** for Mentor (Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Certification)
5. Change rule from permanent to **four-year cycle**.
6. Make minor **spelling and style** corrections



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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) eCompletion 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 a 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 only once. Any mentored youth hunter that is currently registered with the Department as of November 13, 2014 shall remain 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 may hunt with a firearm only after successful completion of the written lesson and testing portion of the course and while supervised by a licensed and mentor certified or hunter education certified parent, guardian or another licensed adult with consent of the parent or guardian who is within unaided voice and sight distance.

(1) Mentors shall possess a mentor certification number obtained after completion of a hunter training course comprised of a written lesson and testing and current registration in the department's mentored-youth program; or

(2) shall possess a hunter education certification number obtained through a New Mexico hunter training course or a hunter training course of another state which is approved by the New Mexico department of game and fish.

D. Mentored-youth program hunters shall be limited by age to hunting hunt as follows: small-game, turkey, deer and javelina for the license year beginning April 2015 and continuing thereafter.

- (1) Mentored-youth under the age of ten years shall be limited to hunting small-game; or
- (2) mentored-youth ten to seventeen years of age shall be limited to hunting small-game, turkey, deer, pronghorn antelope and javelina.

[19.36.3.9 NMAC - N, 1/1/2013; A, 1/1/2021]

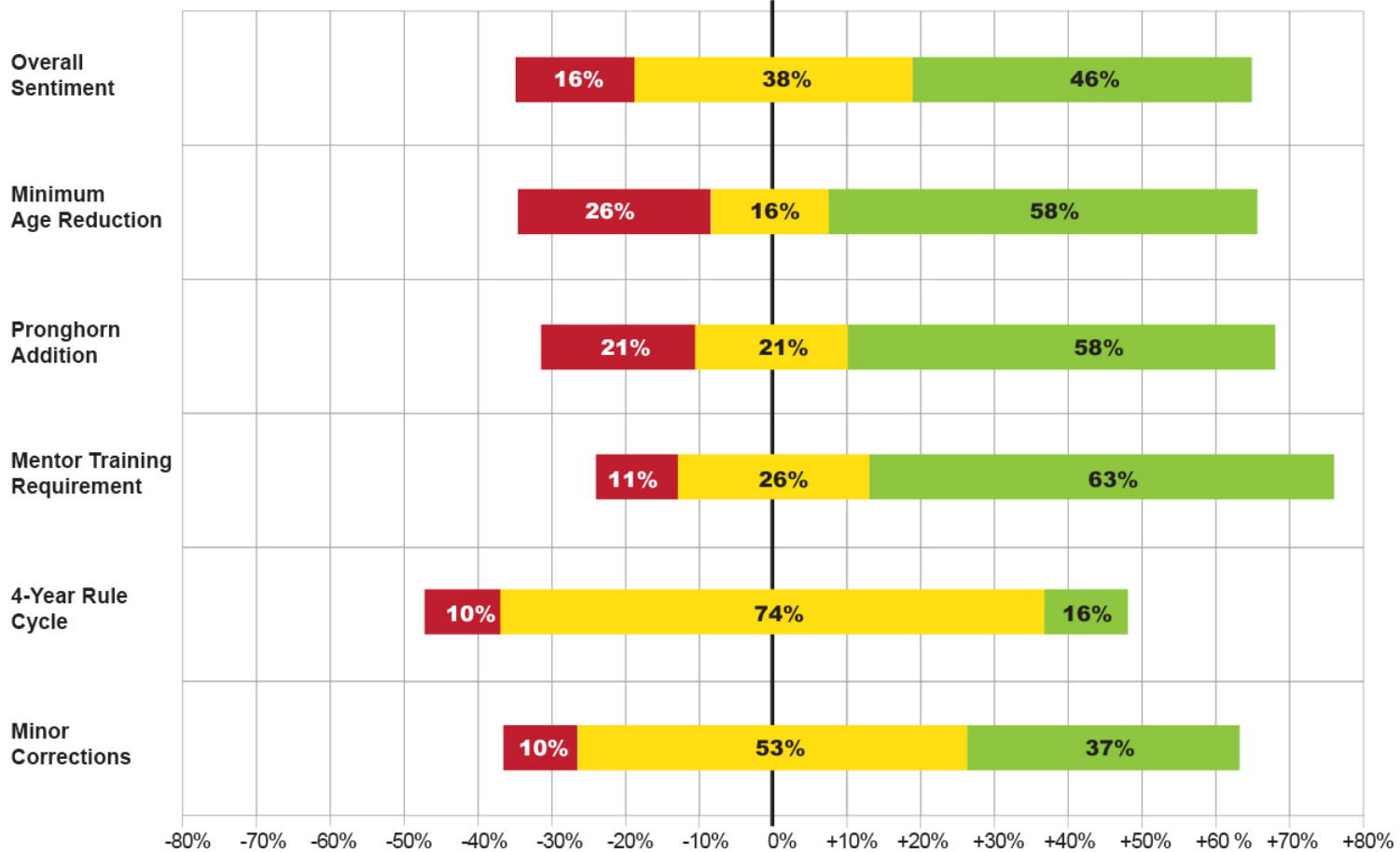
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Public Sentiment

■ Opposed ■ Indifferent ■ Supports



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