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Introduction

The black bear harvest report presents black bear harvest and hunter effort trends across Utah, based on data collected from bear hunters and compiled by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division). It covers the black bear portion of Federal Aid Project W-65-M, segments 73 and 74, for grant agreement periods spanning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. These Federal Aid project segments address the 2025 black bear hunting and pursuit seasons. Statewide trends since the 1960s are included, as well as relevant population trend indicators.

This annual report presents the most complete and accurate summary of black bear harvest data available at the time of publication. Occasionally, we will adjust previous years' harvest numbers in a subsequent report if more data comes available after publication. This is typically the case with counts of depredation removals from Wildlife Services or the Utah Division of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and only rarely will counts of hunter-harvest need adjustment.

Methods

Hunting seasons and methods

Lists of bear units, season dates, rules and regulations for the 2025 black bear hunting and pursuit seasons were published in the *2025 Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Black Bear and Cougar Guidebook*.

In addition to traditional limited-entry hunts that permit the use of dogs or the use of bait, Utah offered two additional types of bear hunts in 2025: spot-and-stalk-only hunts, where hunters could not use dogs or bait, and harvest-objective hunts, where an unlimited number of hunters could hunt in a harvest-objective unit until the quota was met or the season ended. Baiting was not allowed during harvest-objective hunts, and the use of dogs was also not allowed during most fall harvest-objective seasons.

Bear check-in and tooth aging

All successful hunters were required to have their bear checked at a Division office or by an officer within 48 hours of harvest. At that time, Division personnel recorded harvest information, collected tooth samples, and affixed a permanent tag to the pelt. Collected bear teeth were sent to an independent lab where they sectioned the teeth and counted cementum annuli to estimate age of each harvested bear. Bears aged to be 5-yrs or older were considered adults for the purposes of calculating percent adult males in the harvest.

Pursuit

Black bear pursuit was open in all 24 bear units. Three units (Book Cliffs, La Sal, and San Juan) were closed to general black bear pursuit during the summer and only pursuers who applied for and obtained a restricted pursuit permit were allowed to pursue in one of those units. **New:** Bear pursuit information was obtained through a web-only survey, rather than a mixed-mode telephone/web survey as in prior years. The survey was sent to all bear pursuit permit holders who provided an email address to establish maximum possible response rates. **Note:** In 2025, we mistakenly omitted 2 pursuit unit choices – Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich and Yellowstone – as options in the online bear pursuit survey about both spring and summer seasons. No data were collected about the fall bear pursuit season.

Livestock depredation and other mortality

Harvest data from depredating black bears came from damage reports received from the Utah Department of Agriculture (UDAF) as well as from bears taken by Division personnel. Prior to 2023, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services provided all depredation services and reports. Livestock operators were authorized to take damaging bears and were required to have the carcass checked by a division officer within 48 hours. Harvest information was collected at that time. Other mortality includes roadkill, poaching, found dead, etc.

Results

Permit sales and hunter harvest

Hunter harvest was higher in 2025 than any prior year (Figure 1). The increase during the last 5-6 years was primarily from harvest-objective permits. The percent of females in the harvest increased from 32% in 2024 to 40% in 2025 (Figure 2).

In 2025, the Division sold 885 limited-entry black bear permits, 41 conservation permits, and 1406 resident and 55 nonresident harvest-objective permits. Hunters harvested 479 bears, filling 40% of the total combined permits & quota (Table 1). 63 bears were killed or died as the result of depredation or other mortality (Table 1). 104 black bears were taken during the spring seasons, 139 during summer, and 55 during fall, with 60 additional bears harvested by multi-season permit holders and 21 by conservation permits holders (Tables 2-6). Two harvest-objective units (La Sal and Nine Mile) filled their quotas during the fall season, and both closed early (Table 7).

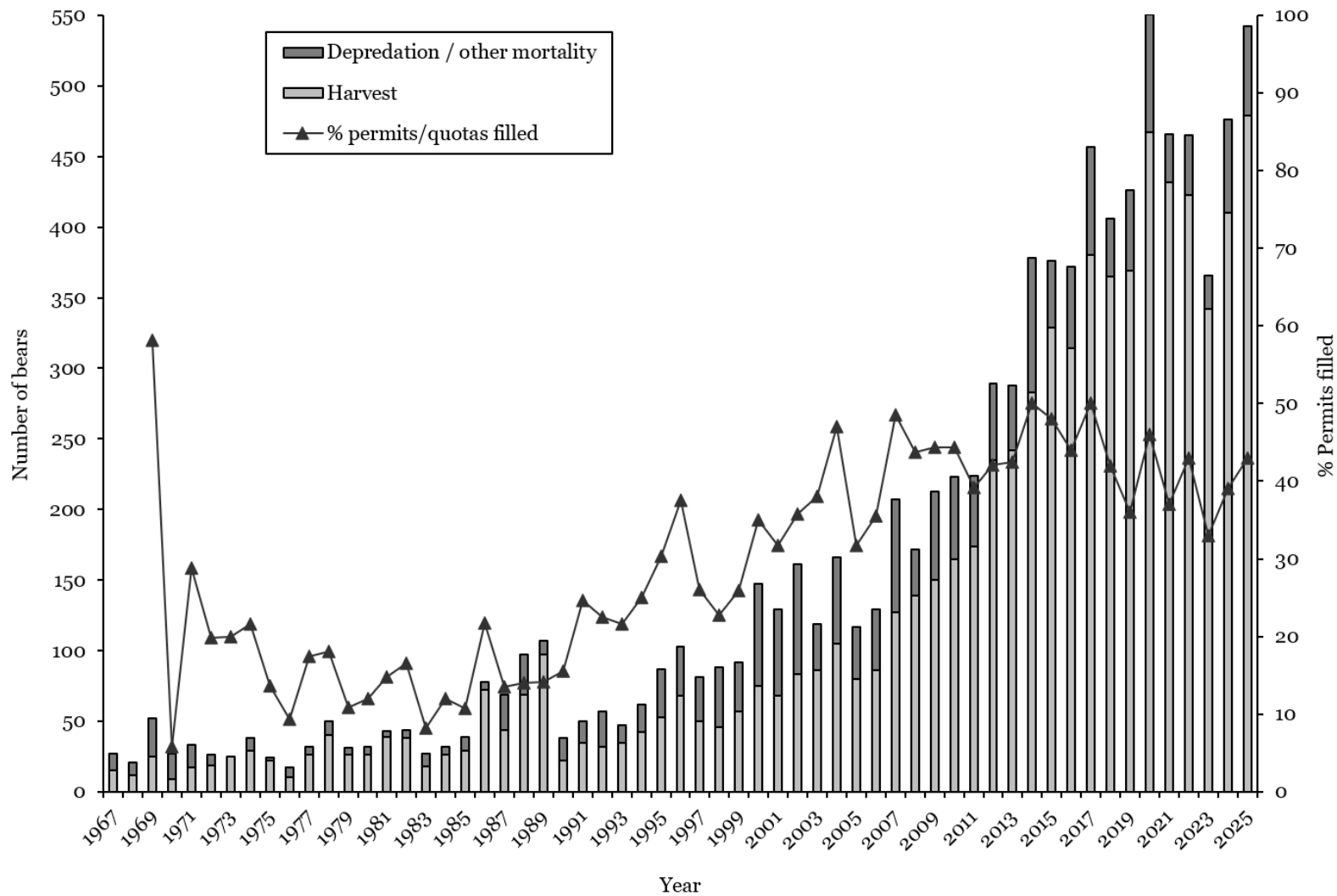


Figure 1. Black bear hunter harvest and depredation/other mortality, 1967-2025.

Table 1. Historical black bear harvest and mortality statistics, Utah, 1967-2000.

Year	Permits sold	Hunters afield	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% female	Depredation & other mortality
1967	—	—	—	—	15	—	—
1968	—	—	—	—	12	—	—
1969	43	31	—	—	25	—	27
1970	155	119	—	—	9	—	18
1971	59	48	—	—	17	—	16
1972	96	77	—	—	19	—	7
1973	125	114	—	—	25	—	0
1974	134	117	—	—	29	—	9
1975	161	144	9	13	22	41	2
1976	107	96	4	6	10	42	7
1977	149	127	9	17	26	33	6
1978	222	185	13	27	40	33	10
1979	240	196	5	21	26	19	5
1980	217	177	7	19	26	28	6
1981	263	227	12	27	39	30	4
1982	229	188	15	23	38	39	6
1983	219	176	8	10	18	44	9
1984	217	184	8	18	26	31	6
1985	269	230	8	21	29	27	10
1986	332	302	32	40	72	45	6
1987	326	262	15	29	44	35	25
1988	491	394	24	45	69	35	28
1989	687	556	29	68	97	30	10
1990	142	119	4	18	22	18	16
1991	142	119	8	27	35	23	15
1992	142	124	6	26	32	19	25
1993	162	136	18	17	35	51	12
1994	168	153	17	25	42	40	20
1995	175	156	18	35	53	34	34

Year	Permits sold	Hunters afield	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% female	Depredation & other mortality
1996	181	174	29	39	68	43	35
1997	192	176	22	28	50	44	31
1998	202	181	19	27	46	42	42
1999	220	199	17	40	57	30	35
2000	214	194	26	49	75	35	72

Table 2. Historical black bear harvest and mortality statistics, Utah, 2001-2025.

Year	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% female	% adult male	Mean age	Depredation & other mortality
2001	214	41	25	68 ²	37	—	6.9	61
2002	232	53	27	83 ³	33	—	6.8	78
2003	226	59	27	86	31	—	7.4	33
2004	240	83	22	105	21	—	6.6	61
2005	252	61	19	80	24	—	6.6	37
2006	242	58	28	86	33	—	6.6	43
2007	262	91	36	127	28	—	5.8	80
2008	318	96	41	139 ²	29	—	6.3	33
2009	338	104	46	150	31	—	6.4	63
2010	372	110	55	165	33	—	6.0	58
2011	444	132	42	174	24	41	5.5	50
2012	558	151	84	235	36	32	5.8	54
2013	570	165	77	242	32	34	6.0	46
2014	570	198	85	283	30	32	5.3	95
2015	692	211	118	329	36	29	5.3	47
2016	712	219	95	314	30	36	5.5	58
2017	760	269	111	380	29	39	5.8	77
2018	859	228	137	365	38	28	5.9	41
2019	1017	236	133	369	36	28	5.6	57
2020	1106	308	159	467	34	25	5.3	84
2021	1122	259	172	432 ¹	40	31	5.7	34
2022	1003	237	186	423	44	21	5.5	42
2023	946	197	142	342 ³	42	15	5.1	24
2024	965	278	130	410 ²	32	22	4.7	66
2025	1210	289	190	479	40	21	5.2	63

^{1, 2, 3} Footnotes indicate the number of harvested bears of unknown sex.

Table 3. Black bear hunter harvest and other mortality statistics, Utah, 2025.

Unit	Permits & quota	Male harvest	Female harvest	Unknown harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled	% female	% adult male	Mean age	UDAF / depredation / other mortality
Beaver	37	13	5	0	18	49	28	19	4.8	1
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	114	23	10	0	33	29	30	48	5.9	0
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	27	7	5	0	12	44	42	20	5.9	0
Boulder/Kaiparowits	79	8	4	0	12	15	33	27	5.4	0
Cache/Ogden	20	2	0	0	2	10	0	100	6.0	2
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	69	5	5	0	10	14	50	0	4.1	2
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	34	14	4	0	18	50	22	27	4.7	4
Fillmore, Pahvant	5	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	0
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	27	12	0	0	12	44	0	17	3.5	0
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	27	4	2	0	6	22	33	33	3.8	0
La Sal	101	29	26	0	55	54	47	27	5.4	6
Manti, North	79	21	11	0	32	41	34	18	4.1	4
Manti, South/San Rafael, North	102	22	22	0	44	43	50	5	4.3	8
Monroe	2	1	0	0	1	50	0	0	4.0	1
Mt Dutton	12	2	1	0	3	25	33	50	6.0	0
Nebo	35	8	13	0	21	60	62	5	5.8	4
Nine Mile	93	27	19	0	46	49	41	26	5.6	14

Unit	Permits & quota	Male harvest	Female harvest	Unknown harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled	% female	% adult male	Mean age	UDAF / depredation / other mortality
North Slope, Three Corners/ West Daggett	12	0	1	0	1	8	100	0	—	1
Panguitch Lake/Zion	30	8	4	0	12	40	33	18	4.3	3
Paunsaugunt	13	3	4	0	7	54	57	20	6.4	0
San Juan	95	28	20	0	48	51	42	19	6.3	1
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/ Currant Creek	42	8	9	0	17	40	53	13	7.3	5
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	121	35	21	0	56	46	38	15	5.8	5
Yellowstone	32	9	4	0	13	41	31	42	6.7	2
Totals	1210	289	190	0	479	40	40	21	5.2	63

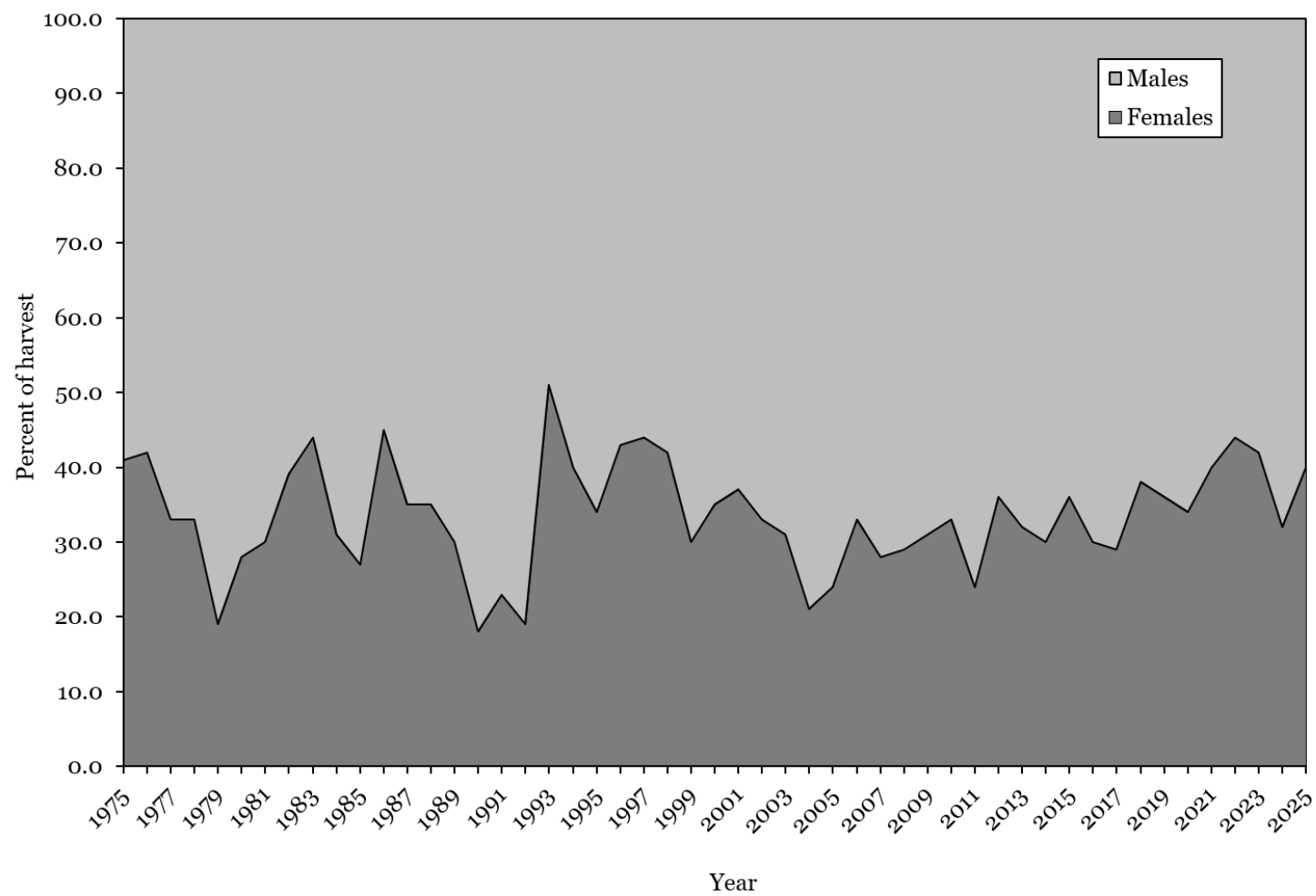


Figure 2. Black bear sex ratios from hunter harvest, 1975-2025.

Table 4. Black bear spring limited-entry harvest (any legal weapon, no bait allowed), by hunt, Utah 2025.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7000	Beaver	10	3	2	5	50
BR7001	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	47	9	3	12	26
BR7224	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	12	3	4	7	58
BR7012	Boulder/Kaiparowits	21	5	2	7	33
BR7017	Cache/Ogden	1	0	0	0	0
BR7015	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	7	2	0	2	29
BR7007	Fillmore, Pahvant	1	0	0	0	0
BR7013	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	6	4	0	4	67
BR7018	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	0	0	0	0
BR7008	La Sal	43	14	2	16	37
BR7003	Manti, North	19	4	2	6	32
BR7004	Manti, South/San Rafael, North	16	5	4	9	56
BR7020	Monroe	1	0	0	0	0
BR7009	Mt Dutton	3	0	0	0	0
BR7005	Nebo	7	0	2	2	29
BR7010	Panguitch Lake/Zion	8	2	2	4	50
BR7011	Paunsaugunt	4	1	1	2	50
BR7014	San Juan	38	13	7	20	53
BR7016	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	38	8	0	8	21
	Totals	287	73	31	104	36

Table 5. Black bear summer limited-entry harvest (any legal weapon, no dogs allowed), by hunt, Utah 2025.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7100	Beaver	10	5	1	6	60
BR7101	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	14	2	4	6	43
BR7102	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	4	1	0	1	25
BR7114	Boulder/Kaiparowits	13	1	1	2	15
BR7121	Cache/Ogden	4	2	0	2	50
BR7122	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	7	2	3	5	71
BR7117	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	5	3	0	3	60
BR7124	Fillmore, Pahvant	2	0	0	0	0
BR7115	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	7	4	0	4	57
BR7123	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	6	2	1	3	50
BR7108	La Sal	23	7	9	16	70
BR7104	Manti, North	18	6	5	11	61
BR7105	Manti, South/San Rafael, North	20	9	3	12	60
BR7125	Monroe	1	1	0	1	100
BR7109	Mt Dutton	3	2	0	2	67
BR7106	Nebo	8	3	4	7	88
BR7110	Nine Mile	20	8	7	15	75
BR7111	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	1	0	0	0	0
BR7112	Panguitch Lake/Zion	5	2	0	2	40

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7113	Paunsaugunt	3	0	0	0	0
BR7116	San Juan	24	9	7	16	67
BR7119	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	4	1	2	3	75
BR7120	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	25	7	11	18	72
BR7118	Yellowstone	5	3	1	4	80
	Totals	232	80	59	139	60

Table 6. Black bear fall limited-entry harvest (any legal weapon), by hunt, Utah 2025.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7200	Beaver	10	3	1	4	40
BR7201	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	20	5	1	6	30
BR7225	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	5	1	0	1	20
BR7215	Boulder/Kaiparowits	11	0	0	0	0
BR7228	Cache/Ogden	1	0	0	0	0
BR7218	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	7	1	0	1	14
BR7207	Fillmore, Pahvant	1	0	0	0	0
BR7216	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5	2	0	2	40
BR7229	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	0	0	0	0
BR7208	La Sal	5	0	2	2	40
BR7203	Manti, North	11	4	2	6	55
BR7204	Manti, South/San Rafael, North	19	4	7	11	58
BR7210	Mt Dutton	3	0	1	1	33
BR7205	Nebo	5	1	1	2	40
BR7211	Nine Mile	24	1	0	1	4
BR7212	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	2	0	0	0	0
BR7213	Panguitch Lake/Zion	9	2	0	2	22
BR7214	Paunsaugunt	4	1	3	4	100
BR7217	San Juan	6	1	1	2	33

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7220	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	9	1	1	2	22
BR7221	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	20	7	1	8	40
BR7219	Yellowstone	3	0	0	0	0
	Totals	185	34	21	55	30

Table 7. Black bear multi-season limited-entry harvest (any legal weapon), by hunt, Utah, 2025.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7318	Beaver	1	0	1	1	100
BR7300	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	10	3	1	4	40
BR7301	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	5	1	1	2	40
BR7310	Boulder/Kaiparowits	9	1	1	2	22
BR7320	Cache/Ogden	4	0	0	0	0
BR7325	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	1	0	1	1	100
BR7313	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	4	0	0	0	0
BR7311	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	3	1	0	1	33
BR7321	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	1	1	2	40
BR7307	La Sal	14	2	7	9	64
BR7303	Manti, North	13	5	1	6	46
BR7304	Manti, South/San Rafael, North	19	2	6	8	42
BR7322	Mt Dutton	1	0	0	0	0
BR7305	Nebo	4	2	2	4	100
BR7317	Nine Mile	10	1	3	4	40
BR7308	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	1	0	0	0	0
BR7309	Panguitch Lake/Zion	4	1	1	2	50
BR7323	Paunsaugunt	1	0	0	0	0
BR7312	San Juan	11	3	0	3	27

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7315	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	2	0	1	1	50
BR7316	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	14	8	0	8	57
BR7314	Yellowstone	3	0	1	1	33
BR1000	Statewide Sportsman	1	1	0	1	100
	Totals	140	32	28	60	43

Table 8. Black bear conservation permit harvest (any legal weapon), by hunt, Utah, 2025.

Hunt number	Hunt name	Permits sold	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% permits filled
BR7318	Beaver	1	1	0	1	100
BR7300	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	3	1	0	1	33
BR7301	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	1	1	0	1	100
BR7310	Boulder/Kaiparowits	3	1	0	1	33
BR7325	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	1	0	0	0	0
BR7313	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	2	1	1	2	100
BR7311	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	1	1	0	1	100
BR7321	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	1	0	0	0	0
BR7307	La Sal	4	1	0	1	25
BR7303	Manti, North	3	1	0	1	33
BR7304	Manti, South/San Rafael, North	3	2	1	3	100
BR7305	Nebo	1	0	0	0	0
BR7317	Nine Mile	4	1	1	2	50
BR7309	Panguitch Lake/Zion	1	1	0	1	100
BR7323	Paunsaugunt	1	1	0	1	100
BR7312	San Juan	4	2	0	2	50
BR7315	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	2	0	2	2	100
BR7316	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	4	1	0	1	25
BR7314	Yellowstone	1	0	0	0	0
	Totals	41	16	5	21	51

Table 9. Black bear harvest-objective harvest (any legal weapon), by hunt, Utah, 2025.

Unit	Season	Quota	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% quota filled
Beaver	Fall	5	1	0	1	20
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Fall	20	1	3	4	20
Boulder/Kaiparowits	Fall	22	0	0	0	0
Cache/Ogden	Fall	10	0	0	0	0
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	Spring	20	0	0	0	0
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	Fall (dogs ok)	20	1	0	1	5
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	Fall	20	2	1	3	15
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	Fall	9	6	3	9	100
Fillmore, Pahvant	Fall	1	0	0	0	0
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Fall	5	0	0	0	0
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	Fall	5	1	0	1	20
La Sal	Fall	12	6	5	11	92
Manti, North	Fall	15	1	1	2	13
Manti, South/San Rafael, North	Fall	25	0	1	1	4
Mt Dutton	Fall	2	0	0	0	0
Nebo	Fall	10	2	4	6	60
Nine Mile	Spring	25	11	2	13	52
Nine Mile	Fall	10	5	6	11	110
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	Spring	5	0	0	0	0

Unit	Season	Quota	Male harvest	Female harvest	Total harvest	% quota filled
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	Fall	3	0	1	1	33
Panguitch Lake/Zion	Fall	3	0	1	1	33
San Juan	Fall	12	0	5	5	42
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	Spring	15	3	1	4	27
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	Fall	10	3	2	5	50
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Fall	20	4	9	13	65
Yellowstone	Spring	10	4	2	6	60
Yellowstone	Fall	10	2	0	2	20
Totals		324	53	47	100	31

Pursuit statistics

Utah issued 531 black bear pursuit permits in 2025. 96 permits were sold through a drawing system and were valid for one restricted summer pursuit unit/season. All 6 nonresident restricted-spring-pursuit permits were sold through the drawing system, with 4 later surrendered. These permits were valid for a single restricted spring pursuit unit and all other unrestricted units and seasons.

303 pursuers went afield during the spring pursuit season and pursuers treed 0.3 bears per day (Table 14). 223 pursuers pursued in unrestricted units during the summer pursuit season and pursuers treed 0.3 bears per day (Table 15). Overall bear pursuit satisfaction averaged 2.5, which indicates pursuers felt between unsatisfied (2) and neutral (3) about their bear pursuit activities in 2025.

Two nonresident pursuers pursued in the La Sal restricted unit during the restricted spring pursuit season, while the remaining permit holder (Book Cliffs) did not pursue. 55 pursuers pursued in restricted units during the restricted summer pursuit seasons (Table 16).

Table 10. Historical black bear spring black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2002-2025.

Year	Permits sold	Sample size	Spring pursuers	Spring days	Spring total treed	Bears per pursuit day	Bears per pursuer
2002	359	88	318	5153	2378	0.5	7.5
2003	378	91	291	5142	2527	0.5	8.7
2004	373	73	309	3629	1556	0.4	5.0
2005	414	103	256	3087	1272	0.4	5.0
2006	353	78	328	4223	1209	0.3	3.7
2007	363	120	329	3964	2145	0.5	6.5
2008	391	96	313	3944	2441	0.6	7.8
2009	424	90	359	4731	1842	0.4	5.1
2010	460	172	326	3865	1582	0.4	4.9
2011	504	102	308	3935	1630	0.4	5.3
2012	456	100	285	3660	1599	0.4	5.6
2013	468	108	318	3942	1795	0.5	5.6
2014	498	99	304	3570	1594	0.4	5.2
2015	528	165	374	5004	2086	0.4	5.6
2016	492	157	345	—	—	0.5	6.4
2017	419	155	257	—	—	0.5	7.4
2018	557	177	352	4793	1961	0.4	5.6
2019	534	193	437	4567	1574	0.3	4.3
2020	518	183	348	5032	1690	0.3	4.9
2021	582	255	370	4879	1684	0.3	4.6
2022	550	239	423	4091	1358	0.3	4.1
2023	463	200	315	2487	664	0.3	2.9
2024	509	262	183	2370	599	0.3	3.3
2025	531	240	303	4470	1295	0.3	4.3

Table 11. *Historical black bear summer black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2003-2025.*

Year	Permits sold	Sample size	Summer pursuers	Summer days	Summer total treed	Bears per pursuit day	Bears per pursuer
2003	378	91	228	2732	1415	0.5	6.2
2004	373	73	212	2756	1241	0.5	5.9
2005	414	103	436	3631	1187	0.3	2.7
2006	353	78	—	—	—	—	—
2007	363	120	157	1078	668	0.6	4.3
2008	391	96	238	1382	1290	0.9	5.4
2009	424	90	287	2681	1406	0.5	4.9
2010	460	172	164	1220	426	0.3	2.6
2011	504	102	172	1070	509	0.5	3.0
2012	456	100	140	1046	330	0.3	2.4
2013	468	108	162	1047	357	0.3	2.2
2014	498	99	175	1101	578	0.5	3.3
2015	528	165	166	1016	413	0.4	2.5
2016	492	157	172	—	—	0.5	3.7
2017	419	155	162	—	—	0.6	4.5
2018	557	177	179	1348	573	0.4	3.2
2019	534	193	260	2089	939	0.4	3.6
2020	518	183	229	1907	906	0.5	4.0
2021	582	255	180	1367	494	0.4	2.7
2022	550	239	253	1696	531	0.3	2.1
2023	463	200	146	977	302	0.3	2.1
2024	509	262	128	1105	437	0.4	3.4
2025	531	240	223	1871	650	0.3	2.9

Table 12. *Historical black bear restricted nonresident spring black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2020-2025.*

Year	Permits sold	Sample size	Restricted spring pursuers	Bears per pursuit day	Bears per pursuer
2020	4	2	2	0.1	1.0
2021	5	2	0	—	—
2022	6	2	2	0.8	11.0
2023	5	3	2	0.4	12.0
2024	6	3	0	—	—
2025	3	3	2	0.2	1.0

Table 13. *Historical black bear restricted summer black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2010-2025.*

Year	Permits sold	Sample size	Restricted summer pursuers	Bears per pursuit day	Bears per pursuer
2010	100	70	63	0.8	4.9
2011	122	57	70	0.6	4.3
2012	103	51	54	0.6	3.8
2013	98	51	65	0.8	4.3
2014	102	54	55	0.7	6.6
2015	96	45	69	0.6	3.5
2016	96	46	57	0.6	3.9
2017	96	46	49	0.6	3.5
2018	93	28	55	0.8	5.8
2019	87	33	53	0.9	4.8
2020	94	57	53	0.6	4.1
2021	89	43	49	0.5	3.0
2022	113	52	64	0.6	3.0
2023	105	53	57	0.4	2.5
2024	106	67	46	0.5	2.9
2025	96	57	55	0.7	3.4

Table 14. Black bear spring black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2025.

Unit	Sample size	Pursuers	Days	Males treed	Females treed	Cubs treed	Unknown treed	Total treed	Bears treed per day	Bears treed per pursuer
Beaver	13	29	252	9	33	4	9	55	0.2	1.9
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	24	53	700	72	94	13	66	245	0.4	4.6
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	1	2	33	4	11	0	9	24	0.7	12.0
Boulder/Kaiparowits	9	20	157	4	13	4	20	41	0.3	2.1
Cache/Ogden	5	11	122	4	7	9	7	27	0.2	2.5
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	19	42	314	27	22	2	38	89	0.3	2.1
Fillmore, Pahvant	3	7	60	0	2	0	0	2	0.0	0.3
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	9	20	250	24	46	7	13	90	0.4	4.5
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	11	155	2	2	0	0	4	0.0	0.4
La Sal	22	48	509	33	86	42	24	185	0.4	3.9
Manti, North	6	13	102	11	15	13	11	50	0.5	3.8
Manti, South/San Rafael, North	16	35	436	44	49	18	22	133	0.3	3.8
Mt Dutton	1	2	7	4	0	0	0	4	0.6	2.0
Nebo	8	18	60	9	20	11	2	42	0.7	2.3
Nine Mile	6	13	93	15	11	0	7	33	0.4	2.5
North Slope, Three Corners/ West Daggett	8	18	66	7	4	0	0	11	0.2	0.6
Panguitch Lake/Zion	3	7	73	0	13	0	13	26	0.4	3.7
Paunsaugunt	4	9	97	2	0	0	0	2	0.0	0.2
San Juan	17	37	371	42	44	11	13	110	0.3	3.0

Unit	Sample size	Pursuers	Days	Males treed	Females treed	Cubs treed	Unknown treed	Total treed	Bears treed per day	Bears treed per pursuer
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/ Currant Creek	10	22	106	4	0	0	2	6	0.1	0.3
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	19	42	392	35	38	13	4	90	0.2	2.1
Unknown	6	13	115	2	9	13	2	26	0.2	2.0
Totals	137	303	4470	354	519	160	262	1295	0.3	4.3

Table 15. Black bear unrestricted summer black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2025.

Unit	Sample size	Pursuers	Days	Males treed	Females treed	Cubs treed	Unknown treed	Total treed	Bears treed per day	Bears treed per pursuer
Beaver	10	22	144	9	18	0	0	27	0.2	1.2
Boulder/Kaiparowits	6	13	64	0	4	0	7	11	0.2	0.8
Cache/Ogden	6	13	84	7	13	4	0	24	0.3	1.8
Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	21	46	412	42	73	22	51	188	0.5	4.1
Fillmore, Pahvant	2	4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	7	15	95	22	24	2	4	52	0.5	3.5
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	1	2	13	2	0	0	0	2	0.2	1.0
Manti, North	4	9	55	11	22	2	0	35	0.6	3.9
Manti, South/San Rafael, North	15	33	319	58	58	9	15	140	0.4	4.2
Mt Dutton	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Nebo	9	20	106	9	13	0	0	22	0.2	1.1
Nine Mile	2	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	2	4	11	0	2	0	0	2	0.2	0.5
Panguitch Lake/Zion	2	4	15	0	7	0	4	11	0.7	2.8
Paunsaugunt	4	9	55	0	18	11	4	33	0.6	3.7
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	5	11	62	0	2	0	0	2	0.0	0.2
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	16	35	281	15	31	9	9	64	0.2	1.8
Unknown	7	15	115	7	15	15	0	37	0.3	2.5
Totals	101	223	1871	182	300	74	94	650	0.3	2.9

Table 16. Black bear restricted spring and summer black bear pursuit statistics, Utah, 2025.

Hunt number	Unit	Permits	Sample size	Pursuers	Days	Males treed	Females treed	Cubs treed	Unknown treed	Total treed	Bears treed per day	Bears treed per pursuer
BR1015	Book Cliffs (spring nonres)	1	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BR1016	San Juan (spring nonres)	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BR1017	La Sal (spring nonres)	2	2	2	12	1	1	0	0	2	0.2	1.0
BR1008	Book Cliffs (early summer)	23	15	12	49	11	8	3	6	28	0.6	2.3
BR1009	La Sal (early summer)	11	7	6	35	5	13	0	5	23	0.7	3.8
BR1010	San Juan (early summer)	13	9	12	75	10	27	7	1	45	0.6	3.8
BR1011	Book Cliffs (late summer)	23	11	15	63	8	21	0	6	35	0.6	2.3
BR1012	La Sal (late summer)	14	9	2	14	2	5	0	6	13	0.9	6.5
BR1013	San Juan (late summer)	12	6	8	52	10	16	12	6	44	0.8	5.5

Livestock depredation incidents and loss

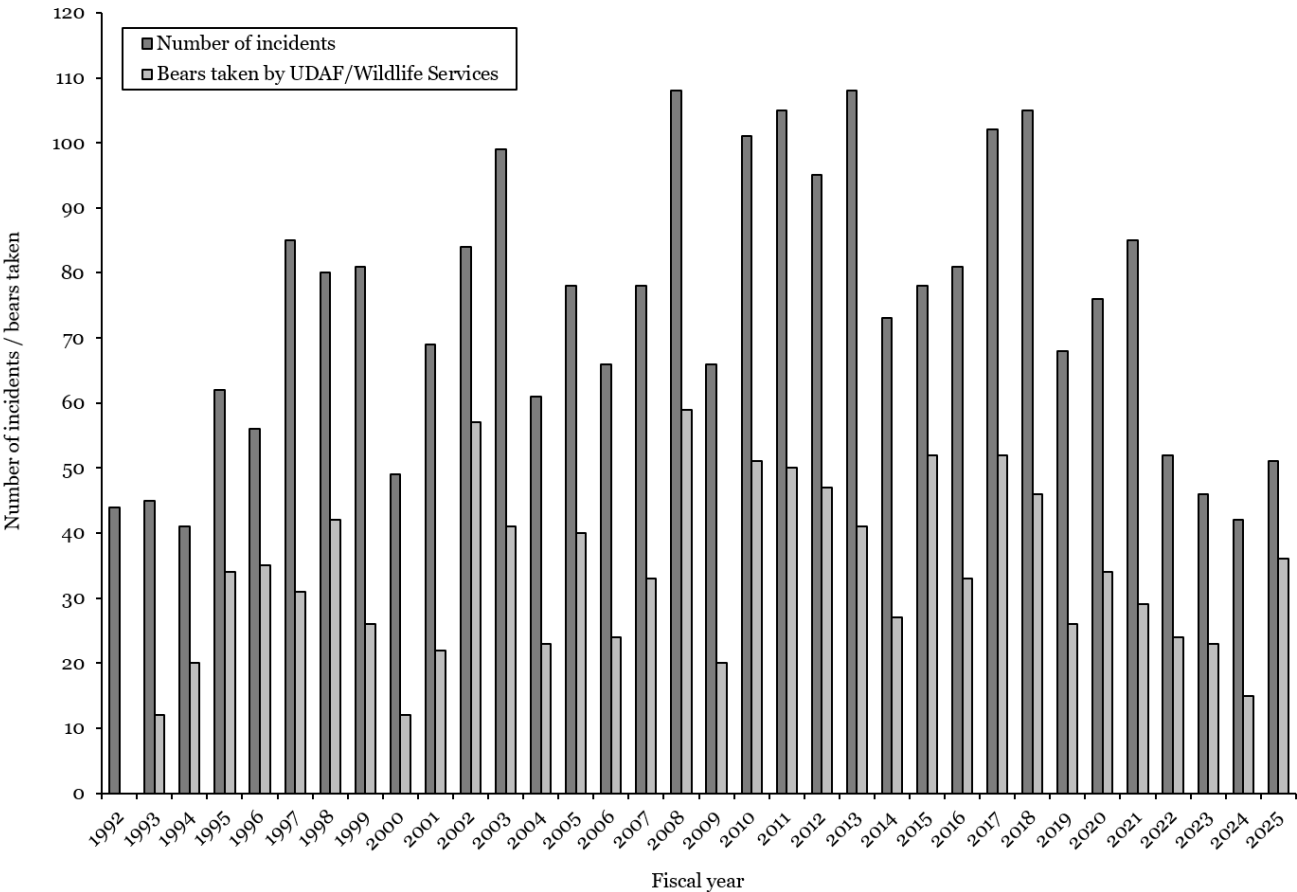


Figure 3. Number of black bear incidents and number of bears taken by Wildlife Services and Utah Division of Agriculture (UDAF), fiscal years 1992-2025.

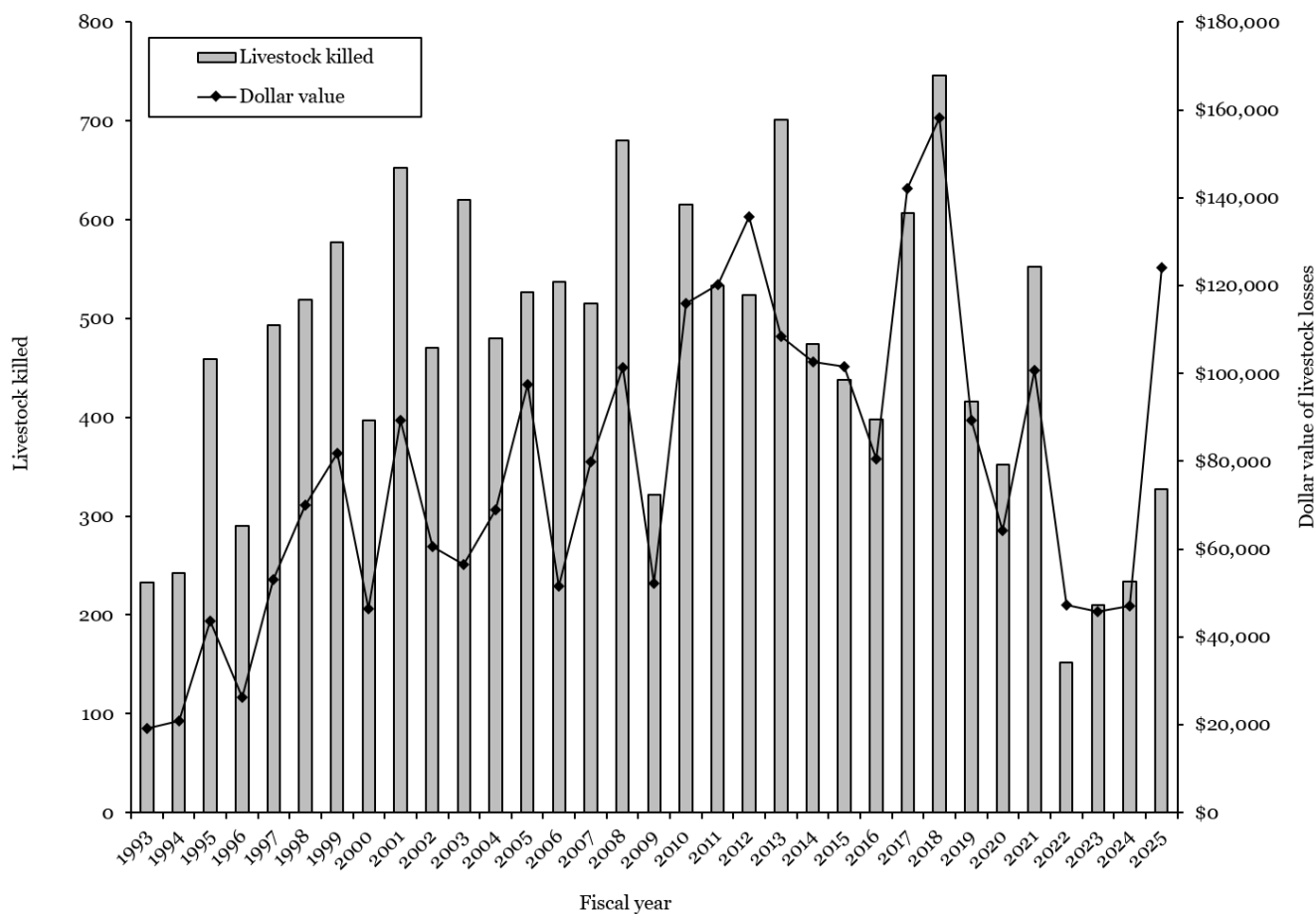


Figure 4. Number of livestock lost and the dollar value of those losses due to black bear depredation, fiscal years 1993-2025.

Appendix A

Unit by unit black bear harvest tables will no longer be published in the Black Bear Annual Report. Historical harvest data from individual units can be found in archived annual reports accessible online at *wildlife.utah.gov*