

Fish and Wildlife
BEAR ACTIVITY REPORT

Jan 1 - Jun 21 Period

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
NOTE: This report contains sightings and complaints reported to DEP and does not include incidents handled by police departments without DEP assistance.		15	17	-11.76%
Summary	Total:	473	705	-32.91%
	Sightings:	148	243	-39.09%
	Damage & Nuisance:	325	462	-29.65%
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Category I		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	AGRICULTURE	1	2	
	ATTEMPTED HOME ENTRY	3	4	
	UNPROVOKED DOG ATTACK	1	2	
	HUMAN ATTACK	0	0	
	HOME ENTRY	9	5	
	LIVESTOCK KILL (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	PROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	2	1	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	2	5	
	PROTECTED HIVE	5	3	
	RABBIT ATTACK (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	AGGRESSIVE	7	7	
	TENT ENTRY	1	2	
	VEHICLE ENTRY	0	1	
		<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-3.13%</u>
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Category II		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	CAMP SITE	0	0	
	PROVOKED DOG ATTACK	2	2	
	GARBAGE	80	153	
	NUISANCE	57	94	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	12	19	
	UNPROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	12	13	
	UNPROTECTED HIVE ***	7	1	
	OTHER	0	0	
		<u>170</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>-39.72%</u>
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Category III		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	BIRD FEEDER	20	26	
	FOUND DEAD	2	3	
	INJURED BEAR	10	33	
	ILLEGAL KILL	2	1	
	OTHER	60	47	
	SIGHTING	148	243	
	URBAN BEAR	1	2	
	VEHICLE STRIKE	28	35	
		<u>271</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>-30.51%</u>

* Incident type total now divided between protected and unprotected livestock

** New Incident Type in 2016

*** Moved from Category I to II

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Overall Incidents

Number of Counties: 18	2025	2024	% Change
Bergen	22	37	
Burlington	1	1	
Camden		2	
Cumberland		1	
Essex	10	53	
Gloucester	2		
Hunterdon	29	57	
Mercer	22	5	
Middlesex	8	18	
Monmouth		1	
Morris	72	119	
Ocean	1	3	
Passaic	28	35	
Salem	1	1	
Somerset	18	14	
Sussex	160	253	
Union	6	6	
Warren	93	99	
Total	473	705	-32.91%

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