

## New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife

### 2017 Black Bear Season Harvest Information

The 2017 Black Bear Season was held during two segments: the archery/muzzleloader Segment A October 9-14 and the firearm Segment B December 4-9. Segment B was extended for four days the following week, December 13-16, when the harvest rate objective of 20% was not met. A total of 409 bears were harvested. Summaries of the harvest by Bear Hunting Zone and county are provided below. Sex, age and class data will be posted when available.

Hunters were required to check all harvested bears at check stations staffed by Fish and Wildlife personnel. Data, including sex, weight and size were collected, and a tooth is extracted for aging by Matson's Lab, a wildlife laboratory offering cementum (tooth) aging.

The document linked below provides sex, age and class information on harvested bears. The bears are listed according to the number on the Possession Seal attached to each bear's ear at the check station. The seal numbers are listed numerically. Tooth ages marked N/A are the result of the lab being unable to determine an exact age due to various reasons:

**2017 Black Bear Harvest Data** (pdf, 105kb)

For more information on the black bear hunting season in New Jersey, visit the Black Bear Season Information page; for information on black bears in the state, visit the Know the Bear Facts page.

Summaries of the harvest by Bear Hunting Zone and county are provided below.

#### Black Bear Harvest by Bear Hunting Zone

Bear Hunting Zone	Bears Harvested in Segment A, 2017						Segment A Total	Bears Harvested in Segment B, 2017												Segment B Total	Season Total
	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14		12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16				
Zone 1	12	19	2	11	15	16	75	28	4	4	6	2	4	1	1	0	3	53	128		
Zone 2	10	20	13	11	9	12	75	17	8	5	4	9	2	1	0	1	9	56	131		
Zone 3	11	16	12	9	10	10	68	19	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	4	38	106		
Zone 4	1	7	2	6	2	8	26	9	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	18	44		
Zone 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	34	62	29	37	36	46	244	73	14	15	14	13	9	5	3	1	18	165	409		
Harvested Bears Tagged This Year	0	5	4	4	1	2	16	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	6	22		

Cumulative Harvest Rate*	0%	3.7%	6.7%	9.6%	10.4%	11.9%	11.9%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	14.1%	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	16.3%	-	16.3%
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\*Based On 135 Tagged Bears Available for Harvest

### Black Bear Harvest by County

County	Bears Harvested in Segment A, 2017						Segment A Total	Bears Harvested in Segment B, 2017										Segment B Total	Season Total
	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14		12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16		
Sussex	23	29	16	21	22	22	133	42	9	5	12	8	5	1	1	1	9	93	226
Warren	3	13	4	10	7	15	52	15	3	6	1	4	3	3	0	0	6	41	93
Passaic	0	5	5	2	4	3	19	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	14	33
Morris	8	14	4	3	2	5	36	9	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	17	53
Bergen	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hunterdon	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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