

New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife

**2019 Black Bear Season Harvest Information**

The 2019 Black Bear Season was held during two segments: the archery/muzzleloader Segment A, October 14-19 and the firearm Segment B, December 9-14. Segment B was extended for four days the following week, December 16-21, when the harvest rate objective of 20% was not met. A total of 315 bears were harvested for a harvest rate of 15.3%. 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 was 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.

**2019 Black Bear Harvest Data** (pdf, 145kb)

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, 2019						Segment A Total	Bears Harvested in Segment B, 2019								Segment B Total	Season Total		
	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19		12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/18	12/19			12/20	12/21
Zone 1	23	11	2	5	4	4	49	3	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	1	2	14	63
Zone 2	30	21	3	6	14	23	106	0	4	1	2	8	2	2	3	0	1	23	129
Zone 3	39	15	4	1	8	13	80	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	6	86
Zone 4	7	6	1	3	5	6	28	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	34
Zone 5	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>315</b>
Harvested Bears Tagged This Year	7	4	0	2	2	3	18	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	23

Cumulative Harvest Rate*	4.7%	7.3%	7.3%	8.7%	10%	12.0%	<b>12.0%</b>	12.0%	12.0%	12.7%	13.3%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
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\*Based On 150 Tagged Bears Available for Harvest

### Black Bear Harvest by County

County	Bears Harvested in Segment A, 2019						Segment A Total	Bears Harvested in Segment B, 2019								Segment B Total	Season Total		
	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19		12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/18	12/19			12/20	12/21
Sussex	50	27	5	8	11	25	126	2	4	0	3	12	3	2	3	0	1	30	156
Warren	24	13	1	5	10	9	62	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	11	73
Passaic	9	5	2	0	4	5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	27
Morris	25	8	0	1	6	5	45	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	49
Bergen	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
Hunterdon	0	0	1	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
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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