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The fall turkey hunter survey is conducted each year at the end of the fall season. The season closed on 31 January 2019. The objective of the survey is to obtain information on the fall turkey harvest and success, and to assess characteristics of the hunt and hunters (e.g., satisfaction). This year's survey was available to hunters between 7 and 22 March 2019, inclusive. A summary of hunter harvest and success is provided in a separate report, *2018 Fall Wild Turkey Harvest*.

Caveats. The fall Wild Turkey Hunter Survey samples primarily fall turkey hunters who provided valid email addresses at the time they purchased their permit(s). Additionally, the survey is also available on the Game & Parks website to anyone who wishes to complete it. Although the website version is promoted through various media avenues, participation is low. As such, the results might be biased and not strictly generalizable to the population of all fall turkey hunters. For the fall 2018 season, however, 68.8% of unique permit buyers provided an email address.

Interpretations. As in past years, most non-resident respondents were from Colorado, followed by Minnesota and California, and 17% of these non-residents were at one time in the past residents of Nebraska. Few (1%) of resident respondents indicated that they had hunted turkeys in another state, but 30% of non-residents had, mostly in Colorado, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. Respondents ($n = 670$) spent 3,339 days afield (4.98 days per responding hunter). The majority of respondents, regardless of residency, were not pursuing a particular sub-species of turkey while hunting in Nebraska, but 33% of non-residents did report they were hunting for Merriam's turkeys. Most residents (97%) and non-residents (97%) reported that they would hunt Nebraska again given their experiences during the 2018 fall season. Of those who would not, cost was cited as a significant issue. As for why they chose to hunt turkeys in Nebraska, availability of permits (60%) and turkey population abundance (65%) were cited as important reasons regardless of residency. Having friends or family in Nebraska was also an important factor for non-resident respondents. In general, respondents did not feel that they encountered too many hunters while hunting (63%), were satisfied with the number of turkeys they saw (33%), were neutral with regards to the amount of public land available (45%), and were, overall, satisfied with their fall turkey hunt (35%). There were some differences in the level of agreement among respondents on private land by how many turkeys they harvested; as the number of turkeys harvested increase, the respondents were less likely to think there were too many other hunters. Satisfaction with the overall hunting experience also increased for private land respondents as the number of turkeys harvested increased. There were also differences among administrative districts. Hunters in the Northwest, with large tracts of public land, felt less crowded by other hunters than respondents in other districts. Whereas the majority of respondents in the Northwest and Southwest were satisfied with the number of turkeys they observed, only pluralities of hunters in the Northeast (43.5%) and Southeast (29.4%) were satisfied. More respondents in the Northwest were satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting (21.7%) than respondents from other districts. Whereas a majority of hunters in the Northwest (67.4%) and Southwest (54.3%) were very satisfied with their overall hunting experiences, only pluralities of respondents in the districts were satisfied.

Take-home Message. Although declining in popularity, fall turkey hunting remains a satisfying experience for most hunters, but regional differences are starting to become apparent, likely due to changes in abundance.

Methods. This year's survey was composed and administered in-house using Snap survey software and Snap WebHost service. An initial invitation to participate was sent to 3,938 (68.8%) of unique permit buyers on 7 March 2019, of which 3,714 were deliverable. A follow-up reminder was sent on 14 March 2019 to hunters who received the first invitation, but failed to respond. In addition to the email invitations, the survey was also available to hunters via the NGPC website, and promotional posts to agency social media were made on the date the initial invitations were sent and on the date the follow-up reminder was sent. The survey was closed to all participants on 22 March 2019, at which time 670 responses had been received, for a raw response rate of 18.0%. The responding hunters represented 801 individual permits, for a permit response rate of 21.6%. Each survey respondent represented 7.46 fall 2018 fall permit buyers.

Results. Below are figures and tables that summarize hunter responses to survey questions. In most cases, the results are presented for residents, non-residents, and all hunters combined.

Table 1. Minimum, maximum, mean, and median time (in minutes) participants took to complete the fall 2018 survey.

	Descriptive Statistics					
	Total	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Standard Error of the Mean
Duration of interview	670	0.57	106.3	5.65	4.95	0.22

Table 2. Top ten states of residence for non-resident respondents ($n = 115$) during the 2018 fall season.

State of residence		
Colorado	52	45%
Minnesota	7	6%
California	5	4%
Pennsylvania	5	4%
South Dakota	5	4%
Virginia	5	4%
Missouri	4	3%
Arkansas	3	3%
Oklahoma	3	3%
Utah	3	3%

Table 3. Number and percent of non-resident hunters who reported being a Nebraska resident as some point in the past.

Were you ever a resident of the state of Nebraska?		
	Yes	19
		17%
	No	93
		83%

Table 4. Among Nebraskans, the top ten counties of residence and number of respondents ($n = 555$).

In which Nebraska county do you reside?		
Douglas	71	13%
Lancaster	58	10%
Sarpy	52	9%
Buffalo	33	6%
Lincoln	21	4%
Saunders	18	3%
Adams	16	3%
Dawson	16	3%
Hall	16	3%
Scotts Bluff	12	2%

Table 5. Reported number and percent of total permit by type (regular, youth) of permits purchased for the fall 2018 season overall, and by resident and non-resident respondents.

Number of Permits	Overall			Resident			Non-resident		
	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Youth Permits	559	86	25	463	74	18	96	12	7
	83%	13%	4%	83%	13%	3%	83%	10%	6%
Regular/Landowner	92	491	87	67	422	66	25	69	21
	14%	73%	13%	12%	76%	12%	22%	60%	18%

Table 6. Number and percent of residents and non-residents (and overall) who indicated they hunted turkeys in states other than Nebraska during the 2018 fall season.

Did you hunt turkeys during the fall 2018 season <i>in any other state?</i>	Overall	Resident	Non-resident
Yes	43 6%	8 1%	35 30%
No	626 94%	546 99%	80 70%

Table 7. Top ten states where respondents who hunted in other states reported hunting. Due to low response rates to this question ($n = 38$) responses are not displayed by residency.

State		
Colorado	4	11%
Minnesota	4	11%
Pennsylvania	4	11%
Kansas	3	8%
South Dakota	3	8%
Virginia	3	8%
Alabama	2	5%
Missouri	2	5%
New York	2	5%
Texas	2	5%

Table 8. Number and percent of resident and non-resident respondents who reported going afield to hunt during the fall 2018 turkey season.

Did you hunt turkeys in Nebraska during the fall 2018 season?	Overall	Resident	Non-residents
Yes	553 83%	448 81%	105 91%
No	117 17%	107 19%	10 9%

Table 9. Number of respondents, total days hunted, and days hunted per respondent for all hunters indicating they hunted during the 2018 fall turkey season.

How many days did you hunt turkeys in Nebraska in the fall of 2018?	Overall	Resident	Non-resident
Total Responses	670	555	115
Total Days	3,339	2,869	470
Days per Hunter	4.98	5.17	4.09

Table 10. Top ten counties and number of respondents for the harvest of the respondents' first turkey during the 2018 fall turkey season by residency.

Overall (n = 240)			Resident (n = 186)			Non-resident (n = 54)		
Dawes	15	6%	Lincoln	11	6%	Unknown	6	11%
Lincoln	14	6%	Custer	9	5%	Dawes	6	11%
Custer	11	5%	Dawes	9	5%	Cherry	4	7%
Dawson	9	4%	Dawson	8	4%	Chase	3	6%
Unknown	8	3%	Harlan	7	4%	Lincoln	3	6%
Cherry	8	3%	Knox	7	4%	Custer	2	4%
Knox	8	3%	Buffalo	6	3%	Frontier	2	4%
Buffalo	7	3%	Frontier	5	3%	Hayes	2	4%
Frontier	7	3%	Holt	5	3%	Hitchcock	2	4%
Harlan	7	3%	Red Willow	5	3%	Keya Paha	2	4%

Table 11. Top ten counties and number of respondents for the harvest of the respondents' second turkey during the 2018 fall turkey season by residency.

Overall (n = 146)			Resident (n = 108)			Non-resident (n = 38)		
Dawes	10	7%	Lincoln	8	7%	Cherry	4	11%
Lincoln	9	6%	Dawes	6	6%	Dawes	4	11%
Cherry	6	4%	Dawson	5	5%	Unknown	3	8%
Custer	6	4%	Knox	5	5%	Chase	2	5%
Dawson	6	4%	Custer	4	4%	Custer	2	5%
Unknown	5	3%	Red Willow	4	4%	Frontier	2	5%
Knox	5	3%	Saunders	4	4%	Hayes	2	5%
Saunders	5	3%	Buffalo	3	3%	Keith	2	5%
Frontier	4	3%	Douglas	3	3%	Sheridan	2	5%
Red Willow	4	3%	Furnas	3	3%	Adams	1	3%

Table 12. Top counties and number of respondents for the harvest of the respondents' third and fourth turkey during the 2018 fall turkey season. Responses could not be broken down by residency because of the low number of respondents who reported harvesting 3 (n = 9) or 4 (n = 5) turkeys.

Third turkey (n = 9)			Fourth Turkey (n = 5)		
Dawes	2	22%	Dawes	2	40%
Cherry	1	11%	Cherry	1	20%
Custer	1	11%	Custer	1	20%
Frontier	1	11%	Frontier	1	20%
Hitchcock	1	11%			
Red Willow	1	11%			
Sarpy	1	11%			
Sheridan	1	11%			

Table 13. Number and percent of resident and non-resident respondents who reported pursuing a particular sub-species of wild turkey during the 2018 fall season. Hunters were allowed to select more than one sub-species, so responses will not equal Total Respondents. Percentages are based on total responses, not respondents. All options with >50% support are highlighted.

Subspecies	Overall	Resident	Non-resident
Total Respondents	549	445	104
Eastern	42 8%	35 8%	7 7%
Merriam's	102 19%	68 15%	34 33%
Rio Grande	11 2%	6 1%	5 5%
No particular subspecies	420 77%	354 80%	66 63%

Table 14. Age and sex distribution of the fall 2018 reported turkey harvest by residency.

	Overall					Resident					Non-resident				
	0	1	2	3	4	0	1	2	3	4	0	1	2	3	4
Adult males (toms)	360 19%	83 34%	32 36%	1 13%	2 14%	299 19%	62 33%	24 35%	1 14%	2 15%	61 18%	21 35%	8 38%	-	-
Juvenile males (jakes)	378 20%	56 23%	20 22%	3 38%	5 36%	314 20%	40 21%	16 24%	3 43%	5 38%	64 19%	16 27%	4 19%	-	-
Adult hens	373 19%	76 31%	32 36%	3 38%	4 29%	309 20%	59 32%	26 38%	2 29%	3 23%	64 19%	17 28%	6 29%	1 100%	1 100%
Juvenile hens	401 21%	28 11%	4 4%	1 13%	2 14%	328 21%	24 13%	2 3%	1 14%	2 15%	73 22%	4 7%	2 10%	-	-
Unknown age and sex	406 21%	4 2%	1 1%	-	1 7%	334 21%	2 1%	-	-	1 8%	72 22%	2 3%	1 5%	-	-

Table 15. Resident and non-resident respondents' harvest and days spent afield by segment of the season for the fall 2018 season.

Period of season	Overall		Resident		Non-resident	
	Days	Harvested	Days	Harvested	Days	Harvested
15-30 September	250	53	206	39	44	14
1-31 October	626	171	552	132	74	39
1-10 November	325	69	268	47	57	22
11-19 November	296	54	264	44	32	10
20-30 November	189	42	168	35	21	7
1-31 December	273	75	253	65	20	10
1-31 January	158	73	128	60	30	13

Table 16. Number of resident and non-resident respondents who reported harvesting 0-4 turkeys on public land or on private land where permission was required during the 2018 fall turkey season.

How many turkeys did you harvest on...	Overall					Resident					Non-resident				
	0	1	2	3	4	0	1	2	3	4	0	1	2	3	4
...private land where permission was required?	319 58%	100 18%	120 22%	6 1%	8 1%	268 60%	80 18%	88 20%	6 1%	6 1%	51 49%	20 19%	32 30%	-	2 2%
...land open to public hunting?	521 94%	12 2%	18 3%	1 0%	1 0%	424 95%	10 2%	12 3%	1 0%	1 0%	97 92%	2 2%	6 6%	-	-

Table 17. Number and percent of resident and non-resident respondents who would or would not hunt in Nebraska again given their experiences during the fall 2018 season.

Will you hunt turkey in Nebraska again given your experiences in the fall 2018 season?	Overall	Resident	Non-resident
Yes	534 97%	433 97%	101 97%
No	15 3%	12 3%	3 3%

Figure 1. Word cloud summarizing free responses from respondents who indicated that they would not hunt in Nebraska again given their experiences during the 2018 fall season (Appendix 1 for complete list).



Figure 2. Distribution of overall respondents’ turkey hunting experience in years as of 2018.

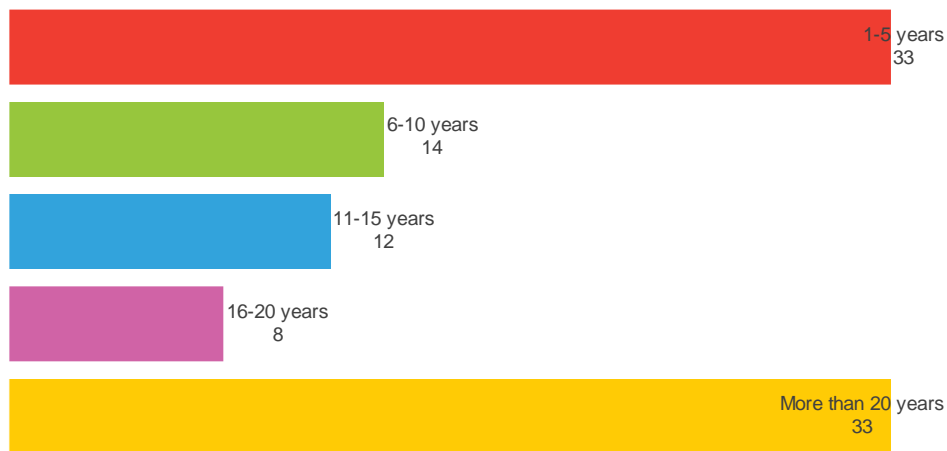


Table 18. Resident and non-resident respondents’ reasons for hunting wild turkey in Nebraska during the 2018 fall season. Options with >50% support are highlighted.

Select all the factors that influence your decision to hunt wild turkeys in Nebraska in the fall 2018	Overall	Resident	Non-resident
Availability of Public Land to hunt	173 32%	147 33%	26 25%
Family and/or friends who live in state	226 41%	161 36%	65 63%
Ability to hunt a different sub-species of turkey	72 13%	42 9%	30 29%
Availability of permits	331 60%	262 59%	69 66%
Permit costs	226 41%	189 42%	37 36%
Number of permits allowed per hunter	195 36%	149 33%	46 44%
Hunter success rate	162 30%	122 27%	40 38%
Turkey population abundance	355 65%	285 64%	70 67%
Other	55 10%	51 11%	4 4%

Figure 3. Word cloud of significant terms from the free responses received for “Other,” about why hunters chose to hunt turkey in Nebraska during the 2018 fall season (Appendix 2 for complete list).



Table 19. Resident and non-resident respondent agreement with statements related to their hunting experiences in Nebraska during the 2018 fall season. The agreement score for each item with the highest frequency of selection by respondents is highlighted.

	Overall					Resident					Non-resident				
	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
"I saw too many hunters"	347	97	83	10	14	267	84	74	10	12	80	13	9	0	2
	63%	18%	15%	2%	3%	60%	19%	17%	2%	3%	77%	13%	9%	0%	2%
"I was satisfied with the number of turkeys seen"	64	69	117	121	182	54	62	99	102	131	10	7	18	19	51
	12%	12%	21%	22%	33%	12%	14%	22%	23%	29%	10%	7%	17%	18%	49%
"I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting"	62	79	245	95	61	54	69	195	80	44	8	10	50	15	17
	11%	15%	45%	18%	11%	12%	16%	44%	18%	10%	8%	10%	50%	15%	17%
"Overall I was satisfied with the quality of my hunting experience"	26	39	139	151	195	25	34	122	123	141	1	5	17	28	54
	5%	7%	25%	27%	35%	6%	8%	27%	28%	32%	1%	5%	16%	27%	51%

Table 20. Respondent agreement with the statement, “I saw too many hunters,” by the number of turkeys harvested on public land and on private land. “-” indicates that there were no responses for that particular level of harvest.

		"I saw too many hunters."				
Land Type	Turkeys Harvested	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on private land	0	190 60%	52 16%	61 19%	7 2%	8 3%
	1	62 62%	21 21%	13 13%	1 1%	3 3%
	2	84 71%	23 19%	7 6%	2 2%	3 3%
	3	4 67%	1 17%	1 17%	- -	- -
	4	7 88%	- -	1 13%	- -	- -
Number of turkeys harvested on public land	0	333 64%	87 17%	77 15%	9 2%	13 3%
	1	6 50%	3 25%	2 17%	1 8%	- -
	2	8 44%	6 33%	4 22%	- -	- -
	3	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 100%
	4	- -	1 100%	- -	- -	- -

Table 21. Respondent agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the number of turkeys seen,” by the number of turkeys harvested on public and private land. “-” indicates that there were no responses for that level of harvest.

		"I was satisfied with the number of turkeys seen"				
Land Type	Turkeys Harvested	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on private land	0	54 17%	52 16%	76 24%	71 22%	66 21%
	1	7 7%	9 9%	21 21%	21 21%	42 42%
	2	3 3%	8 7%	18 15%	26 22%	65 54%
	3	- -	- -	1 17%	1 17%	4 67%
	4	- -	- -	1 13%	2 25%	5 63%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land	0	62 12%	67 13%	113 22%	107 21%	172 33%
	1	1 8%	1 8%	1 8%	6 50%	3 25%
	2	- -	1 6%	3 17%	8 44%	6 33%
	3	1 100%	- -	- -	- -	- -
	4	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 100%

Table 22. Respondent agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the amount of public land open to public hunting,” by the number of turkeys harvested on public and on private land. “-” indicates that there were no responses for that level of harvest.

		"I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting."				
Land Type	Turkeys Harvested	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkey harvested on private land	0	40 13%	47 15%	127 40%	63 20%	38 12%
	1	8 8%	13 13%	59 60%	10 10%	9 9%
	2	14 12%	17 15%	50 43%	21 18%	13 11%
	3	- -	1 17%	4 67%	1 17%	- -
	4	- -	1 14%	5 71%	- -	1 14%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land	0	56 11%	75 15%	237 46%	88 17%	55 11%
	1	3 25%	2 17%	3 25%	2 17%	2 17%
	2	3 18%	2 12%	4 24%	4 24%	4 24%
	3	- -	- -	1 100%	- -	- -
	4	- -	- -	- -	1 100%	- -

Table 23. Respondent agreement with the statement, “Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my turkey hunting experience,” by the number of turkeys harvested on public land and private land. “-” indicates that there were no responses at that level of harvest.

		"Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my turkey hunting experience."				
Land Type	Turkeys Harvested	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Number of turkeys harvested on private land	0	24 8%	35 11%	104 33%	81 26%	73 23%
	1	2 2%	3 3%	15 15%	36 36%	44 44%
	2	- -	1 1%	18 15%	30 25%	70 59%
	3	- -	- -	1 17%	2 33%	3 50%
	4	- -	- -	1 13%	2 25%	5 63%
Number of turkeys harvested on public land	0	25 5%	38 7%	133 26%	139 27%	183 35%
	1	- -	- -	3 25%	6 50%	3 25%
	2	- -	1 6%	3 17%	6 33%	8 44%
	3	1 100%	- -	- -	- -	- -
	4	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 100%

Table 24. Respondents agreement with the statement, “I saw too many hunters,” by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Wildlife Administration Districts. Agreement was measured on a 5-point scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) and based on 239 total respondents. The most frequent selections are highlighted for each district.

"I saw too many hunters."							
District	Number of respondents	Average Score	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Northeast	54	1.50	32 59.3%	17 31.5%	5 9.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Northwest	46	1.39	37 80.4%	4 8.7%	3 6.5%	0 0.0%	2 4.3%
Southeast	34	1.68	19 55.9%	9 26.5%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%	1 2.9%
Southwest	105	1.54	68 64.8%	23 21.9%	9 8.6%	3 2.9%	2 1.9%

Table 25. Respondents agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw,” by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Wildlife Administrative Districts. Agreement was measured on a 5-point scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) and based on 239 total respondents. The most frequent selections are highlighted for each district.

"I was satisfied with the number of turkeys I saw."							
District	Number of respondents	Average Score	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Northeast	54	3.82	3 6.5%	4 8.7%	13 28.3%	14 30.4%	20 43.5%
Northwest	46	4.33	1 2.2%	3 6.5%	7 15.2%	4 8.7%	31 67.4%
Southeast	34	3.53	2 5.9%	6 7.7%	8 23.5%	8 23.5%	10 29.4%
Southwest	105	4.28	2 1.9%	3 2.9%	15 14.3%	29 27.6%	56 53.3%

Table 32. Respondents agreement with the statement, “I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting,” by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Wildlife Administrative Districts. Agreement was measured on a 5-point scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) and based on 239 total respondents. The most frequent selections are highlighted for each district.

"I was satisfied with the amount of land open to public hunting."							
District	Number of respondents	Average Score	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Northeast	54	2.74	6 11.1%	9 16.7%	33 61.1%	4 7.4%	2 3.7%
Northwest	46	3.26	5 10.9%	5 10.9%	18 39.1%	8 17.4%	10 21.7%
Southeast	34	2.71	5 14.7%	5 14.7%	19 55.9%	4 11.8%	1 2.9%
Southwest	105	3.05	13 12.4%	11 10.5%	49 46.7%	21 20.0%	11 10.5%

Table 33. Respondents agreement with the statement, “Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my turkey hunting experience,” by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Wildlife Administrative Districts. Agreement was measured on a 5-point scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) and based on 239 total respondents. The most frequent selections are highlighted for each district.

"Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my turkey hunting experience."							
District	Number of respondents	Average Score	Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
Northeast	54	4.28	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	11 20.4%	17 31.5%	26 48.1%
Northwest	46	4.59	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 8.7%	11 23.9%	31 67.4%
Southeast	34	3.74	0 0.0%	3 8.8%	10 29.4%	12 35.3%	9 26.5%
Southwest	105	4.35	1 0.9%	2 1.9%	13 12.4%	32 30.5%	57 54.3%

Table 34. Where non-resident respondents stayed while hunting in Nebraska during the 2018 fall turkey season.

Where did you stay while hunting turkeys in Nebraska?	Non-resident responses and percent
Hotel/Motel	30 29%
Commercial campground (e.g., KOA) or hunting lodge	2 2%
Public camping sites/lodge (e.g., State Parks)	7 7%
Private residence of family or friends	53 50%
Personal home	4 4%
Other	9 9%

Figure 8. Word cloud for “Other” responses to where respondents stayed while hunting turkey in Nebraska during the 2018 fall season (Appendix 3 for complete list).



Figure 9. Percentage of responding hunters who indicated they accompanied various groups of hunters in the field during the 2018 fall turkey season.

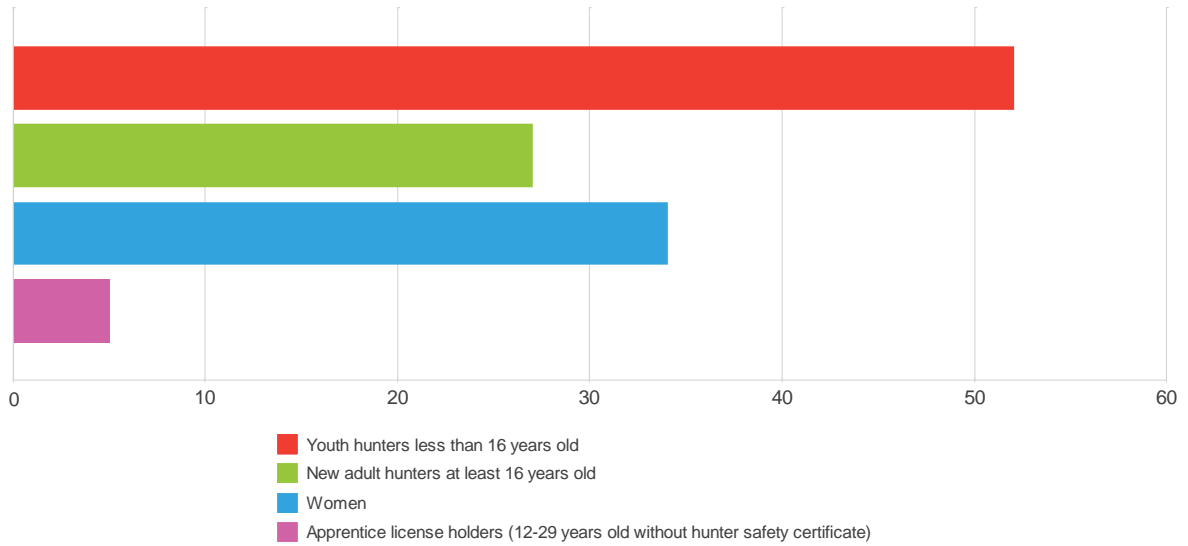


Table 35. Numbers of youth, novice, women, and apprentice hunters that respondents reported taking into the field during the 2018 fall turkey season.

Type of hunter	Number
Youth hunters less than 16 years old	92
New adult hunters at least 16 years old	49
Women	62
Apprentice license holders	8

Appendix 1. Unedited list of all responses received for the reason respondents would not return to Nebraska to hunt fall turkeys again in the future (see Table 17, Figure 1).

Saw no turkeys on our spot
No fucking turkeys around
Yes, I will hunt turkeys until I have to buy a full price permit. Too expensive!!!!
Expensive, Cost is high both spring and fall
Cost
cost
Did not see birds on public land and did not have permission to go on private land.
Didn't see any turkeys and wasted \$50 to get permit
Population is down by over 80% in most areas I normally hunt. More like upper 90%. Nebraska has marketed their turkey hunting so must you can't hunt anywhere and not be run over by our of state hunters. Nebraska needs a turkey check in similar to deer and units to take pressure off the pine ridge.
never seen a turkey from dec.1 to jan. 31
No birds buddy
I will again. The turkey population is like the deer population!!!! Very poor!!!!!!! This state is a joke. Just want to sell tags!!!! I hunt a lot Worst deer and turkey season I have ever had!! Animals are scarce!!!
Nebraska turkey population is drastically declining are very few around
The area that I had hunted, Harlan County, seemed to have the turkeys disappear. I had hunted areas where in the pass held turkeys but not certain where they went to. Even landowners were not certain what happened because they did not see them either

Appendix 2. Unedited list of responses for why respondents chose to hunt in Nebraska for the fall 2018 turkey season (see Table 18, Figure 3).

Food
Depends if I see them on our land
I am a ne. resedent
I live in Nebraska.
Close to home
I wanted to harvest a turkey for the meat on the bird and to enjoy a hunt on Thanks Giving!
Something to do.
Resident
If my grandkids want to go hunting
Continue season
I own the land that I hunt . If turkeys get close I have a pemit in my pocket.Dont go out of my way
land owner
I am a resident of Nebraska
Own my own land
Have lesse
nebraskas got turkeys! alot of turkeys on the elkhorn river need some puplic land on it
Access to private land
I live in Nebraska and love to hunt turkeys. The population is way down from when I moved to Harlan.
Youth permits, the 2 killed turkeys were by my 13 year old son
Pine ridge wild turkey hunt
I own 160 acres in Holt County and that is where I hunt.
I hunt on my own farms
I enjoy hunting turkeys
something to hunt
for food
Ability to complete a Mix Bag Hunt. Turkeys are Targetted as a Bird of Opportunity in Fall
just do it while deer hunting
Time to hunt
Out hunting other things
Home state
I live here. It used to be great
My son wanted to go Turkey hunting
We have turkeys that occasionally come by during archery deer season so I buy a tag As a bonus
It is where I reside
wild life observation and forces you to be both quiet and vigilant.

Appendix 2. Continued.

meat
Grandson wanted to eat a wild turkey for Thanksgiving!
I dont hunt turkeys hard in the fall. I have a permit with me when Im bow hunting for deer.
Nebraska is my state of residence
Wanted to make a turkey dinner for thanksgiving.
FOR FUN and being out of doors
Can hunt turkeys while deer hunting
I hunt here because I live here.
mostly archery hunt deer but have turkey tags in case a dumb one walks by
enjoy hunting turkey
The land where I hunt pheasants now has a few turkeys on it.
I had only 1 day due to illness
I live here and love hunting Nebraska.

Appendix 3. Unedited list of responses for “Other” places non-resident respondents stayed while hunting turkeys in the fall 2018 turkey season (see Table 34, Figure 8).

traveling to ND
Trailer on private land
Commute
Air BnB
camped on private property
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Private home rental
Camped on private land
Camper trailer on private land