

# CONSERVATION

## Fish and game harvested, 2019–20

<b>Fish<sup>1</sup></b>			
Great Lakes trout <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	117,430	Coyote . . . . .	59,823
Great Lakes salmon <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	125,620	Deer (with guns) . . . . .	196,135
<b>Game and fowl<sup>3</sup></b>		Deer (with bows) . . . . .	94,058
Wild turkey . . . . .	42,368	Elk . . . . .	10
Pheasant . . . . .	291,400	Bear . . . . .	3,679
Ruffed grouse . . . . .	162,325	Duck . . . . .	365,300
Gray partridge . . . . .	0	Canada goose . . . . .	143,387
Bobwhite quail . . . . .	199	<b>Furbearers<sup>3</sup></b>	
Woodcock . . . . .	51,138	Woodchuck . . . . .	5,797
Squirrel . . . . .	218,783	Muskrat . . . . .	169,280
Cottontail rabbit . . . . .	73,482	Mink . . . . .	4,634
Snowshoe hare . . . . .	5,320	Beaver . . . . .	31,683
Doves . . . . .	50,007	River otter . . . . .	1,661
Raccoon . . . . .	116,226	Bobcat . . . . .	789
Red fox . . . . .	5,009	Opossum . . . . .	7,867
Gray fox . . . . .	3,227	Skunk . . . . .	4,964
		Fisher . . . . .	555

1. Data based on 2014–15 diary survey estimating total fish caught (39,654,149) and total harvested (12,334,465). These are underestimates, because they do not include fish caught or harvested by unlicensed anglers, short-term license holders, or senior citizen discount license holders. 2. Data from Lake Michigan Creel Harvest Tables 2004–20 at [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Fishing/LM\\_CreelHarvestTables2004-2020.pdf](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Fishing/LM_CreelHarvestTables2004-2020.pdf) 3. Deer, bear, turkey, bobcat, otter, and fisher are all from hunter-registered harvest. Remaining data is from hunter surveys.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2021.

## Fish and game stocked, 2019–20

Game farm pheasants released . . . . .	77,751
Warmwater fish produced and distributed (includes fry) . . . . .	20,284,618
Coldwater fish . . . . .	7,825,163

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, April 2021.

## Fish and game licenses and recreation permits issued

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Boats actively registered . . . . .	623,796	618,043	630,134	619,319	609,957	625,273
Snowmobiles actively registered . . . . .	213,325	200,529	223,938	214,661	211,624	229,118
All-terrain vehicles actively registered . . . . .	320,758	366,987	382,029	400,285	418,345	447,917
Off-highway motorcycles actively registered <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	NA	365	2,245	3,608	4,209	5,234
Gun deer hunting and license tags (including nonresident) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	515,869	499,312	488,826	472,370	460,314	454,394
Small game hunting license tags (including nonresident) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	134,391	129,857	120,103	109,155	109,943	120,213
Spring turkey licenses (including nonresident) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	94,056	96,469	93,689	87,429	86,047	90,313
Fall turkey licenses (including nonresident) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	14,663	16,006	15,298	21,767	21,114	25,240
Resident annual fishing licenses <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	721,379	706,688	686,253	652,561	647,672	738,472

## Fish and game licenses and recreation permits issued, continued

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Resident husband and wife fishing licenses . . . . .	211,439	196,332	190,994	187,471	179,962	201,922
1-day resident fishing licenses. . . . .	8,290	8,784	10,566	9,767	9,616	10,912
Nonresident annual fishing licenses . . . . .	114,847	120,309	120,563	113,594	113,380	132,288
Nonresident family annual fishing licenses . . . . .	64,706	57,530	54,324	53,548	53,080	58,883
15-day nonresident family fishing licenses . . . . .	31,142	25,780	23,282	22,424	22,109	21,082
15-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	24,087	24,888	24,956	24,973	24,326	22,622
4-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	56,896	52,670	52,288	51,184	50,804	46,555
1-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	63,811	61,116	64,394	60,211	59,675	58,926
Resident sports licenses. . . . .	48,770	46,144	44,567	48,140	48,700	56,003
Nonresident sports licenses . . . . .	3,600	3,022	3,147	3,403	3,344	3,630
2-day Great Lakes fishing licenses . . . . .	37,411	39,751	37,837	36,174	34,412	32,947
Resident archer's licenses <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	165,025	157,691	143,244	130,524	119,785	125,075
Nonresident archer's licenses <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	9,077	9,204	8,928	8,782	9,452	10,879
Guide licenses (residents only) . . . . .	1,552	1,188	1,592	1,789	1,790	2,019
Conservation patron licenses . . . . .	47,965	50,231	51,889	52,633	52,590	55,805
Nonresident patron licenses . . . . .	973	1,147	1,213	1,039	857	1,026
Resident crossbow licenses <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	62,872	58,878	70,855	77,988	93,681	112,905
Nonresident crossbow licenses <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1,767	1,512	2,093	2,453	6,957	8,557
Elk licenses <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	10	10	10

NA—Not available.

1. DNR began registering off-highway motorcycles in 2016. 2. Includes mentored licenses. 3. Includes senior and junior fishing licenses. 4. Includes mentored licenses. Does not include upgrades. 5. The first Wisconsin elk season was held in 2018. Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, April 2021.

## Department of Natural Resources funding sources

	2014–15 (\$1,000)	2015–16 (\$1,000)	2016–17 (\$1,000)	2017–18 (\$1,000)	2018–19 (\$1,000)	2019–20 (\$1,000)
<b>Segregated funds . . . . .</b>	<b>362,115</b>	<b>412,607</b>	<b>432,415</b>	<b>427,135</b>	<b>455,533</b>	<b>453,407</b>
All-terrain vehicle registration fees . . . . .	3,756	4,634	3,954	5,471	4,174	6,340
Boat registration fees . . . . .	5,543	5,610	5,165	5,573	5,380	5,428
Dry cleaner fund . . . . .	757	820	576	572	928	447
Endangered resources voluntary payments . . . . .	549	1,218	1,688	1,422	271	650
Environmental improvement fund . . . . .	1,358	1,404	1,408	1,729	1,752	1,661
Environmental management account . . . . .	48,231	52,026	48,057	44,353	47,984	46,991
Federal aids . . . . .	53,799	93,340	103,659	104,553	123,313	112,367
Fishing, hunting licenses and permits . . . . .	60,273	56,787	59,181	60,932	57,476	67,116
Forestry mill tax . . . . .	97,208	99,721	109,699	98,883	103,166	101,545
Gifts and donations . . . . .	751	620	641	932	953	798
Heritage State Parks and Forests Trust Fund . . . . .	35	42	94	33	183	35
Nonpoint source account . . . . .	15,134	16,135	15,866	15,055	14,960	14,646
Park stickers and fees . . . . .	13,974	18,676	19,068	21,605	23,001	22,700
Petroleum storage environmental cleanup fund . . . . .	9,514	11,621	10,964	12,351	14,403	11,442
Program revenue <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	35,283	34,614	35,280	36,634	39,724	43,525
Recycling fund . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Snowmobile registration fees . . . . .	2,981	2,696	3,737	3,873	4,370	4,162
Waste management fund . . . . .	198	66	18	438	307	134
Water resources account . . . . .	11,982	12,006	12,893	12,306	12,744	12,991
Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine . . . . .	789	571	467	420	444	429
<b>General funds . . . . .</b>	<b>175,297</b>	<b>161,753</b>	<b>164,092</b>	<b>158,356</b>	<b>176,422</b>	<b>165,944</b>
General purpose revenue. . . . .	109,049	102,175	106,900	97,746	113,768	98,444
Program revenues . . . . .	20,370	18,438	20,227	22,983	20,978	22,866
Program revenue—services . . . . .	11,051	10,227	9,455	7,860	10,464	12,899

## Department of Natural Resources funding sources, continued

	2014–15 (\$1,000)	2015–16 (\$1,000)	2016–17 (\$1,000)	2017–18 (\$1,000)	2018–19 (\$1,000)	2019–20 (\$1,000)
Federal aids . . . . .	34,827	30,913	27,510	29,767	31,212	31,735
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>537,412</b>	<b>574,360</b>	<b>596,507</b>	<b>585,491</b>	<b>631,955</b>	<b>619,351</b>

—Represents zero.

1. Includes all segregated expenditures in assigned or dedicated appropriations.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2021.

## Department of Natural Resources expenditures

Program	2014–15 (\$1,000)	2015–16 (\$1,000)	2016–17 (\$1,000)	2017–18 (\$1,000)	2018–19 (\$1,000)	2019–20 (\$1,000)
<b>Fish, wildlife, and parks (FWP) . . . . .</b>	<b>89,477</b>	<b>85,711</b>	<b>87,401</b>	<b>85,706</b>	<b>93,519</b>	<b>93,547</b>
Wildlife management . . . . .	21,618	20,260	21,248	24,285	27,854	26,819
Southern forests . . . . .	5,613	5,235	5,540	5,455	5,823	5,783
Fisheries management . . . . .	27,384	26,060	25,509	26,322	26,441	27,943
Parks . . . . .	18,010	17,282	17,720	17,842	17,802	17,256
Endangered resources . . . . .	5,867	6,068	6,648	6,939	8,210	8,288
Facilities and lands . . . . .	9,911	9,690	9,438	—	—	—
Property management . . . . .	—	—	—	3,744	6,168	6,275
FWP program management . . . . .	1,074	1,116	1,298	1,119	1,221	1,183
<b>Forestry . . . . .</b>	<b>52,903</b>	<b>53,247</b>	<b>61,655</b>	<b>53,403</b>	<b>58,092</b>	<b>56,441</b>
<b>Public safety and resource protection . . . . .</b>	<b>41,362</b>	<b>39,316</b>	<b>40,425</b>	<b>36,145</b>	<b>35,315</b>	<b>39,378</b>
Law enforcement . . . . .	30,921	30,913	31,230	35,383	34,598	39,378
Integrated science services . . . . .	9,574	7,617	8,356	—	—	—
Enforcement/science program management . . . . .	867	786	839	762	717	—
<b>Environmental management (EM) . . . . .</b>	<b>74,494</b>	<b>70,249</b>	<b>69,667</b>	<b>72,080</b>	<b>75,960</b>	<b>79,291</b>
Drinking and groundwater . . . . .	13,034	12,931	13,464	13,755	14,952	15,498
Water quality . . . . .	26,444	22,427	22,922	23,299	27,044	27,104
Air management . . . . .	13,722	14,049	13,366	10,911	13,166	13,009
Waste and materials management . . . . .	7,434	6,962	7,106	7,159	7,376	7,225
Remediation and redevelopment . . . . .	11,461	11,348	10,529	15,689	12,159	14,985
EM program management . . . . .	2,399	2,532	2,280	1,267	1,263	1,470
<b>Conservation aids . . . . .</b>	<b>42,575</b>	<b>45,700</b>	<b>43,735</b>	<b>44,718</b>	<b>47,270</b>	<b>48,501</b>
Fish and wildlife aids . . . . .	1,565	1,578	1,367	848	1,862	1,516
Forestry aids . . . . .	8,561	9,869	8,571	8,005	9,611	8,091
Recreational aids . . . . .	12,290	12,730	12,105	13,825	13,694	16,422
Aids in lieu of taxes . . . . .	15,308	16,916	16,975	17,140	17,229	17,325
Enforcement aids . . . . .	2,277	2,277	2,277	2,277	2,277	2,532
Wildlife damage aids . . . . .	2,574	2,330	2,440	2,623	2,597	2,615
<b>Environmental aids . . . . .</b>	<b>33,630</b>	<b>34,643</b>	<b>35,803</b>	<b>35,669</b>	<b>38,090</b>	<b>33,961</b>
Water quality aids . . . . .	6,093	5,807	6,839	6,260	6,307	6,269
Solid and hazard waste aids . . . . .	21,446	20,163	21,103	20,829	20,162	20,411
Environmental aids . . . . .	5,067	6,373	5,912	6,509	9,011	5,677
Environmental planning aids . . . . .	232	172	294	365	303	285
Nonpoint aids . . . . .	792	2,128	1,655	1,706	2,307	1,319
<b>Debt service . . . . .</b>	<b>110,109</b>	<b>115,815</b>	<b>116,781</b>	<b>105,634</b>	<b>123,473</b>	<b>105,167</b>
Resource . . . . .	72,382	77,986	87,567	79,399	93,821	79,788
Environmental . . . . .	4,468	4,725	4,856	4,093	4,470	4,077
Water quality . . . . .	29,845	29,598	20,766	18,737	21,282	17,901
Administrative facility . . . . .	3,414	3,506	3,592	3,405	3,900	3,401
<b>Acquisition and development . . . . .</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>13,223</b>	<b>9,479</b>	<b>9,690</b>	<b>9,276</b>	<b>9,873</b>
Wildlife . . . . .	1,384	1,084	995	741	1,497	2,176
Fish . . . . .	1,838	198	752	314	552	220

## Department of Natural Resources expenditures, continued

Program	2014-15 (\$1,000)	2015-16 (\$1,000)	2016-17 (\$1,000)	2017-18 (\$1,000)	2018-19 (\$1000)	2019-20 (\$1000)
Forestry . . . . .	918	5,324	1,572	285	314	1,070
Southern forests . . . . .	317	361	379	327	233	475
Parks . . . . .	3,625	1,746	2,310	1,639	3,492	2,649
Endangered resources . . . . .	308	848	320	254	85	121
Facilities and lands . . . . .	2,153	3,590	3,142	5,530	1,529	1,657
Property management . . . . .	—	—	—	600	1,574	1,505
Law Enforcement . . . . .	163	72	4	—	—	—
Water resources . . . . .	37	—	5	—	—	—
<b>Administration . . . . .</b>	<b>22,401</b>	<b>23,898</b>	<b>21,986</b>	<b>24,191</b>	<b>22,180</b>	<b>23,751</b>
Administration . . . . .	1,707	1,648	1,906	1,437	1,486	1,593
Legal services . . . . .	2,369	2,358	2,158	2,210	2,439	2,450
Management and budget . . . . .	547	530	427	640	446	612
Facility rental . . . . .	7,336	7,514	7,651	7,498	7,676	7,524
Nonbudget accounts . . . . .	10,442	11,848	9,844	12,406	10,133	11,572
<b>Internal services (IS) . . . . .</b>	<b>19,743</b>	<b>20,261</b>	<b>20,287</b>	<b>31,193</b>	<b>32,312</b>	<b>32,884</b>
Finance . . . . .	7,035	7,633	6,837	6,893	6,329	6,396
Facilities and lands . . . . .	—	—	—	9,164	8,064	8,338
Technology services . . . . .	8,964	8,917	9,691	8,840	10,812	11,601
Human resources . . . . .	3,744	3,711	3,759	2,686	2,900	2,645
IS program management . . . . .	—	—	—	3,610	4,207	3,904
<b>External Services (EX) . . . . .</b>	<b>39,970</b>	<b>72,298</b>	<b>89,170</b>	<b>87,062</b>	<b>96,464</b>	<b>96,527</b>
Watershed management . . . . .	14,435	13,768	14,455	14,321	16,490	17,505
Office of communication . . . . .	1,763	979	923	723	728	1,246
Community financial assistance . . . . .	6,284	41,660	56,611	55,920	61,365	60,714
Customer & outreach services . . . . .	11,207	9,758	11,143	9,957	10,473	10,047
Environmental analysis & sustainability . . . . .	3,480	3,409	3,084	5,123	5,795	6,104
EX program management . . . . .	2,800	2,724	2,954	1,018	1,613	911
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>537,407</b>	<b>574,361</b>	<b>596,389</b>	<b>585,491</b>	<b>631,951</b>	<b>619,321</b>

Note: Subtotals and total do not add due to rounding.

—Represents zero.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2021.

## Department of Natural Resources land acquisition acres

Fiscal year	Northern forests	Southern forests	Natural areas	Parks	Wild rivers	Wildlife mgt.	Fisheries mgt.	Other	Total
2000 <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	496	110	3,301	3,705	16,135	11,800	2,808	136	38,489
2001 . . . . .	149	194	1,063	4,295	3,558	5,191	2,773	683	17,905
2002 . . . . .	5,525	208	3,174	1,349	607	4,997	1,595	258	17,713
2003 . . . . .	35,464	—	5,801	2,029	2,406	3,765	1,880	86	51,432
2004 . . . . .	4,132	159	1,747	3,060	2,132	7,513	1,177	156	20,076
2005 . . . . .	6,578	475	7,477	3,842	10,692	5,385	2,308	329	37,086
2006 . . . . .	18,799	103	2,592	1,823	767	6,022	957	414	31,477
2007 . . . . .	45,075	171	2,948	713	8,793	3,247	982	192	62,120
2008 . . . . .	8,722	12	2,288	1,641	2,589	6,515	915	454	23,136
2009 . . . . .	7,943	1,024	1,844	1,876	1,867	2,150	837	358	17,899
2010 . . . . .	8,547	37	3,498	1,000	818	3,767	785	73	18,525
2011 . . . . .	27,070	297	5,845	3,525	2,729	5,560	1,786	5	46,818
2012 . . . . .	10,866	—	1,804	619	184	892	587	7	14,958
2013 . . . . .	48,989	247	2,697	891	437	3,046	1,430	157	57,894
2014 . . . . .	10,283	144	1,346	204	147	4,267	87	283	16,761
2015 . . . . .	14,446	10	455	1,049	81	1,404	843	218	18,506
2016 . . . . .	22,340	92	245	358	4	6,671	358	85	30,152

## Department of Natural Resources land acquisition acres, continued

Fiscal year	Northern forests	Southern forests	Natural areas	Parks	Wild rivers	Wildlife mgt.	Fisheries mgt.	Other	Total
2017 . . . . .	7,285	44	1,040	359	146	990	355	12	10,230
2018 . . . . .	20,816	1	4	17	21	844	444	3	22,150
2019 . . . . .	14,392	—	—	108	—	356	339	10	15,205
2020 . . . . .	—	—	—	412	69	322	182	—	985
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>324,385</b>	<b>7,462</b>	<b>78,045</b>	<b>40,869</b>	<b>106,658</b>	<b>125,300</b>	<b>47,291</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>736,893</b>

—Represents zero.

1. The Stewardship 2000 program replaced the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program in 2000.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Facilities and Lands, departmental data, March 2021.

## Department of Natural Resources land acquisition cost

Fiscal year	Northern forests (\$1,000)	Southern forests (\$1,000)	Natural areas (\$1,000)	Parks (\$1,000)	Wild rivers (\$1,000)	Wildlife mgt. (\$1,000)	Fisheries mgt. (\$1,000)	Other (\$1,000)	Total (\$1,000)
2000 <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	550	403	3,472	2,734	12,633	9,061	2,861	352	32,066
2001 . . . . .	533	873	2,156	8,605	739	4,251	5,247	420	22,824
2002 . . . . .	13,575	1,105	2,955	3,244	1,095	5,635	4,156	3,822	35,587
2003 . . . . .	7,680	—	3,603	4,105	3,807	3,908	3,976	117	27,196
2004 . . . . .	13,474	579	2,770	5,727	4,629	8,490	3,054	130	38,853
2005 . . . . .	2,418	3,050	4,993	16,693	3,591	8,164	5,034	401	44,345
2006 . . . . .	9,852	1,220	3,642	3,247	1,526	5,574	3,919	81	29,061
2007 . . . . .	20,147	1,081	4,039	6,760	15,864	7,227	3,529	254	58,901
2008 . . . . .	8,734	246	3,004	3,222	5,777	10,016	2,529	135	33,663
2009 . . . . .	6,534	11,325	1,849	8,069	3,729	4,250	2,236	128	38,120
2010 . . . . .	5,867	272	5,448	2,881	2,119	6,693	2,232	122	25,634
2011 . . . . .	12,974	2,023	7,153	4,762	5,416	10,144	4,277	35	46,782
2012 . . . . .	7,426	—	1,836	2,605	369	2,736	1,657	—	16,628
2013 . . . . .	17,412	796	900	3,955	490	5,333	1,660	—	30,546
2014 . . . . .	6,997	742	967	572	410	5,630	249	73	15,640
2015 . . . . .	1,154	30	782	884	899	2,315	1,390	40	7,493
2016 . . . . .	189	660	719	1,273	7	1,328	682	40	4,896
2017 . . . . .	213	250	2,148	74	520	192	369	—	3,767
2018 . . . . .	3	—	—	—	—	60	71	—	134
2019 . . . . .	4,341	—	—	86	—	176	462	1,100	6,165
2020 . . . . .	—	—	—	693	186	635	528	—	2,042
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>144,631</b>	<b>32,691</b>	<b>68,892</b>	<b>89,785</b>	<b>97,035</b>	<b>130,380</b>	<b>69,859</b>	<b>11,418</b>	<b>644,690</b>

—Represents zero.

1. The Stewardship 2000 program replaced the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program in 2000.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Facilities and Lands, departmental data, March 2021.