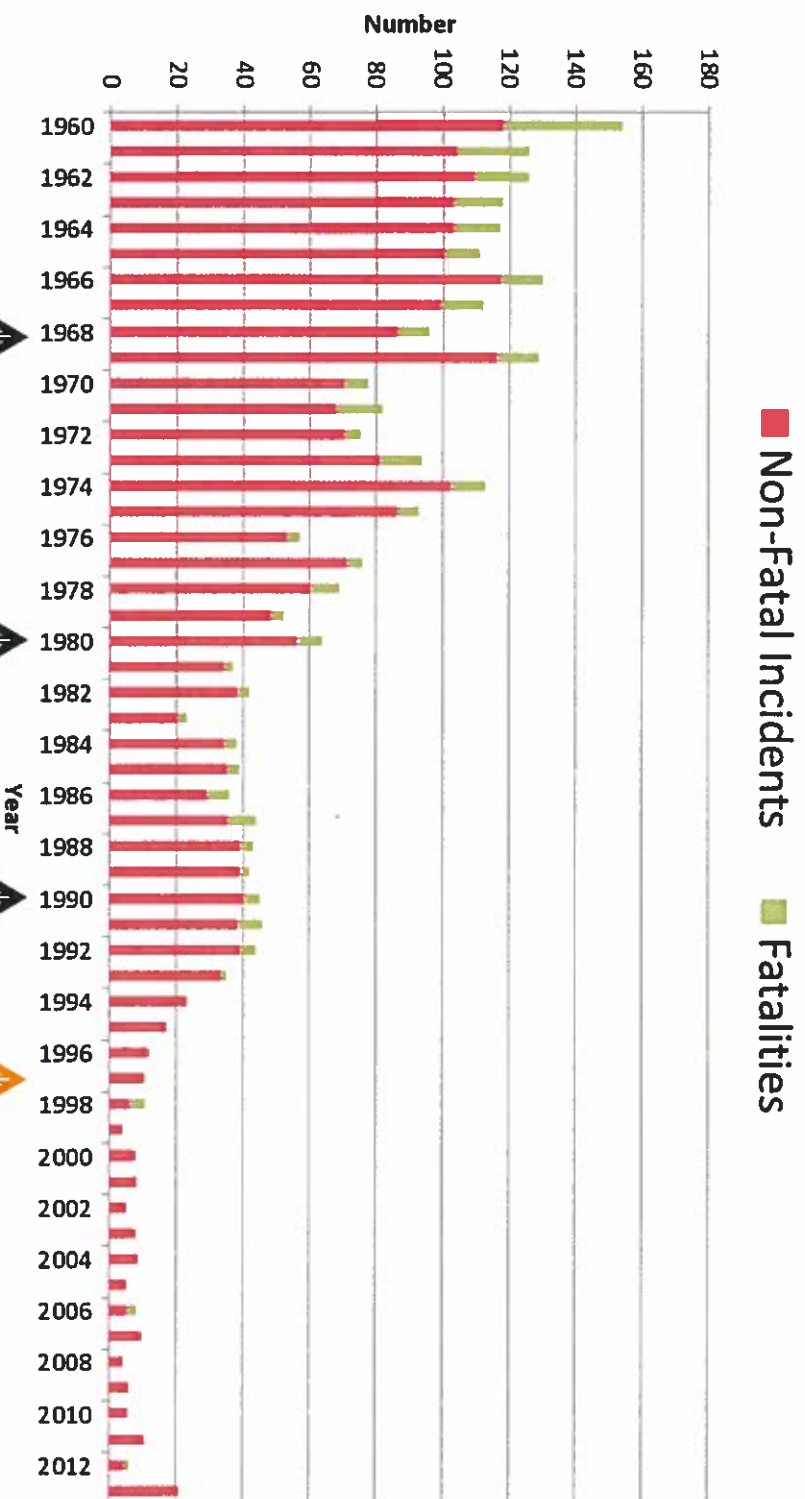




Hunting incidents 1960-2013



HUNTING SAFETY

According to the 1991 figures from the U.S. National Safety Council, here are the annual rates of outdoor recreation-related injuries requiring hospital emergency room treatment in the US:

Recreation	# of injuries per 100,000 participants
Football	2,171.1
Baseball	2,089.6
Soccer	910.2
Bicycle riding	904.6
Skateboarding	869.2
Horseback riding	464.6
Ice skating	334.9
Fishing	141.2
Tennis	119.7
Golf	104.4
Swimming	93.3
Hunting	8.0

From the same source (1991 figures of National Safety Council), here is the table of accidental deaths in the US:

Accident cause	Mortality rate per 100,000 people
Automobiles	18.6
Home accidents	8.6
Falls	5.0
Poisoning	2.6
Fires	1.7
Suffocation	1.3
Hunting (among participants)	0.85
Lightning	0.04
Insect stings	0.02
Hunting (among non-participants)	0.001

"Many hunters have participated in hunter safety courses. Hunter education is now mandatory in 39 states for at least part of the hunting population. These educational efforts are an important part of hunting today. Despite anti-hunter's claims to the contrary, hunting has become an extremely safe sport relative to many other common activities. The probability of being killed or injured in a hunting accident is lower than when you are attending a sporting event or major concert, playing billiards, or taking a bath.

[Report of International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Hunter Education Study Team. "Hunter Education in the United States and Canada with Recommendations for Improvement." (Fred. G. Evenden, Team Leader). Bethesda, Maryland. 1990 112p.]

"..the [U.S.] National Safety Council reports for 1988 there were 161 hunting fatalities, 49 of which were self-inflicted. Thanks in part to hunter safety education classes, hunting fatalities have declined by more than 50 percent over the last two decades.

In general, three-quarters of the hunters who have accidents have not taken hunter safety education courses. Participating in hunting today is safer than swimming, bicycling, playing baseball, golf, tennis, touch football, basketball, fishing, horseback riding, and driving to the place where you are going to hunt, if you look at the numbers of injuries per 100,000 people participating in various sports compiled by the National Safety Council. In 1988, ten states reported no hunting fatalities, and Connecticut had no hunting accidents at all. Statistics show that you are more likely to be killed by lightning when outdoors than to be killed in a hunting accident. In a normal season, more hunters die from heart attacks than hunting accidents. According to the California Department of Fish and Game, there is a 0.0015-0.00425 percent chance of being killed or wounded while hunting deer in California. In 1992, despite the presence of nearly half a million deer hunters in the field, no one was killed and only one person was wounded in California.

In response to [president of Fund for Animals] Cleveland Amory's charge that hunters are harming "many innocent bystanders", the actual data show that "Hunting accidents involving non hunters are extremely rare. On the average, only one nonhunter is injured by a hunter for every 12 million recreation days of hunting. A nonhunter is 20 times more likely to die from stinging insects than wounding by a hunter. Media tend to sensationalize accidental hunting deaths and injuries, but in comparison with many urban areas where violence has reached epidemic proportions, the woods and marshes during hunting season are extremely safe, especially when you consider that everyone hunting is armed with lethal weapons. In 1992 in California there were no nonhunter injuries or deaths associated with hunting." [p. 161]

James A. Swan. 1995. "In Defense of Hunting". HarperCollins Publishers, New York. ISBN 0-06-251237-4

HUNTING

PARTICIPATION AND INJURY DATA 2010

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY (alphabetically)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS(a) 2010	TOTAL INJURIES(b) 2010	INJURIES per 100,000 PARTICIPANTS	ONE (1) INJURY FOR EVERY x PARTICIPANTS
Archery (target)	6,500,000	6,162	95	1,055
Baseball	12,500,000	162,925	1,303	77
Basketball	26,900,000	528,584	1,965	51
Bicycle Riding	39,800,000	530,551	1,333	75
Billiards / Pool	24,000,000	4,516	19	5,314
Bowling	39,000,000	24,263	62	1,607
Camping (vacation/overnight)	44,700,000	4,942	11	9,045
Cheerleading	2,900,000	36,288	1,251	80
Exercising with Equipment	55,300,000	229,977	416	240
Fishing	33,800,000	69,963	207	483
Football (tackle)	9,300,000	489,676	5,265	19
Golf	21,900,000	35,199	161	622
Gymnastics	4,800,000	28,743	599	167
Hockey (ice)	3,300,000	19,613	594	168
Hunting with Firearms	16,300,000	8,122*	50	2,000
In-line rollerskating	7,400,000	51,956	702	142
Lacrosse	2,600,000	21,347	821	122
Mountain Biking (off road)	7,200,000	11,195	155	643
Running / Jogging	35,500,000	27,830	78	1,276
Skateboarding	7,700,000	130,627	1,696	59
Snowboarding	6,100,000	57,553	943	106
Soccer	13,500,000	226,142	1,675	60
Softball	10,800,000	119,389	1,105	90
Swimming	51,900,000	101,560	196	511
Tennis	12,300,000	22,768	185	540
Volleyball	10,600,000	58,072	548	183
Water Skiing	5,200,000	8,881	171	586
Weight Lifting	31,500,000	94,692	301	333
Wrestling	2,900,000	42,486	1,465	68

SAFEST ACTIVITIES		PERCENTAGE OF INJURY PER 100 PARTICIPANTS
1	Camping (vacation/overnight)	0.01%
2	Billiards / Pool	0.02%
3	Hunting with Firearms	0.05%
4	Bowling	0.06%
5	Running / Jogging	0.08%
6	Archery (target)	0.09%
7	Mountain Biking (off road)	0.16%
8	Golf	0.16%
9	Water Skiing	0.17%
10	Tennis	0.19%

FACT: In fiscal years 2006 - 2010, more than \$310,000,000 was apportioned to states from excise tax collections on items such as firearms and ammunition. These monies may only be used for hunter education and safety training. This, along with a strong network of 50,000 dedicated hunter education instructors, helps make hunting one of the safest activities in America.

Sources: USFW & IHCA

LESS SAFE ACTIVITIES		PERCENTAGE OF INJURY PER 100 PARTICIPANTS
1	Football (tackle)	5.27%
2	Basketball	1.98%
3	Skateboarding	1.70%
4	Soccer	1.68%
5	Wrestling	1.47%
6	Bicycle Riding	1.38%
7	Baseball	1.30%
8	Cheerleading	1.25%
9	Softball	1.11%
10	Snowboarding	0.94%

HUNTING VERSUS OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- A person is **11 times** more likely to be injured playing volleyball than hunting.
- A person is **19 times** more likely to be injured snowboarding than hunting.
- A person is **25 times** more likely to be injured cheerleading or bicycle riding than hunting.
- A person is **34 times** more likely to be injured playing soccer or skateboarding than hunting.
- A person is **105 times** more likely to be injured playing tackle football than hunting.

Sources: (a) Number of Participants: National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) Sports Participation 2010 estimates.
 (b) Total Injuries: Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) 2010 estimates. Per CPSC, NEISS injury data may contain both injury and fatality figures for some activities. The majority of injuries are non-fatal, and specific breakouts of injury versus fatality data by activity are unavailable.
 * Hunting with firearms total injuries/incidents include CPSC NEISS injury data for Tree Stands (hunting) as well as estimated injuries from NEA Hunter Incident Clearinghouse.



- **According to Statistics Canada, the Canada Safety Council and the National Safety Council, hunting is one of the safest recreational activities in Canada and is measurably safer than hiking, skating, boating, golf and bicycling.**
- **If you compare the number of deaths resulting from some well known activities, car accidents, home accidents, falls in the home, insect bites and lightning strikes are more of a threat to people than hunting, which nationwide, is responsible for 0.001 accidents.**