

Illinois sportsmen

1.1 million hunters & anglers spending \$3.3 million a day



TOTAL SPENDING \$1.2 billion

Casting benefits throughout the economy.

- Sportsmen support more jobs in Illinois than Abbot Laboratories, one of the state's largest employers (22,000 jobs vs. 18,000).
- Annual spending by Illinois sportsmen is more than one and a half times the combined revenues of the Chicago Bears, Bulls, Cubs and White Sox (\$1.2 billion vs. 728 million).
- Annual spending by Illinois sportsmen is more than the combined receipts from hogs and greenhouse/nursery products, two of the state's most valuable commodities (\$1.2 billion vs. \$1.1 billion).
- Illinois sportsmen annually spend \$128 million on outboard boats and engines to get out on the water and around the marshes for fishing and hunting.
- More people hunt and fish in Illinois than attend Chicago Bears and Blackhawks games (1.1 million vs. 1.04 million).

Lots of bang. Even more bucks.

Jobs	22,000
Salaries and wages	\$709 million
Federal Taxes	\$170 million
State and Local Taxes	\$138 million
Ripple Effect	\$2.1 billion



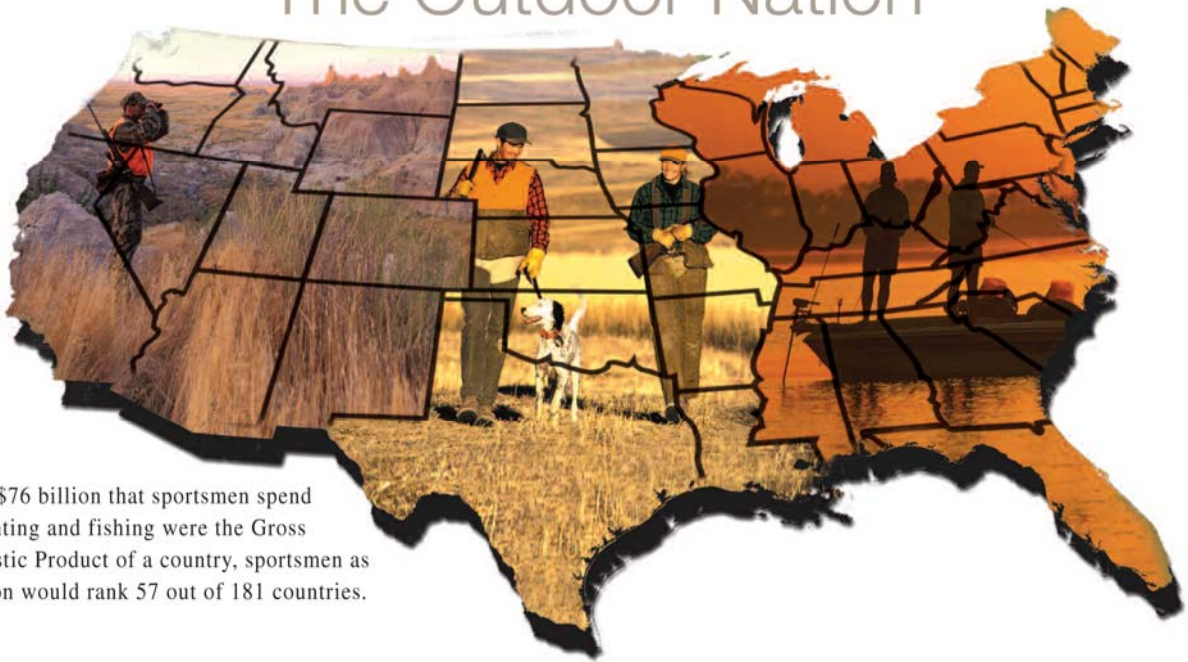
CSF and NASC are the most respected and trusted hunting and fishing organizations in the political arena. With support from every major hunting and fishing organization, we are the leader in promoting sportsmen's issues with elected officials. CSF works directly with the bi-partisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in the U.S. Congress; NASC works with affiliated state sportsmen's caucuses in state legislatures around the country.

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If the \$76 billion that sportsmen spend on hunting and fishing were the Gross Domestic Product of a country, sportsmen as a nation would rank 57 out of 181 countries.

PARTICIPATION	SPENDING	JOBS	SALARIES/WAGES	FEDERAL STATE & LOCAL TAXES
Sportsmen 34 million	\$76 billion	1.6 million	\$60 billion	\$25.6 billion
Anglers 30 million	\$42 billion	1 million	\$38 million	\$16.4 billion
Hunters 12.5 million	\$23 billion	600,000	\$21 billion	\$9.2 billion

Every single state makes a contribution through revenue, taxes, and jobs. Here are the facts on Illinois's anglers and hunters.

PARTICIPATION		RANK
Resident sportsmen	1.1 million	# 11
Resident anglers	795,000	# 13
Resident hunters	258,000	# 16
Out of state hunters	58,000	# 15
Out of state anglers	78,000	# 42
Days afield	4.2 million	# 19
Days on the water	16.1 million	# 9

SPENDING		RANK
Sportsmen	\$1.2 billion	# 24
Fishing	\$816 million	# 23
Hunting	\$389 million	# 26

JOBS		RANK
Sportsmen	22,000	# 21
Fishing	13,700	# 21
Hunting	8,500	# 22

The majority of all sportsmen consider themselves "likely voters" and 8 in 10 say that a candidate's position on sportsmen's issues is important in determining for whom they will vote.



If all hunters and anglers living in Illinois voted in the 2004 presidential election, they would have equaled 23% of the entire vote.

1 out of 10 residents hunt or fish.

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*A respondent who is both a hunter and an angler is counted in each category, but only once for total participation numbers.

**Money spent on an item for both hunting and fishing is only counted for in the total spending category.

***Sample size too small to be reliable.

Statistics come from the U.S.F.W.S. 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Southwick and Associates, American Sportfishing Association, and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. For further information, contact CSF at 202-543-6850.