

# West Virginia sportsmen

364,000 hunters & anglers spending \$4 million a day



TOTAL SPENDING \$1.5 billion

Casting benefits throughout the economy.

- Sportsmen support twice as many jobs in West Virginia as the Ruby Day Surgery Center in Morgantown and the Charleston Area Medical Center combined (25,000 jobs vs. 11,000).
- Annual spending by West Virginia sportsmen equals 40 % of the state's mining Gross State Product (\$1.5 billion vs. \$3.7 billion).
- Annual spending by West Virginia sportsmen is more than three times greater than the combined cash receipts from all agricultural commodities (\$1.5 billion vs. \$450 million).
- West Virginia sportsmen outnumber the populations of the state's ten largest cities (364,000 vs. 278,000).

Lots of bang. Even more bucks.

Jobs	25,000
Salaries and wages	\$491 million
Federal Taxes	\$138 million
State and Local Taxes	\$172 million
Ripple Effect	\$2 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 billion	\$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 West Virginia's anglers and hunters.

PARTICIPATION		RANK
Resident sportsmen	364,000	# 33
Resident anglers	291,000	# 33
Resident hunters	194,000	# 25
Out of state hunters	75,000	# 9
Out of state anglers	86,000	# 37
Days afield	3.4 million	# 24
Days on the water	6.4 million	# 28

SPENDING		RANK
Sportsmen	\$1.5 billion	# 16
Fishing	\$1.19 billion	# 10
Hunting	\$302 million	# 27

  

JOBS		RANK
Sportsmen	25,000	# 17
Fishing	18,800	# 12
Hunting	6,300	# 28

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 West Virginia voted in the 2004 presidential election, they would have equaled 86% of the entire vote.

1 out of 4 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.