



AMERICAN SYSTEM OF CONSERVATION FUNDING

How sportsmen and women in Illinois supported the American System of Conservation funding in 2026:

ILLINOIS

The American System of Conservation Funding rests on three pillars, including sporting license revenues and excise taxes generated through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

These state-specific documents give partners and the public a clear view of how sportsmen and women—and the industries that support them—fuel conservation efforts in all 50 states.

2026:	Hunting Licenses	Fishing Licenses	Pittman-Robertson	Dingell-Johnson	TOTAL
Funding	\$33.7M	\$8.3M	\$16.6M	\$7.5M	\$66M
National Ranking	8	32	22	26	23
Historical Funding Total	\$862M	\$683.5M	\$646M	\$413M	\$2.6B
Historical Funding U.S. Rank	12	23	18	19	17

281,301

2026 Total Hunting License Holders

578,789

2026 Total Fishing License Holders

