

## HUNTING LICENSE SALES

The most recent numbers of paid-hunting license holders released from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show an increase in the total quantity of hunting licenses, permits, tags and stamps over last year's numbers; from **14,575,484** to **14,623,598**.

While the data shows that total number of certified paid-license holders has remained relatively stable over the last five years; hunters are contributing more dollars, in fact a total of **\$753.5 million** was collected in 2006, **4% over the prior year** and an historical high.

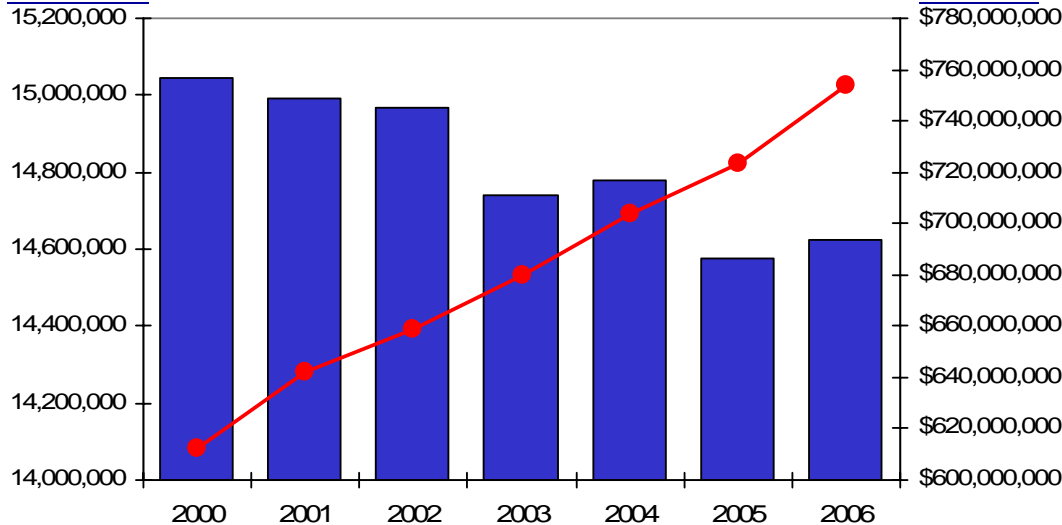
### Long-term trends

This increase in gross dollars (the largest portion of the sportsmen's contribution to conservation) is coming out of the wallets from fewer hunters meaning that today's hunters are spending more per hunter than ever before. In fact, their contributions have considerably outpaced the rate of inflation. The next several pages of this report detail these trends and provide a more accurate picture of how important today's hunters are socially and economically.

## 20-Year Trends (1986-2006)

YEAR	Paid Hunting License Holders	Increase / Decrease	% Change	Dollar Value	% Change
1986	15,773,190			\$323,595,095	
1987	15,812,528	39,338	0.2%	\$345,022,827	6.2%
1988	15,918,522	105,994	0.7%	\$380,747,726	9.4%
1989	15,960,808	42,286	0.3%	\$389,464,856	2.2%
1990	15,797,290	(163,518)	-1.0%	\$422,074,445	7.7%
1991	15,718,845	(78,445)	-0.5%	\$438,411,287	3.7%
1992	15,746,706	27,861	0.2%	\$481,043,950	8.9%
1993	15,627,763	(118,943)	-0.8%	\$501,487,869	4.1%
1994	15,343,300	(284,463)	-1.9%	\$502,453,491	0.2%
1995	15,232,793	(110,507)	-0.7%	\$532,580,412	5.7%
1996	15,144,303	(88,490)	-0.6%	\$542,752,199	1.9%
1997	14,906,826	(237,477)	-1.6%	\$565,213,741	4.0%
1998	14,888,663	(18,163)	-0.1%	\$561,844,286	-0.6%
1999	15,144,608	255,945	1.7%	\$688,018,976	18.3%
2000	15,044,324	(100,284)	-0.7%	\$612,698,063	-12.3%
2001	14,990,570	(53,754)	-0.4%	\$642,069,055	4.6%
2002	14,966,406	(24,164)	-0.2%	\$658,993,797	2.6%
2003	14,740,188	(226,218)	-1.5%	\$679,824,466	3.1%
2004	14,779,071	38,883	0.3%	\$703,794,135	3.4%
2005	14,575,484	(203,587)	-1.4%	\$723,712,681	2.8%
2006	14,623,598	48,114	0.3%	\$753,569,299	4.0%
<b>20-YR Average</b>	<b>15,273,133</b>	<b>(57,480)</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>\$545,208,221.71</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>10-YR Average</b>	<b>14,891,276</b>	<b>(55,381)</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>\$648,408,245.27</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>5-YR Average</b>	<b>14,779,220</b>	<b>(70,121)</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>\$693,660,572.17</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

License Holders



Gross Dollars

**Gross Dollar Contributions**  
(A total of all licenses, tags, permits and stamps purchased)

**Paid Hunting License Holders**  
(A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased)