

2023-2024 Furbearer Harvest Report

The 2023-2024 license year Furbearer Harvest Survey was conducted by phone and internet. The sample pool was the ~20,000 sportspersons that either purchased a Furbearer License or Furbearer Harvest Permit. 8,000 hunters provided completed surveys (~39% response rate).

The 2023-2024 furbearer harvest survey includes estimates of hunter numbers and harvest for 8 of the 16 furbearer species. The species on each subsequent annual survey may change, but in 2023-2024 estimates were collected for pine marten, beaver, gray fox, swift fox, red fox, mink, badger and ringtail cat.

County or region-specific information was not collected, as precise estimates at anything below the statewide scale are not reliable. ***The harvest figures are estimates of total harvest extrapolated from survey responses.*** The estimates are followed by the standard error (SE) of the estimate, which is a measure of the precision of the estimate. The 95% lower confidence level (LCL) and 95% upper confidence level (UCL) columns provide the upper and lower values for the 95% confidence limits around the estimate.

For example, we estimated statewide harvest of pine marten in 2023-2024 at 441 marten with a standard error (SE) of 140 marten. The 95% confidence interval range estimates that between 240 and 809 marten were harvested during the 2023-24 furbearer season.

Species	Hunters	HuntersSE	Hunters95LCL	Hunters95UCL		Harvest	HarvestSE	Harvest95LCL	Harvest95UCL
Marten	149	15	122	181		441	140	240	809
Beaver	704	33	643	771		(private land) 948	177	659	1362
						(public land) 635	101	466	866
Grey fox	430	26	383	484		648	88	498	844
Swift fox	192	17	161	229		236	62	142	391
Red fox	958	38	887	1035		2023	522	1231	3327
Mink	92	12	72	119		133	47	68	262
Badger	576	30	521	637		599	67	481	747
Ring-tailed cat	74	11	56	98		79	27	42	151