

2026 Black Bear License Recommendations



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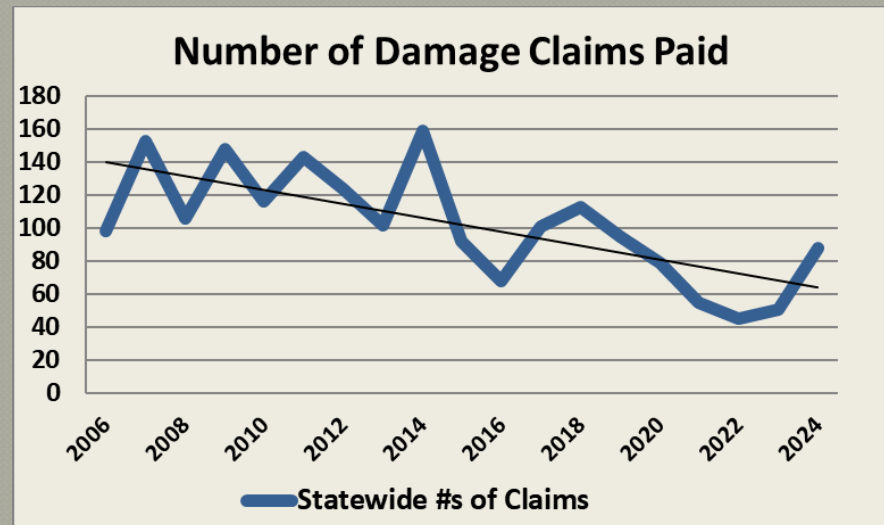


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Information Supporting Recommendations

- ◉ Harvest Composition (Age Classes & Gender)
- ◉ Bear Damage Claims
- ◉ Human-Bear Conflicts and Other Data

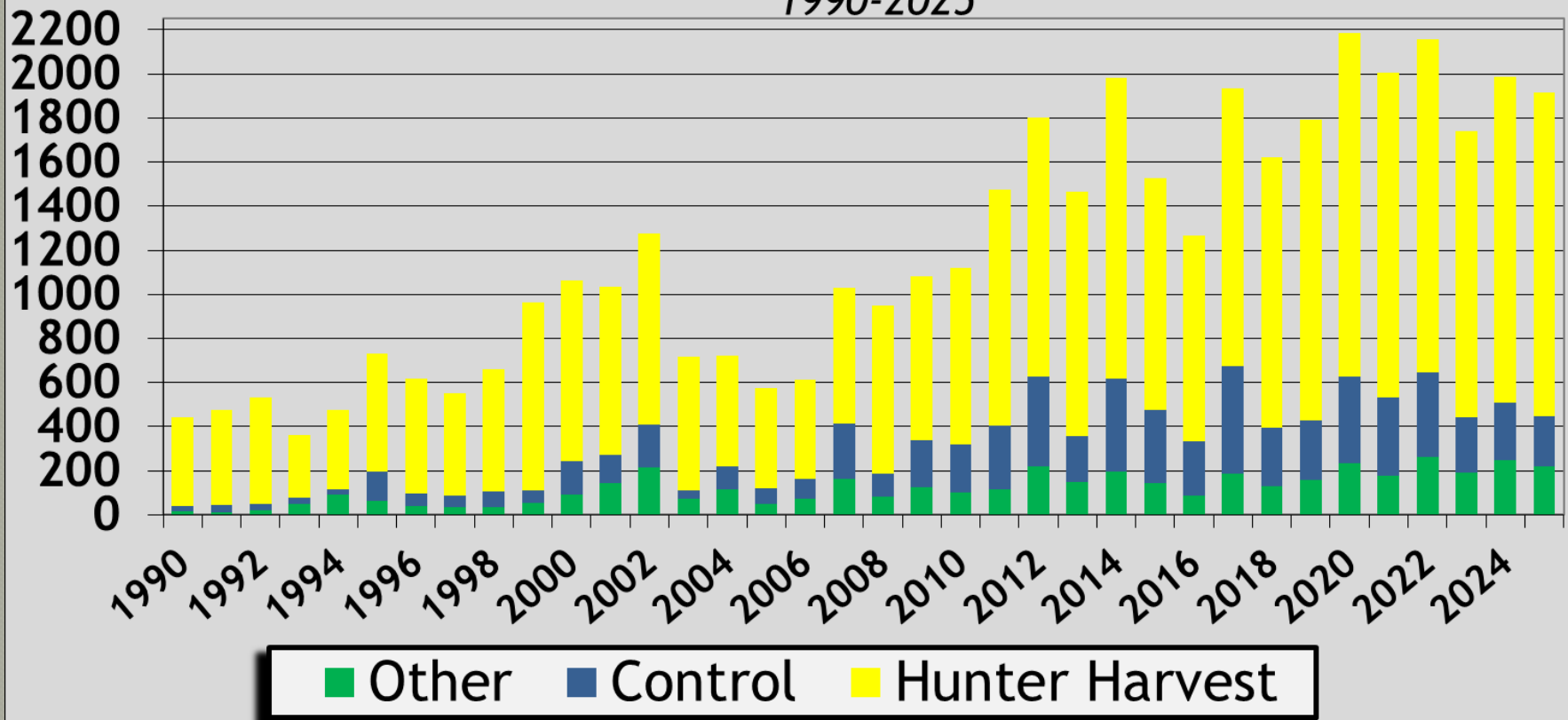
Harvest Composition Monitoring Standards			
Age/Gender Class	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Adult Male Harvest in All Harvest	< 25%	25-35%	> 35%
Total Female Harvest in All Harvest	> 40%	30-40%	< 30%
Adult Female in Total Female Harvest	> 55%	45-55%	< 45%



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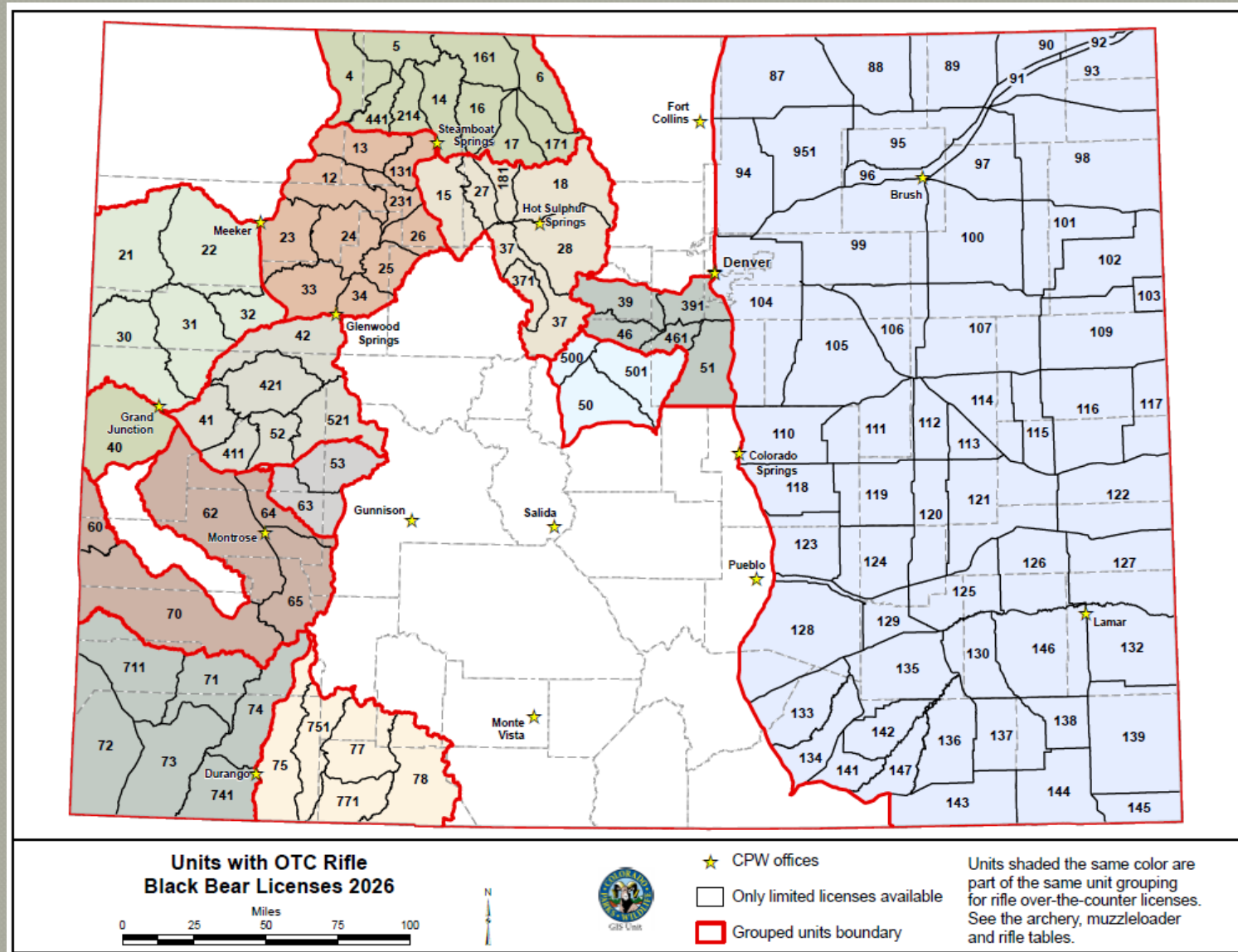
Annual Statewide Mortality

Colorado Bear Mortality by Mortality Type
1990-2025



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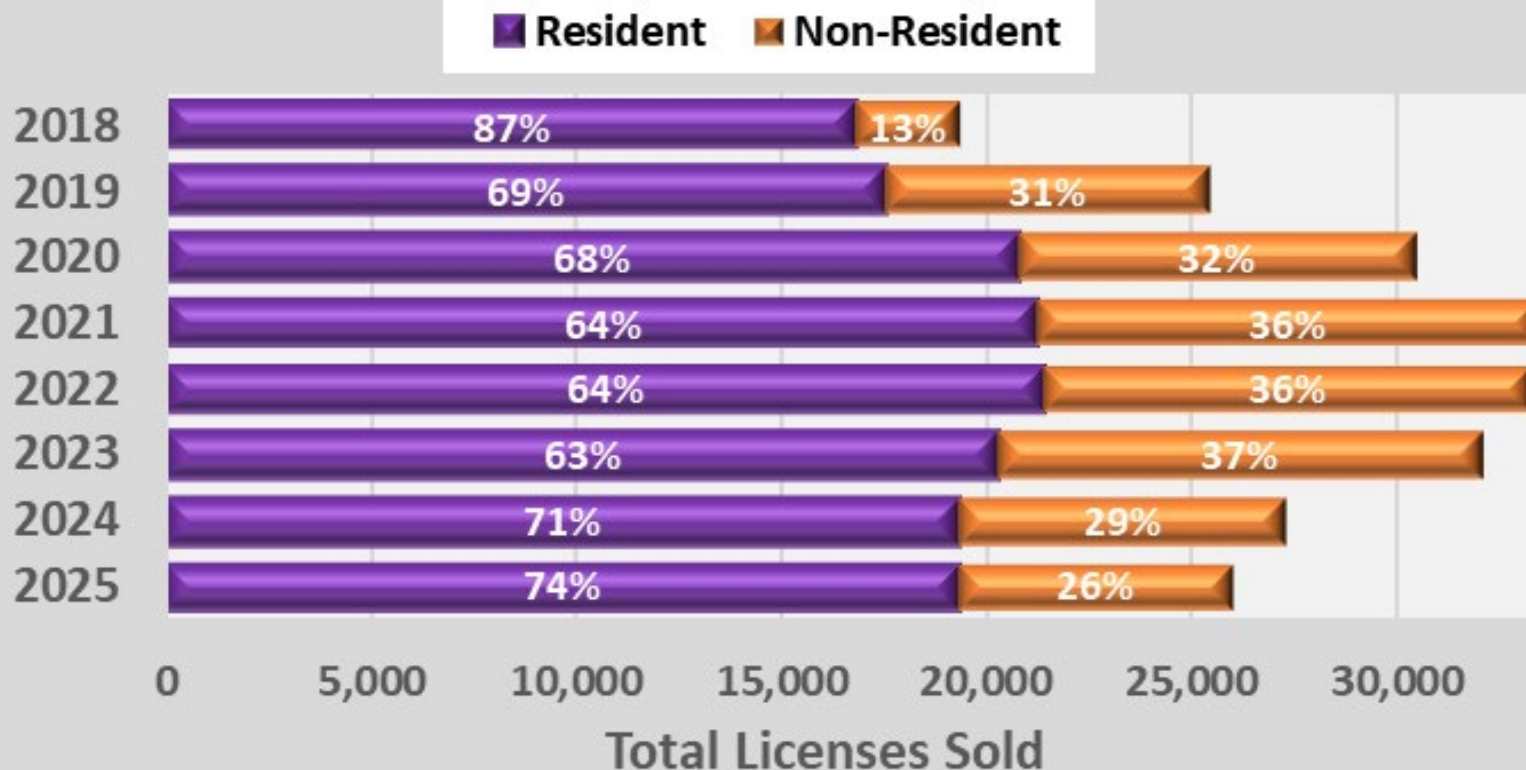
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License Sales: NR Fee Changes and BGSS

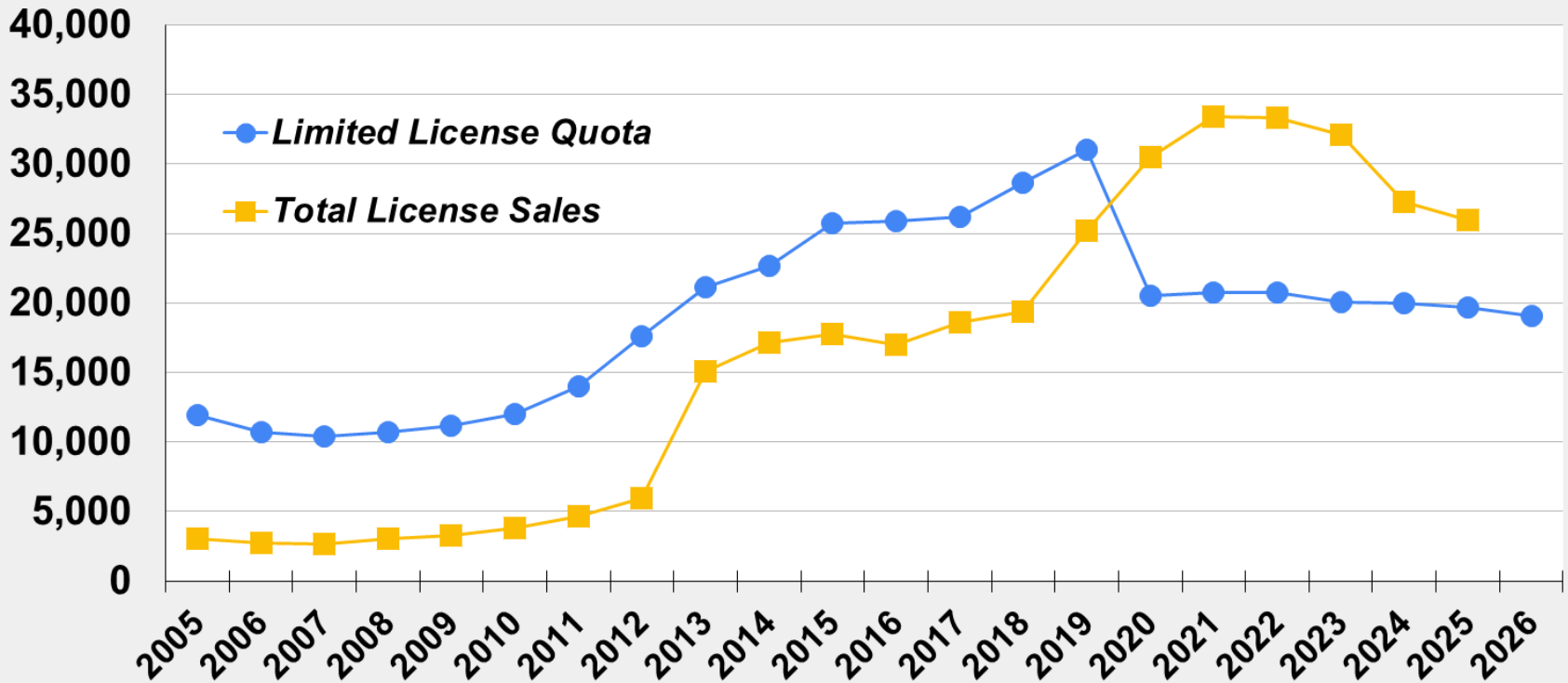
Total Bear License Sales



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License History

Bear Limited License Quotas and License Sales by Year



**2026 quota recommendation is 19,200 limited licenses
(3% decrease from 2025)**



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