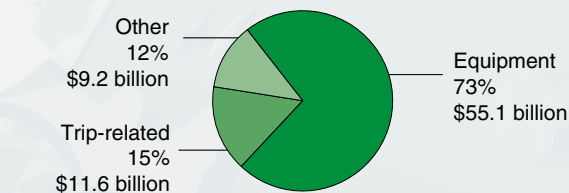


Around the home	81.1	94
Feed wildlife	59.1	69
Observe wildlife	43.8	51
Photograph wildlife	30.5	35
Visit parks/natural areas	11.4	13
Maintain plantings/natural areas . .	11.0	13



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Quick Facts

In 2016, 103.7 million U.S. residents 16 years old and older, 41 percent of the population, participated in wildlife-related recreational activities.

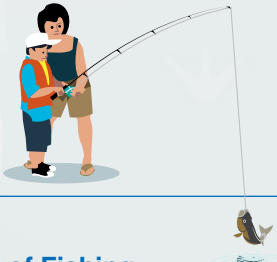
Wildlife-Related Recreationists: 2016

35.8 million anglers
11.5 million hunters
86.0 million wildlife watchers

These recreationists spent \$156.9 billion on their fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching (closely observing, feeding, and photographing wildlife).

The 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation is a comprehensive source of wildlife-related recreation information. Information is provided in a national report and analytical addenda at <<https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/NatSurveyIndex.htm>>.

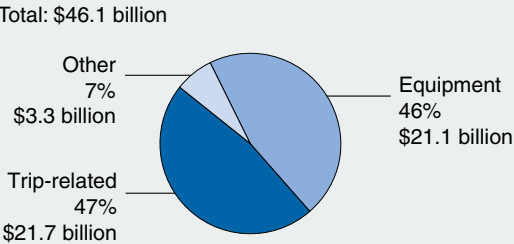
Fishing



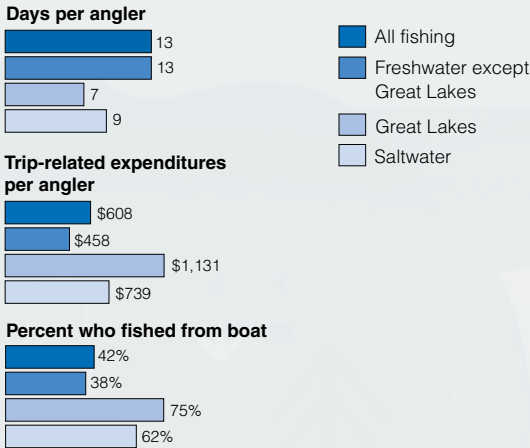
Anglers and Days of Fishing

	Anglers		Days	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total fishing	35.8	100	459	100
Freshwater, total	30.1	84	383	83
Freshwater, except Great Lakes	29.5	82	373	81
Great Lakes	1.8	5	13	3
Saltwater	8.3	23	75	16

Fishing Expenditures



Comparative Fishing by Type of Fishing

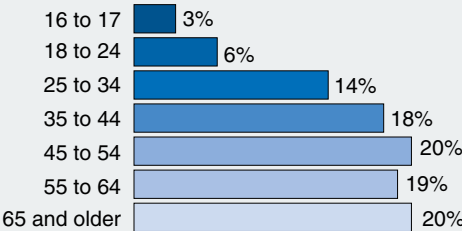


Anglers Pursuing Selected Fish by Type of Fishing

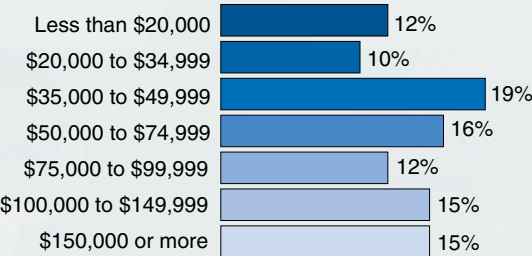
Fish sought	Number of anglers	Percent
Anglers, total	35.8	100
Freshwater except Great Lakes	29.5	82
Black bass	9.6	27
Panfish	8.4	24
Catfish/bullhead	8.1	23
Trout	7.8	22
Great Lakes	1.8	5
Salmon	0.9*	2*
Walleye, sauger	0.5*	1*
Steelhead	0.4*	1*
Saltwater	8.3	23
Red drum (redfish)	2.1	6
Striped bass	1.1	3
Shellfish	1.0	3
Flatfish (flounder, halibut)	1.0	3

* Estimate based on a sample size of 10-29.

Percent of Anglers by Age Group



Percent of U.S. Population Who Fished by Household Income



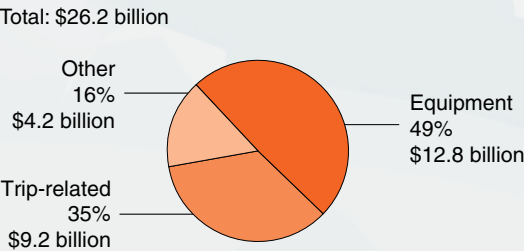
Hunting



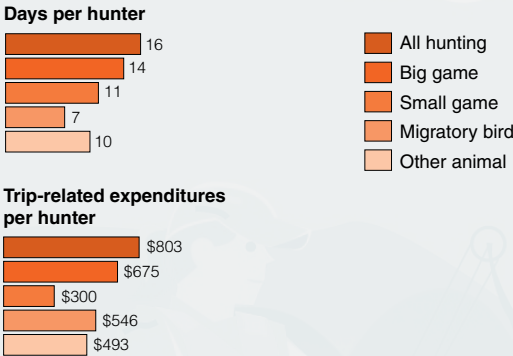
Hunters and Days of Hunting

	Hunters		Days	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total hunting	11.5	100	184	100
Big game	9.2	80	133	72
Small game	3.5	31	38	21
Migratory bird	2.4	21	16	8
Other animal	1.3	11	13	7

Hunting Expenditures



Comparative Hunting by Type of Hunting



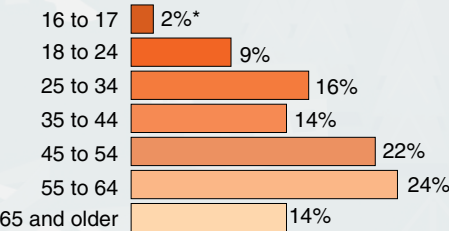
Hunters Pursuing Selected Game by Type of Hunting

(Numbers in millions)

Game sought	Number of hunters	Percent
Hunters, total	11.5	100
Big game	9.2	80
Deer	8.1	71
Wild turkey	2.0	18
Elk	0.7	6
Bear	0.2*	2*
Small game	3.5	31
Squirrel	1.5	13
Rabbit, hare	1.3	11
Quail	1.0*	8*
Pheasant	0.7	6
Migratory birds	2.4	21
Doves	1.2	11
Ducks	1.2	10
Geese	0.8	7

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Percent of Hunters by Age Group



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