

# Topline Survey Results

## Resident Hunters of Alaska

Fielded January 9-12, 2026  
50% Live interviewers/50% Text-to-web  
n=408 Alaska registered voters  
Margin of error= ±4.9%

### 1) How familiar are you with hunting related topics in Alaska, including wildlife management and regulations?

Very familiar .....	18%	} 68%
Somewhat familiar .....	50%	
Not too familiar .....	19%	} 31%
Not familiar at all .....	12%	
Unsure .....	1%	

### 2) How important is hunting and wild game to you and your household overall, whether for food, recreation, or tradition?

Very important .....	41%	} 65%
Somewhat important .....	24%	
Not too important .....	13%	} 35%
Not important at all .....	8%	
No one in household hunts or uses wild game .....	14%	

During the previous year, did you or anyone in your household...

*[Shown in same order for respondents]*

	Total Yes	Yes, personally	Yes, someone in household	Yes, both	No	Unsure
3) Purchase an Alaska hunting license or hunting-fishing combo license.....	53%	17%	16%	20%	46%	1%
4) Have a permanent Alaska hunting and fishing license .....	34%	16%	9%	9%	63%	3%
5) Obtain a harvest ticket .....	38%	17%	12%	9%	58%	4%
6) Apply for Alaska hunting draw permits .....	30%	12%	8%	10%	68%	2%
7) Go hunting in Alaska .....	43%	16%	13%	14%	56%	1%
8) Receive wild game from a friend or family member .....	60%	30%	8%	22%	39%	1%
9) Purchase an Alaska fishing license.....	67%	29%	13%	25%	32%	1%

### 10) The Alaska Board of Game sets hunting regulations, such as seasons and bag limits, and makes all allocation decisions. Overall, how would you rate the job they are doing at managing Alaska's wildlife for residents?

Excellent .....	7%	} 43%
Good .....	36%	
Fair .....	28%	} 41%
Poor .....	13%	
Unsure .....	16%	

**11)** As a general principle, do you believe Alaska residents should or should not have priority over nonresidents for hunting opportunities?

Strongly should.....	82%	} 95%
Somewhat should.....	13%	
Somewhat should not .....	2%	} 4%
Strongly should not .....	2%	
Unsure .....	1%	

**12)** Do you believe resident hunters currently receive a fair share of Alaska's hunting opportunities compared to nonresident hunters?

Yes .....	42%
No .....	25%
Unsure .....	33%

**13)** If harvest limits for certain wild game need to be reduced, which should be reduced first? (rotated)

Alaska resident hunting opportunities .....	4%
Nonresident hunting opportunities .....	90%
Unsure .....	6%

**14)** When hunting opportunity is limited and permits are issued through a random lottery drawing, what should the allocation of permits be between Alaska residents and nonresidents? Should Alaska residents receive:

Nearly all of the permits.....	39%	} 88%
Most of the permits.....	49%	
About half of the permits.....	7%	} 9%
Less than half of the permits.....	2%	
Unsure .....	3%	

**15)** For most Kodiak brown bear hunts, Alaska residents must be selected in a random lottery drawing to hunt. In those same hunts, nonresidents who hire a guide don't have to go through a drawing to hunt. Overall, do you think this system is acceptable or unacceptable?

Very acceptable .....	8%	} 28%
Somewhat acceptable .....	20%	
Somewhat unacceptable.....	20%	} 64%
Very unacceptable.....	44%	
Unsure .....	8%	

**16)** Thinking about resident and nonresident hunters and their hunting related spending, including spending on things like licenses, guides, lodging, boats, ATVs, trailers and hunting gear, which do you think has a greater overall impact on Alaska's economy? (rotated)

Alaska resident hunters.....	55%
Nonresident hunters .....	29%
Unsure .....	16%

**17)** When hunting opportunity is limited and the Board of Game has to make allocation decisions, which should be the higher priority? (rotated)

Maximizing hunting opportunity for Alaska residents .....	84%
Maximizing revenue to the state from hunting licenses and tag fees .....	9%
Unsure .....	7%

**18)** Compared to other western states, do you think the costs of Alaska's nonresident tag fees for big game hunts are generally (rotated) higher, lower, or about the same?

Higher ..... 22%  
 Lower ..... 15%  
 About the same ..... 21%  
 Unsure ..... 42%

**19)** So everyone has the same information, compared to other western states, Alaska's nonresident tags for big game are significantly lower in most cases. For example, Alaska charges \$850 for a nonresident sheep tag. Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming charge around \$2,400 for a nonresident sheep tag.

Would you support or oppose Alaska setting nonresident big game tag fees to be more in line with other western states, even if that means significant increases in what nonresidents pay?

Strongly support ..... 61%  
 Somewhat support ..... 24% } 85%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 6%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 5% } 11%  
 Unsure ..... 4%

**20)** If Alaska gave residents stronger priority in some limited hunts, that could mean fewer nonresident hunters and less revenue to the Department of Fish and Game from nonresident license and tag fees.

In this scenario, do you support or oppose increasing nonresident license and tag fees to help maintain a similar level of revenue from nonresident hunters?

Strongly support ..... 43%  
 Somewhat support ..... 33% } 76%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 11%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 7% } 18%  
 Unsure ..... 6%

When the Alaska Board of Game makes decisions about hunting regulations, how much should it consider each of the following? ...should that be a major consideration, a moderate consideration, a minor consideration, or not a consideration?

*[Randomized for respondents – Shown sorted  
 by net major/moderate consideration]*

	Maj./ Mod.	Minor/ Not	Net Maj./ Mod.	Major consideration	Moderate	Minor	Not a consideration	Unsure
<b>21)</b> Hunting opportunity for Alaska residents .....	94%	3%	<b>+91%</b>	74%	20%	2%	1%	3%
<b>22)</b> Long term availability of game for hunting.....	93%	4%	<b>+89%</b>	77%	16%	3%	1%	3%
<b>23)</b> Economic activity from spending on hunting and related services .....	65%	30%	<b>+35%</b>	17%	48%	24%	6%	5%
<b>24)</b> Revenue to the state from hunting licenses and tags .....	64%	32%	<b>+32%</b>	19%	45%	26%	6%	4%
<b>25)</b> Impacts on the Alaska guide industry.....	58%	39%	<b>+19%</b>	15%	43%	31%	8%	3%
<b>26)</b> Hunting opportunity for nonresidents ....	41%	56%	<b>-15%</b>	14%	27%	42%	14%	3%

**27)** The Alaska Board of Game has seven members. State law says the Board should reflect a diversity of interests and points of view. Out of the seven Board members, what do you think is the maximum number who should hold a guide license or earn income from guiding or outfitting for big game hunts?

0 members.....	1%	71% 0-3 members
1 member .....	24%	
2 members.....	26%	
3 members.....	20%	
4 members.....	8%	25% 4+ members
5 members.....	7%	
6 members.....	1%	
7 members.....	9%	
Unsure .....	4%	

### Demographics

**28)** Which of the following age ranges do you fall into?

18-34 yrs old .....	14%
35-44 yrs old .....	26%
45-54 yrs old .....	24%
55-64 yrs old .....	13%
65+ yrs old .....	23%

**29)** Gender

Male.....	50%
Female .....	50%

**30)** Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, Non-Partisan, Undeclared or something else?

Democrat.....	13%
Republican .....	25%
Non-Partisan.....	13%
Undeclared .....	45%
Other .....	4%

**31)** Do you consider yourself... (rotated)

Very conservative .....	16%
Somewhat conservative .....	21%
Moderate.....	26%
Somewhat liberal.....	13%
Very liberal .....	12%
Not provided .....	12%

**32)** What was the last level of schooling you completed?

High school graduate/GED .....	13%
Some college or technical school .....	28%
College graduate .....	32%
Graduate school .....	26%
Not provided .....	1%

33) Which of the following ranges does your annual household income fall into?

Under \$60K.....	14%
\$60-99K .....	21%
\$100-199K .....	38%
\$200K+.....	19%
Not provided .....	8%

34) What is the zip code in the area where you live?

Anchorage .....	41%
Southcentral .....	26%
Interior.....	14%
Southeast.....	11%
Rural .....	8%