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HUNTING, 2024

The number of hunters decreased

In 2024, as compared to 2023, the total number of hunters decreased by **11.8%**. The number of members of associations also decreased by 11.8%, while the number of hunters-in-training, that is, future hunters, increased by 0.4%.

The kill of deer increased

In 2024, the kill of deer increased by **3.2%**, with 6 896 heads killed, while the kill of roe deer amounted to 17 202 heads, which was a decrease of 2.5%. The kill of hares remained at approximately the same level, while the kill of common pheasants increased by 3.2% compared to 2023.

In 2024 compared to 2023, the kill of wild boars decreased by 9.3%, with 45 397 heads killed, while the kill of other birds decreased by 4.5%. The kill of water fowls increased by **6.9%**.

1 HUNTERS

	2023	2024	Indices <u>2024</u> 2023
Hunters – total	68 292	60 244	88,2
Members of associations ¹⁾	68 065	60 016	88,2
Trainees	227	228	100,4

1) Members of the Croatian Hunting Federation, as well as external hunters who are not members but are registered with the Federation.

2 GAME KILL

	Total		Indices 2024 2023
	2023	2024	
Deer (all types)	6 682	6 896	103,2
Roe deer	17 644	17 202	97,5
Wild boar	50 030	45 397	90,7
Hare, '000	28	28	100,0
Common pheasant, '000	62	64	103,2
Water fowls, various types, '000	58	62	106,9
Other birds, '000 ¹⁾	67	64	95,5

1) In accordance with applicable regulations in the field of hunting.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data for the Annual Report on Hunting in 2024 were taken over from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry and the Croatian Hunting Federation for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (hunting year).

Since 2006, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry has taken charge of keeping the records on the management of hunting grounds and game. The management includes breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts.

Data on killed game are given on the basis of the central hunting register.

Coverage and comparability

Reporting units are legal entities and parts thereof as well as natural persons engaged in the activity of breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts. Reporting units were taken over from databases of the Croatian Forests, the Croatian Hunting Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry.

Definitions

Hunters are persons who passed the testing for hunters and are engaged in basic missions concerning hunting: breeding, protection, hunting and using of game and its parts, provided that they respect hunting customs and ethics.

Hunting year is the period lasting from 1 April of the current year to 31 March of the following year.

Abbreviations

'000 thousand

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