

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2020.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Number of Deer Harvested</b>	161,085	11,676	15,040	4,749	5,145	198	197,893
<b>Percent Total Deer Harvest</b>	81.4	5.9	7.6	2.4	2.6	0.1	100.0
<b>Percent Hunter Success With Weapon</b>	66.2	31.4	34.0	28.6	25.2	13.0	NA*

\* Total is not applicable because individual hunters take deer with multiple weapons.

Table 10. Number of hunters using each type of weapon in South Carolina in 2020.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>
<b>Residents</b>	123,632	25,588	24,107	13,198	16,296	3,232
<b>Nonresidents</b>	14,512	1,781	1,100	2,060	1,704	263
<b>Total</b>	138,144	27,369	25,206	15,258	17,999	3,495

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 150,163.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2020.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>
<b>Residents</b>	91.8	19.0*	17.9*	9.8*	12.1	2.4
<b>Nonresidents</b>	93.7	11.5	7.1	13.3	11.0	1.7
<b>Total</b>	92.0	18.0	16.5	10.3	11.9	2.3

\* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2020.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Residents</b>	80.5	10.5*	5.6*	0.8*	2.4	0.3	100.0
<b>Nonresidents</b>	85.7	7.5	1.9	2.7	1.9	0.3	100.0
<b>Total</b>	81.2	10.1	5.1	1.0	2.3	0.3	100.0

\* Significant difference in weapons preference category based on residency.