

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2021.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Number of Deer Harvested	145,416	9,601	13,093	2,619	3,666	175	174,569
Percent Total Deer Harvest	83.3	5.5	7.5	1.5	2.1	0.1	100.0
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	70.2	31.3	37.1	20.4	24.4	15.7	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 2021.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	103,581	22,593	19,581	10,080	12,513	3,128
Nonresidents	12,809	1,798	920	1,167	1,057	247
Total	116,390	24,392	20,501	11,247	13,570	3,375

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 129,591.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2021.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	89.4*	19.5*	16.9*	8.7	10.8*	2.7
Nonresidents	93.3	13.1	6.7	8.5	7.7	1.8
Total	90.0	18.4	15.1	8.7	10.3	2.5

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2021.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Residents	79.5	11.2	5.9*	0.6*	2.5	0.3	100.0
Nonresidents	84.2	9.3	1.8	2.5	1.9	0.3	100.0
Total	80.3	10.9	5.2	0.9	2.4	0.3	100.0

* Significant difference in weapons preference category based on residency.