

Table 6. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2024.

	<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>	161,338	10,298	11,252	2,670	4,958	191	190,707
<b>Percent Total Deer Harvest</b>	84.6	5.4	5.9	1.4	2.6	0.1	100.0
<b>Percent Hunter Success With Weapon</b>	60.0	25.3	29.8	17.0	19.0	12.0	NA*

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

Table 7. Number of hunters using each type of weapon in South Carolina in 2024.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>
<b>Residents</b>	158,771	29,672	24,813	13,535	20,475	4,512
<b>Nonresidents</b>	16,055	1,866	790	1,530	1,076	336
<b>Total</b>	174,826	31,538	25,603	15,065	21,551	4,848

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 190,330.

Table 8. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2024.

	<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Bow &amp; Arrow</b>	<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>Muzzle-loader</b>	<b>Crossbow</b>	<b>Handgun</b>
<b>Residents</b>	91.5*	17.1*	14.3*	7.8*	11.8*	2.6
<b>Nonresidents</b>	95.5	11.1	4.7	9.1	6.4	2.0
<b>Total</b>	91.9	16.5	13.4	7.9	11.3	2.6

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

Table 9. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2024.

	<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>	79.9*	10.9*	5.1*	0.9*	2.8*	0.4	100.0
<b>Nonresidents</b>	86.4	8.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.3	100.0
<b>Total</b>	80.5	10.6	4.8	1.0	2.7	0.4	100.0

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