

Table 1. Reported statewide turkey harvest in South Carolina in 2025
corrected for reporting noncompliance.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Total Harvest	Harvest Ac/Turkey	Rates Turkey/Mi.2
Abbeville	223,113	349	127	1760	0.4
Aiken	500,546	782	141	3553	0.2
Allendale	216,455	338	196	1104	0.6
Anderson	219,068	342	174	1261	0.5
Bamberg	196,573	307	298	659	1.0
Barnwell	281,764	440	107	2637	0.2
Beaufort	147,441	230	45	3305	0.2
Berkeley	567,530	887	528	1074	0.6
Calhoun	190,584	298	139	1376	0.5
Charleston	288,732	451	263	1098	0.6
Cherokee	156,664	245	150	1043	0.6
Chester	300,589	470	183	1641	0.4
Chesterfield	372,478	582	235	1586	0.4
Clarendon	298,087	466	282	1058	0.6
Colleton	502,666	785	558	901	0.7
Darlington	286,228	447	163	1754	0.4
Dillon	214,069	334	140	1532	0.4
Dorchester	302,717	473	301	1007	0.6
Edgefield	246,543	385	160	1544	0.4
Fairfield	384,607	601	269	1431	0.4
Florence	397,888	622	431	923	0.7
Georgetown	399,638	624	264	1513	0.4
Greenville	294,257	460	256	1150	0.6
Greenwood	204,400	319	115	1777	0.4
Hampton	324,840	508	244	1330	0.5
Horry	533,336	833	419	1273	0.5
Jasper	309,889	484	195	1590	0.4
Kershaw	360,485	563	175	2061	0.3
Lancaster	266,382	416	151	1759	0.4
Laurens	317,916	497	249	1277	0.5
Lee	220,106	344	163	1349	0.5
Lexington	280,742	439	47	5978	0.1
McCormick	212,021	331	95	2230	0.3
Marion	216,907	339	248	876	0.7
Marlboro	281,271	439	157	1788	0.4
Newberry	317,761	497	204	1556	0.4
Oconee	284,348	444	155	1835	0.3
Orangeburg	504,516	788	522	966	0.7
Pickens	219,926	344	143	1535	0.4
Richland	340,121	531	148	2299	0.3
Saluda	192,173	300	90	2126	0.3
Spartanburg	265,939	416	292	910	0.7
Sumter	338,968	530	290	1169	0.5
Union	258,111	403	241	1072	0.6
Williamsburg	513,851	803	529	970	0.7
York	276,650	432	137	2014	0.3
Total	14,028,896	21,920	10,419	1,346	0.5

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Table 2. County rankings based on noncompliance corrected reported turkey harvest per unit area in South Carolina in 2025

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Total Harvest	Harvest	Rates
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Bamberg	196,573	307	298	659	1.0
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Table 4. Estimated number of turkey hunters, average days hunted, and total hunting effort in South Carolina in 2025.

County	Total Harvest	Number Hunters	Hunters Rank	Avg. Days Hunted	Total Man/Days	Days Rank
Abbeville	127	1,097	14	6.4	4,946	16
Aiken	141	788	26	5.9	3,767	27
Allendale	196	552	37	5.7	2,650	35
Anderson	174	1,340	7	5.9	6,590	7
Bamberg	298	640	33	6.3	3,052	32
Barnwell	107	478	39	6.5	1,838	41
Beaufort	45	265	46	4.0	770	46
Berkeley	528	1,973	1	6.1	10,904	1
Calhoun	139	574	34	4.9	2,345	38
Charleston	263	1,112	13	5.1	5,022	15
Cherokee	150	574	35	7.3	3,073	31
Chester	183	1,178	11	5.6	5,528	12
Chesterfield	235	832	25	5.8	3,746	28
Clarendon	282	692	30	5.4	2,976	33
Colleton	558	1,340	8	5.9	6,146	10
Darlington	163	508	38	6.4	2,539	36
Dillon	140	368	44	5.4	1,491	44
Dorchester	301	1,060	15	6.3	5,362	13
Edgefield	160	979	19	5.8	4,502	22
Fairfield	269	1,848	2	6.8	9,836	2
Florence	431	743	28	6.5	3,656	29
Georgetown	264	670	32	5.3	2,872	34
Greenville	256	1,200	9	4.9	6,395	8
Greenwood	115	986	18	6.1	5,119	14
Hampton	244	847	24	5.6	4,599	20
Horry	419	891	21	6.7	4,460	23
Jasper	195	442	41	5.8	2,220	39
Kershaw	175	1,053	16	5.8	4,842	18
Lancaster	151	692	31	5.8	4,009	25
Laurens	249	1,678	3	6.0	8,504	5
Lee	163	478	40	6.9	2,157	40
Lexington	47	383	43	4.9	1,471	45
McCormick	95	905	20	6.6	4,523	21
Marion	248	420	42	6.2	1,693	42
Marlboro	157	280	45	5.3	1,686	43
Newberry	204	1,634	4	5.6	8,532	4
Oconee	155	751	27	6.8	4,731	19
Orangeburg	522	1,568	6	5.6	7,533	6
Pickens	143	1,001	17	6.2	4,946	17
Richland	148	861	22	4.7	4,051	24
Saluda	90	574	36	7.3	2,442	37
Spartanburg	292	1,200	10	5.8	6,146	9
Sumter	290	729	29	7.1	3,621	30
Union	241	1,605	5	7.0	8,726	3
Williamsburg	529	1,156	12	5.7	5,660	11
York	137	861	23	6.7	3,934	26
Total	10,419	41,805	NA	5.2*	205,605	NA

*Note - Since individuals hunt multiple counties the average number of days hunted per county varies from the average number of days individuals hunt (6.9 days).

Table 5. Wildlife Management Area (WMA) reported turkey harvest in 2025 corrected for reporting noncompliance

Property Name	County	Acreage	Harvest	Ac/Turkey
Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	Aiken	1,782	2	759
Belfast WMA *	Laurens, Newberry	4,664	8	568
Bobwhite Hills WMA *	Lee, Sumter	774	1	659
Bonneau Ferry WMA #	Berkeley	10,712	13	829
Brasstown Creek HP WMA	Oconee	3,170	4	900
Broad River Waterfowl Area	Fairfield	640	2	273
Caesars Head / Jones Gap WMA	Greenville	3,335	1	2,841
Chestnut Ridge HP WMA	Greenville	2,047	4	581
Cliff Pitts WMA	Laurens	1,098	2	468
Crackerneck WMA~	Aiken	10,600	7	1,505
Donnelley WMA *	Colleton	8,066	7	1,145
Draper WMA *	York	806	4	229
Edisto River WMA*	Dorchester	1,394	2	594
Fants Grove WMA	Anderson, Oconee, Pickens	7,444	19	396
Forty-Acre Rock HP WMA	Lancaster	2,965	2	1,263
Great Pee Dee River HP WMA*	Darlington	2,725	9	290
Hamilton Ridge WMA	Hampton	13,281	13	1,028
James L. Mason WMA	McCormick	1,999	1	1,703
Jocassee Gorges (JTNRA)	Oconee, Pickens	33,000	11	3,123
Keowee WMA	Oconee, Pickens	4,930	4	1,400
Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA*	Horry	10,097	4	2,867
Liberty Hill WMA	Kershaw, Lancaster	7,876	6	1,342
Little Pee Dee River HP WMA*	Horry, Marion	10,444	22	468
London Creek WMA	Cherokee	1,758	9	187
Long Creek Tracts WMA	Oconee	500	9	53
Longleaf Pine HP WMA*	Lee	843	1	718
Manchester State Forest WMA	Sumter	23,135	23	985
Marsh WMA *	Marion	8,660	8	1,054
McBee WMA *	Chesterfield	1,213	4	344
McCalla WMA	Abbeville	6,004	4	1,705
Mill Shoals WMA	Pickens	774	1	659
Moultrie Hunt Unit WMA*	Berkeley	9,773	7	1,387
Oak Lea WMA	Clarendon	2,000	11	189
Palachucola WMA	Hampton, Jasper	6,757	11	640
Pee Dee Station WMA*	Florence	2,701	7	383
Poe Creek State Forest	Oconee, Pickens	2,498	1	2,128
Sand Hills State Forest	Chesterfield, Darlington	46,838	29	1,596
Santee Coastal Reserve WMA ^	Charleston, Georgetown	4,000	2	1,704
Santee Cooper Tract WMA	Spartanburg	110	1	94
Santee Cooper WMA #	Orangeburg	3,144	5	670
TillmanSand Ridge HP WMA	Jasper	1,421	2	605
T. Crk/Kirsh/Ross/McConnells Tracts	York	1,192	4	338
Waccamaw River HP *	Horry	6,691	21	317
Wateree River HP WMA	Richland	3,674	6	626
Webb WMA	Hampton	5,866	6	999
Wee Tee State Forest	Georgetown, Williamsburg	12,439	4	3,532
Woodbury WMA *	Marion	25,668	36	705
Worth Mountain WMA *	York	1,643	4	466
Other / Unnamed WMAs	various	126,000	85	1,491
USFWS ACE Basin NWR (Youth Lottery)	Charleston, Colleton, Hampton	11,815	1	10,064
USFWS Carolina Sandhills NWR	Chesterfield	47,850	19	2,547
USFWS Savannah NWR	Jasper	7,556	2	3,218
USFWS Waccamaw NWR	Georgetown, Horry, Marion	5,515	1	4,698
USFS Francis Marion NF	Berkeley, Charleston	259,000	181	1,433
USFS Sumter NF, Enoree RD	5 Central Piedmont Counties	170,000	121	1,406
USFS Sumter NF, Long Cane RD	5 Western Piedmont Counties	120,000	73	1,649
USFS Sumter NF, Andrew Pickens RD	Oconee	85,000	39	2,194
TOTAL		1,155,887	885	1,306

* Open for hunting Thurs. - Sat. only

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^ Open for hunting Saturdays only. Acreage figure is huntable upland acres, not total WMA acreage.

Figure 1. Spring wild turkey harvest in South Carolina 1982-2025. Since 2002 harvest has declined (50%) likely due to less than desirable annual recruitment (see Figure 3 below).

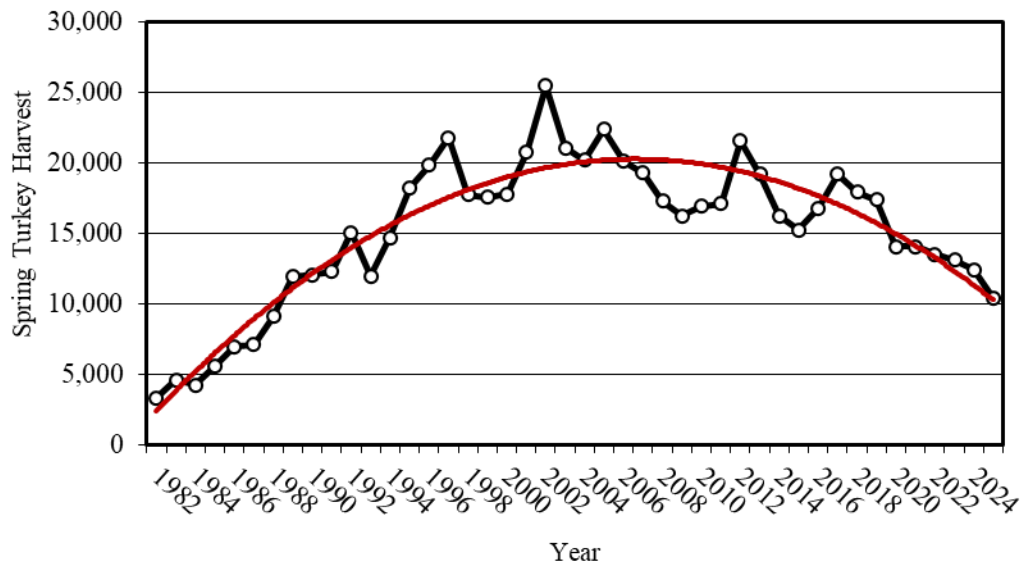


Figure 2. Summer wild turkey recruitment ratio in South Carolina 1982-2024. Note declining trend since 1988. Average recruitment prior to 1988 = 3.5. Average recruitment since 1988 = 2.1. This represents a 40 percent decrease in average recruitment.

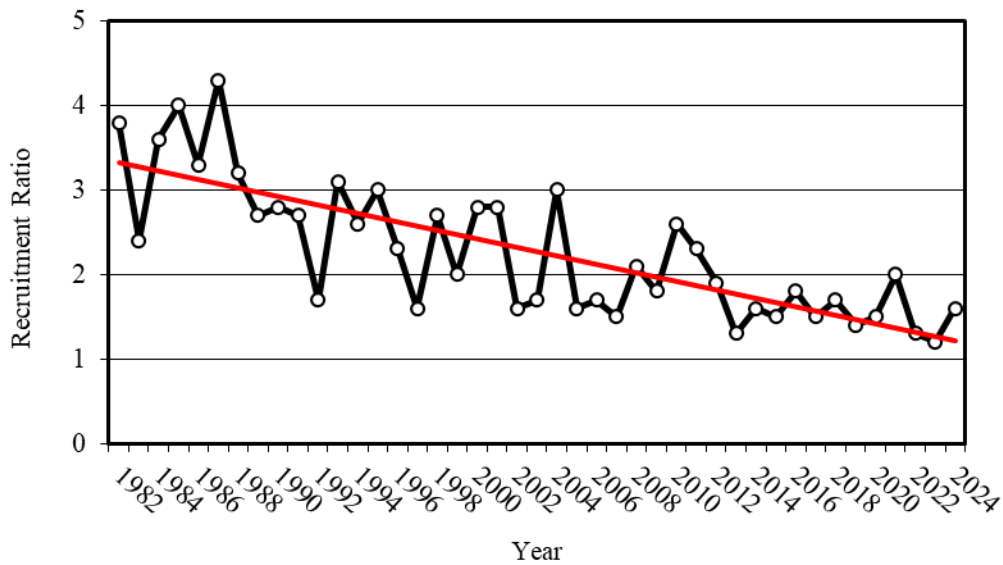


Figure 3. Daily reported turkey harvest in South Carolina in 2025 corrected for reporting noncompliance.

