

# 2020 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. Approximately 25% of hunters with OTC licenses were randomly selected to participate in the spring survey, and 100% of limited license holders were selected to receive surveys. Hunters with either license that provided email addresses to CPW were given the opportunity to respond via an email survey. The survey successfully contacted 2,175 spring turkey license holders. It is estimated that nearly 24,000 hunters pursued spring turkeys in Colorado in the spring of 2020. The number of turkey hunters in Colorado has increased by 250% since 1999.

## **Over-the-Counter Licenses**

Within the OTC sample, 26% reported harvesting a bird. The **statewide harvest estimate is 5,873 + 586 (5,316 – 6,489)** for Unlimited OTC areas. This is higher than the 2019 estimate of **4,535 ± 527 (4,037 – 5,782)**. Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **128,055 ± 7,481 (120,790 – 135,758)** days during the 2020 spring season.

## **Limited Licenses**

Within the limited sample, 51% reported harvesting a bird. Within the limited subset, estimates for hunter numbers, days, and harvest are provided by Hunt Code. The **statewide limited harvest estimate is 605 + 57 (552 – 664) in 2020**. This is slightly lower than the 2019 estimate of **673 ± 60 (615 – 736)**. Limited permit holders hunted **5,670 ± 476 (5,214 – 6,166)** days during the 2020 spring season.

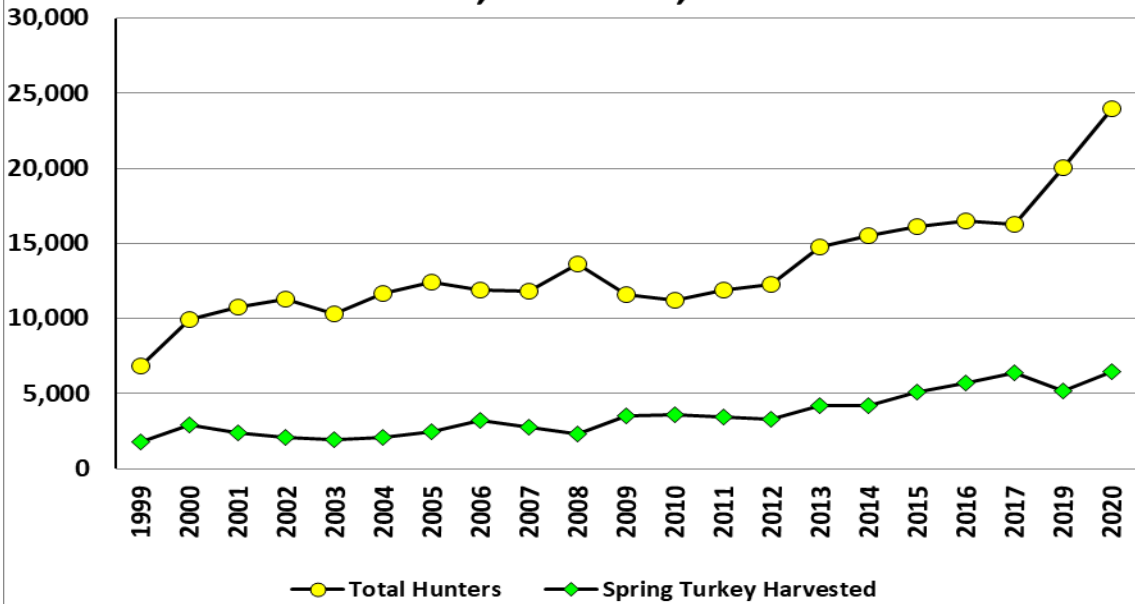
## **Statewide (all licenses)**

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2019 statewide harvest estimate is **6,479 ± 588 (5,916 – 7,095)**. This is higher than the 2019 estimate of **5,208 ± 544 (4,690 – 5,782)**. Hunters spent nearly 133,000 days in the field during the spring turkey season.

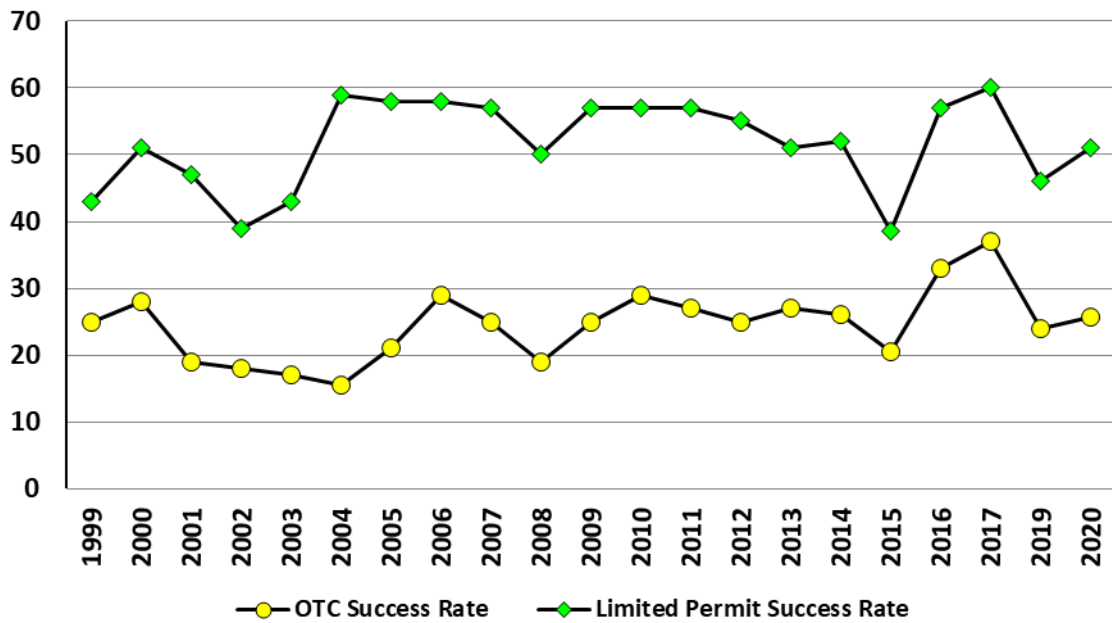
## **Hunter Statistics and Harvest Estimates by County and Hunt Code**

The following summary tables provide estimates of hunter numbers, days in the field and spring turkey harvest statewide and by county. Estimates are followed by the standard error of the estimate, and 95% upper (UCI) and lower (LCI) confidence intervals around the estimate.

### Statewide Spring Turkey Hunters and Harvest, Colorado, 2020



### Spring Turkey Success Rates



**Unlimited OTC Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)  
2020**

<b>County*</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>SE Hunters</b>	<b>LCL Hunters</b>	<b>UCL Hunters</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>SE Days</b>	<b>LCL Days</b>	<b>UCL Days</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>SE Harvest</b>	<b>LCL Harvest</b>	<b>UCL Harvest</b>
Garfield	1438	158	1160	1783	7086	1066	5285	9501	457	87	316	662
Lake	1064	140	823	1377	6767	1148	4865	9413	399	87	262	608
Morgan	682	77	547	849	2646	366	2020	3466	296	43	224	392
Douglas	1692	176	1381	2072	6006	793	4643	7771	285	73	174	468
Mesa	1654	173	1347	2030	7033	913	5458	9061	285	73	174	468
Weld	1293	155	1023	1633	5417	976	3817	7689	285	73	174	468
El Paso	684	113	496	944	3859	823	2552	5834	266	71	159	444
Pueblo	1316	156	1044	1658	5866	986	4229	8137	266	71	159	444
Yuma	466	83	329	659	1572	550	808	3061	247	61	154	397
Huerfano	836	125	625	1119	2965	595	2008	4378	247	68	145	420
Larimer	1996	189	1658	2403	9162	1170	7140	11757	247	68	145	420
Fremont	1635	173	1330	2010	7463	1007	5736	9711	245	66	146	410
Archuleta	969	134	740	1270	4657	949	3136	6915	228	66	131	396
Delta	1045	139	806	1355	4296	1011	2726	6770	228	66	131	396
Las Animas	726	113	535	984	2954	598	1994	4375	218	63	125	380
Teller	1407	161	1125	1759	6044	978	4411	8283	209	63	117	372
Montrose	969	134	740	1271	4315	788	3025	6155	171	57	91	323
Boulder	969	134	740	1270	4144	840	2796	6141	152	54	78	298
Park	1197	149	939	1527	4999	917	3500	7141	152	54	78	298
Custer	741	118	544	1011	3098	623	2098	4576	133	50	65	272
Elbert	798	122	593	1075	4049	814	2741	5981	133	50	65	272
Logan	438	71	319	600	2182	528	1367	3483	125	35	73	214
Rio Blanco	323	73	208	502	1333	380	770	2306	118	43	59	235
Ouray	285	73	173	469	1255	426	657	2395	114	46	53	246
Sedgwick	183	43	116	290	720	220	401	1292	108	39	55	213
Jefferson	779	121	576	1055	2528	540	1671	3824	95	42	41	219

Dolores	380	85	247	585	2053	566	1208	3490	76	38	30	192
Montezuma	570	104	401	812	3212	848	1932	5342	76	38	30	192
Unknown	351	80	225	547	1459	417	842	2527	59	33	21	164
Chaffee	798	122	593	1075	3573	713	2426	5263	57	33	20	163
Lincoln	95	42	41	219	418	231	152	1150	57	33	20	163
Eagle	132	34	81	217	386	73	267	557	39	7	27	56
Adams	114	47	53	246	475	245	183	1233	38	27	11	132
Gunnison	230	66	133	398	808	270	427	1529	38	27	11	132
San Miguel	247	68	145	421	1331	482	669	2648	38	27	11	132
Washington	81	29	41	159	386	196	151	987	33	20	11	99
Otero	171	54	94	313	362	110	203	647	30	20	9	96
Prowers	71	33	30	170	322	150	135	767	28	19	8	96
Kit Carson	72	33	30	171	183	83	78	427	25	19	7	96
Arapahoe	114	46	53	246	342	166	139	841	19	19	4	97
Baca	48	27	17	135	252	163	79	805	19	19	4	97
Bent	95	42	41	219	494	328	151	1615	19	19	4	97
Clear Creek	38	27	11	132	228	180	58	894	19	19	4	97
Kiowa	26	19	7	96	38	24	12	117	19	19	4	97
La Plata	114	47	53	246	361	185	140	931	19	19	4	97
Phillips	19	19	4	97	95	95	19	486	19	19	4	97
Pitkin	74	28	36	151	180	47	109	296	19	5	11	33
Conejos	31	19	10	94	38	21	14	105	10	0	10	10
Moffat	27	19	7	94	62	27	27	138	5	2	2	10
Grand	43	27	14	133	85	61	24	298	5	3	1	15
Rio Grande	102	43	46	224	228	91	107	486	2	2	0	12
Alamosa	19	19	4	97	133	133	26	680	0	0	0	0
Cheyenne	0	0	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA	0	0	0	0
Costilla	95	42	41	219	247	122	99	616	0	0	0	0
Crowley	21	19	5	96	63	57	14	289	0	0	0	0
Denver	38	27	11	132	95	69	27	338	0	0	0	0
Gilpin	114	47	53	246	513	279	190	1390	0	0	0	0
Hinsdale	19	19	4	97	152	152	30	778	0	0	0	0

Jackson	38	27	11	132	133	95	38	468	0	0	0	0
Mineral	38	27	11	132	57	42	16	210	0	0	0	0
Routt	24	19	6	96	35	22	12	107	0	0	0	0
Saguache	133	50	65	272	912	509	329	2532	0	0	0	0
San Juan	152	54	78	298	1083	525	441	2663	0	0	0	0
Summit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22809</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>22205</b>	<b>23430</b>	<b>128055</b>	<b>3817</b>	<b>120790</b>	<b>135758</b>	<b>5873</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>5316</b>	<b>6489</b>

**Limited Spring Turkey Harvest  
2020**

Hunt Code*	Hunters	SE	LCL	UCL	Days	SE	LCL	UCL	Harvest	SE	LCL	UCL
		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Days	Days	Days		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest
TM002O1R	8	2	5	11	43	18	19	96	5	2	2	10
TM015O1R	9	3	5	17	28	10	15	54	5	3	1	15
TM021O1R	12	2	10	16	149	32	98	227	6	2	3	13
TM023O1R	15	0	15	15	117	69	40	343	12	3	7	19
TM023P1R	15	0	15	15	42	10	27	66	9	4	4	19
TM025O1R	33	4	26	42	216	60	127	368	21	6	13	35
TM034O1R	23	3	18	30	138	35	84	225	14	4	8	25
TM035O1R	10	0	10	10	45	5	36	56	10	0	10	10
TM043O1R	37	4	30	45	171	50	98	300	24	5	16	35
TM044O1R	20	4	14	28	97	31	53	178	9	4	4	20
TM047O1R	11	2	7	17	77	25	42	142	4	2	1	12
TM059O1R	19	3	15	25	116	36	63	211	17	4	11	25
TM080O1R	7	2	4	13	50	19	24	101	2	2	0	12
TM081O1R	10	0	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	0	10	10
TM091K1R	151	9	135	170	714	89	559	911	72	11	54	96
TM091O1R	17	4	10	26	54	18	28	103	6	3	2	17
TM091O2R	27	5	19	39	163	69	74	361	10	4	4	23
TM092O1R	36	3	30	42	135	27	92	200	12	4	7	23
TM092O2R	37	4	30	46	176	30	127	245	12	4	6	23
TM096O1R	68	5	58	79	374	41	301	464	38	7	27	53
TM096O2R	82	4	74	92	370	45	291	471	46	7	35	61
TM096P1R	149	7	137	163	589	68	470	737	85	11	66	110
TM096P2R	135	9	118	154	685	84	540	869	60	11	43	85
TM101O1R	18	2	15	22	48	12	30	77	12	3	7	19
TM101O2R	27	3	22	34	109	22	74	160	19	4	13	29
TM103K1R	25	5	17	36	83	23	50	141	9	5	4	24

TM103O1R	5	3	2	13	13	10	4	47	3	3	1	14
TM103O2R	25	3	19	33	125	34	74	211	13	4	6	25
TM124K1R	10	3	5	18	55	25	24	127	5	3	2	16
TM124O1R	13	3	8	22	63	22	33	123	6	3	2	15
TM127O1R	16	4	10	27	93	33	47	185	9	4	4	21
TM139O1R	10	2	6	16	46	16	24	88	0	0	0	0
TM140O1R	26	5	18	39	135	41	76	241	4	3	1	15
TM140O2R	5	3	2	17	24	15	8	75	0	0	0	0
TM444O1R	26	2	21	31	173	54	95	315	16	4	10	27
TM444P1R	17	3	11	25	103	45	45	236	13	4	7	24
TM851O1R	12	3	8	18	41	16	20	84	7	3	3	15
Total	1168	24	1122	1216	5670	243	5214	6166	605	29	552	664

\*Hunt codes not listed above received no responses during the survey.