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2001 HUNTER EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

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The Colorado Division of Wildlife's Hunter Education Program serves a variety of functions. We have summarized these functions along with major accomplishments.

The primary function of the hunter education program is to conduct hunter education courses statewide. Our courses must be in compliance with state statutes and are designed to:

- 1 ☐ Reduce hunting accidents through education and the training of safe firearms handling.
 - ☐ Provide hunters with a better understanding of hunting and their role in wildlife management.
 - ☐ Develop sportsmanship and hunter ethics in hunters to gain informed consent of the non-hunting public thus protecting the future of hunting.

During the 2001 hunting seasons, Colorado had eight hunting accidents. We regret reporting three firearms-related hunting fatalities. Five non-fatal accidents make up the balance of that total. (A hunting accident summary and details of each incident are included in a separate report, the 2001 Hunting Incident Summary.)

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Total number of hunter education courses completed	702
Total number of students passing hunter education	16,524
Total number of hunter education students born before 1/1/1949	189
Total number of students failing hunter education	414
Total number of hunter education students	17,127

2 The Division of Wildlife makes hunter education available to the public without regard to race, gender or religion. We continue to recruit a diversity of students and instructors.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Total female hunter education students	3959
Total African American hunter education students	97
Total Hispanic hunter education students	1649
Total American Indian hunter education students	157
Total Asian hunter education students	135
Total students of "other" ethnicity	72

3 The Colorado Division of Wildlife also administers bowhunter education. Hunters are required to have either: an *approved* hunter education certificate or bowhunter education course in order to participate in the archery seasons. The Colorado Division of Wildlife encourages all hunters that wish to participate in these seasons to take bowhunter education due to the complexity of and skills required in bowhunting.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In 2001, the certified volunteer bowhunter educators drafted a list of action items to increase future participation in bowhunter education. Unfortunately, we did not implement many quickly enough to increase our participation levels in 2001.

Total bowhunter education students	113
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4 The Colorado Division of Wildlife's Hunter Education Program recognizes the value of providing safe places for hunters to shoot. Our administration of Pittman-Robertson or Federal Aid funds made available to us through the Wildlife Restoration Program includes grants to shooting ranges for enhancements. We budget a minimum of \$20,000 annually for range enhancement grants. Additionally, we support shooting ranges in \$1.50/student range reimbursements.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Total shooting range assistance grants allocated FY 2001	\$ 22,448
Total shooting range reimbursements (49 ranges)	\$ 8,603

5 Supporting hunter education students, instructors and the public at large necessitates a large administrative support function. All services were performed; budget planning and preparation, Federal Aid reporting, reissue cards and verify hunter education information for other states, and countries, etc. We estimate handling 17,000 office phone calls, handling 34,000 mail items and attending 50 meetings, etc.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Hunter education cards reissued at no charge	1,409
Hunter education cards reissued @ \$5.00 fee	3,279
Total HE cards reissued	4,688

6 The ability of the Division of Wildlife to deliver quality hunter education to the people of Colorado is dependent on a large, quality corps of volunteer hunter education instructors. The Division recognizes the importance of recruiting, training, retaining and unfortunately disciplining these volunteers.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Total new instructors recruited and trained	47
Total instructors deleted	73
Total volunteer hunter educators @ end of year	387

We also recognize the importance of providing those volunteer hunter educators with superlative on-going training. Our instructor workshops are mandatory and for the convenience of the instructors we hold workshops in various locations around the state.

Instructor Training Workshop	Location Offered
Philosophy of Hunting	Trinidad
Archery/Muzzleloader	Colorado Springs
Archery/Muzzleloader	Grand Junction
New Instructor Academy	Jamestown
Upland Bird Hunting Issues workshop	Colorado Springs
First Aid/ CPR	Fort Collins
Masters workshop	Durango
Independent Study/DART	Denver

SUMMARY OF MAJOR OPERATING COSTS INCURRED:**▪ OPERATING EXPENDITURES****Hunter Education - Student Support**

Manuals	20,000
Independent Study Manuals and workbooks	3,000
Ammunition	4,500
Supplemental course materials, e.g., handouts	10,000
Interpreters (sign language, etc.)	5,000
Firearm repair, maintenance & purchase	2,500
Live Fire range reimbursements	10,000
Subtotal	55,000

Hunter Education - Instructor Materials

Years of service & instructor level incentives	2,000
Plaques and other awards	500
Teaching aids, e.g., videos, printed materials	10,000
Workshops - hotels & meals	35,000
Workshops – speaker fees & travel expenses	5,000
Instructor insurance	2,000
Instructor newsletters	2,000
Subtotal	56,500

Hunter Education –Shooting Ranges

Materials, e.g., gravel, lumber	24,000
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Hunter Education – DART Support

Labor	10,000
Repair and maintenance on trailer	2,500
Tow Vehicle	8,500
Subtotal	21,000

Hunter Education – Advanced & Innovative

Sheep & Goat School	1,000
Elk & Waterfowl clinics	500
San Juan Mountain Association	500
OHV's (printing?)	3,000
Subtotal	5,000

▪ Hunter Education – Administration

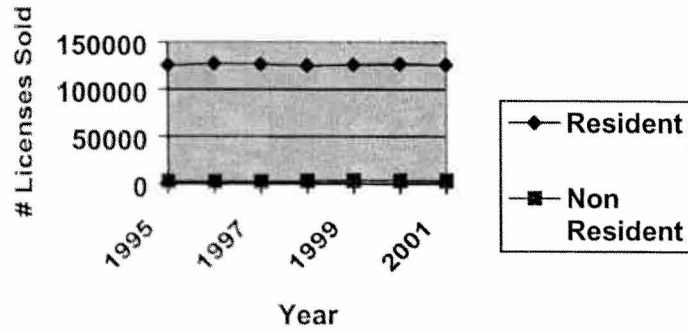
IHEA dues	500
In-state travel	2,000
Out-of-state travel	1,000
Film & processing	500
Employee training	500
Temporary Employee	25,000
Freight	3,000
Outreach Materials	5,000
Misc. Supplies	2,500
Subtotal	40,000

Colorado Hunting License Sales

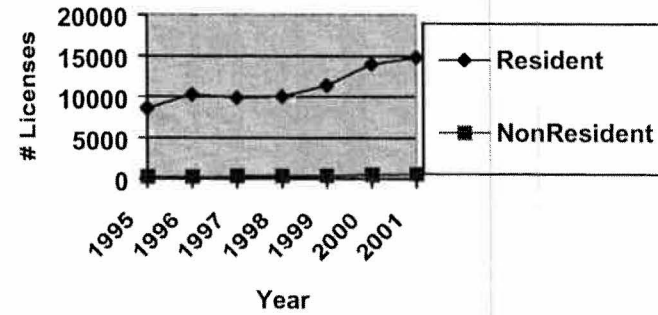
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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001¹
Small Game *	128,292	129,991	129,760	128,214	129,492	130,235	129,281
Resident	125,843	127,555	127,141	125,332	126,412	127,007	126,431
Non Resident	2,449	2,436	2,619	2,882	3,080	3,228	2,850
Turkey	8,820	10,522	10,234	10,403	11,783	14,470	15,441
Resident	8,569	10,260	9,901	10,053	11,384	13,966	14,815
Non Resident	251	262	333	350	399	504	626
Archery	44,454	45,048	45,306	44,011	28,956	29,048	21,589
Resident	23,821	24,694	23,537	22,100	12,276	12,452	11,361
Non Resident	20,633	20,354	21,769	21,911	16,680	16,596	10,228
Big Game	397,150	393,996	406,347	416,046	353,566	365,982	319,889
Resident	244,899	243,132	242,214	240,565	216,161	227,753	230,064
Non Resident	152,251	150,864	164,133	175,481	137,405	138,229	89,825
Total Sales	578,716	579,557	591,647	598,674	523,797	539,735	486,200
Resident	403,132	405,641	402,793	398,050	366,233	381,178	382,671
Non Resident	175,584	173,916	188,854	200,624	157,564	158,557	103,529
Total Hunters **	345,871	349,491	352,822	362,927	328,879	337,475	
Resident	216,335	218,853	213,648	213,975	203,020	207,085	
Non Resident	129,536	130,638	139,174	148,952	125,859	130,390	
Hunting Licenses							
Per Hunter	1.67	1.66	1.68	1.65	1.59	1.60	
Resident	1.86	1.85	1.89	1.86	1.80	1.84	
Non Resident	1.36	1.33	1.36	1.35	1.25	1.22	

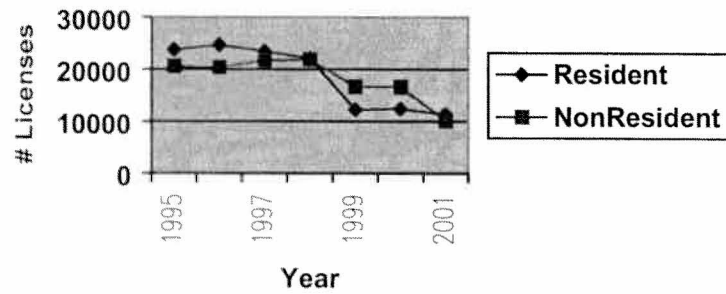
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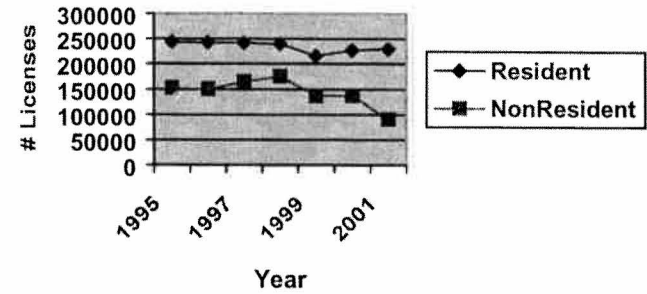
Turkey License Sales
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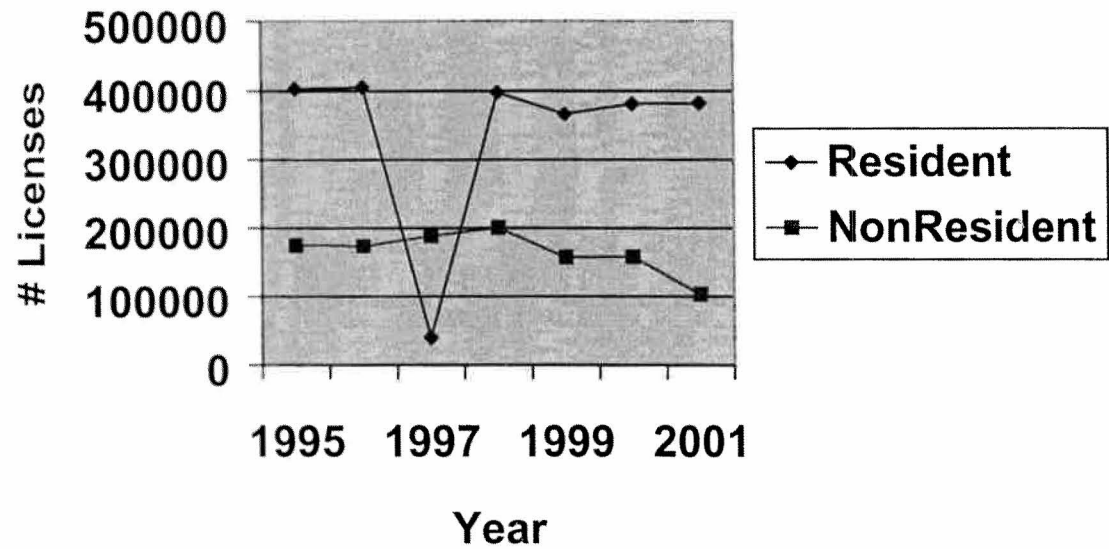
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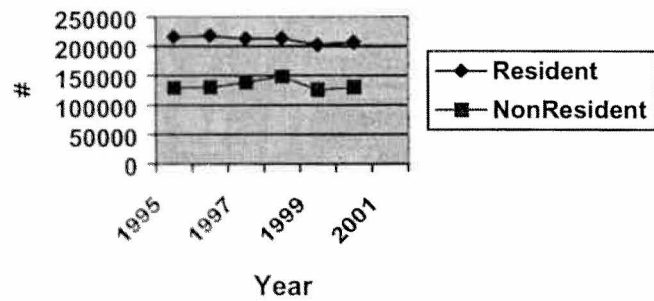
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Total License Sales



Total Hunters



Licenses Per Hunter

