



2006 Economic Contributions of Sportfishing

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Using data from the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, the economic contributions of sportfishing have been compiled and are presented here. Funded by a Multi-State grant, the data were produced by Southwick Associates, Inc. on behalf of the American Sportfishing Association. Similar hunting numbers have been produced for the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Included are estimates of anglers' expenditures and the resulting jobs, salaries & wages, tax revenues and total multiplier (or ripple) effect. The expenditures will differ slightly from the USFWS estimates as we included dollars spent on big-ticket items also used for hunting. We pro-rate these expenditures based on the respondent's total days of hunting and fishing. *PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE DRAFT ESTIMATES.* We will release final estimates later this year that will include data for freshwater, marine and Great Lakes fishing. A short, four-color report designed for public distribution will be available in December. The ASA will send copies to be sent to all state agencies.

Top 10 States: Number of Anglers	
Florida	2,766,502
Texas	2,526,558
California	1,730,014
Minnesota	1,426,762
Michigan	1,394,476
Wisconsin	1,394,034
North Carolina	1,263,239
Ohio	1,256,328
New York	1,152,558
Georgia	1,107,306

Top 10 States: Angler Expenditures	
Florida	\$4,412,241,741
Texas	\$4,267,021,095
Minnesota	\$2,832,442,963
California	\$2,677,352,981
Michigan	\$2,099,582,373
Pennsylvania	\$1,794,966,426
Wisconsin	\$1,754,539,873
South Carolina	\$1,492,735,367
North Carolina	\$1,204,118,689
West Virginia	\$1,195,307,160

Top 10 States: Angler-Supported Jobs	
Florida	75,068
Texas	58,938
Minnesota	43,123
California	39,732
Wisconsin	31,351
Michigan	26,704
South Carolina	25,483
Pennsylvania	22,995
Missouri	21,181
North Carolina	20,323

Top 10 States: State & Local Taxes Generated by Sportfishing	
Florida	\$440,626,403
Texas	\$392,167,768
Minnesota	\$339,437,785
California	\$329,111,758
Michigan	\$224,870,172
Wisconsin	\$202,923,107
Pennsylvania	\$157,155,885
South Carolina	\$150,575,557
West Virginia	\$142,771,878
New York	\$137,777,071

Top 10 States: % of Population that Fishes	
Alaska	58.6%
Wyoming	50.1%
Montana	38.6%
Minnesota	35.5%
Maine	32.7%
Wisconsin	32.0%
Idaho	31.8%
Arkansas	30.4%
West Virginia	25.8%
Mississippi	24.7%

Top 10 States: Annual Days Per Angler	
Connecticut	20.0
Michigan	19.1
Illinois	18.7
West Virginia	18.3
Tennessee	17.3
Oklahoma	17.3
Florida	17.2
Minnesota	17.0
Alabama	17.0
Massachusetts	16.9

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