

Elk Hunting in Idaho



Understanding the needs and
experiences of hunters

Selected 1987-2012 Comparisons

	1988-89	2012
Returned Sample size	1720	2786
Response rate	55%	48.5

First, some questions about your general hunting behavior.

1. About how many years have you hunted in Idaho? (Please enter number of years)

_____ YEARS **1987 = 40.0 (MEDIAN)**
2012 = 50.0 (MEDIAN)

2. How often do you hunt each of the following game species in Idaho?

GAME SPECIES	How often do you hunt the following species in Idaho? (Please circle one response for each species)			
	NEVER	SOME YEARS	MOST YEARS	EVERY YEAR
A. Black Bear	51.9 41.8	31.5 39.2	7.6 10.5	9.0 8.4
B. Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (<i>one in a lifetime</i>)	93.4 76.1	7.1 23.3	0.1 0.3	0.6 0.3
C. Mountain Lion	88.7 64.3	8.5 26.1	0.7 4.8	2.2 4.8
D. Mule Deer	4.9 9.8	15.5 21.3	15.4 21.3	64.2 47.7
E. Pronghorn	63.8 58.9	32.4 32.7	2.6 5.4	1.2 3.0
F. Upland Game/ Birds	29.9 19.9	28.3 32.5	14.2 17.3	27.6 30.2
G. White-tailed Deer	34.4 39.9	21.4 29.4	8.5 10.7	35.7 20.1
H. Wolf	--	--	--	--

4. Excluding your travel to and from your home, how often do you use the following mode of transportation when you hunt Elk in Idaho?

TRAVEL MODE	How often do you use each travel mode when hunting Elk in Idaho? (Please circle one response for each mode of travel)			
	NEVER	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	ALWAYS
A. Car/truck	34.5	26.8	16.4	22.3
	18.2	29.0	15.9	36.9
B. Horse/pack animals	43.4	32.4	14.2	10.1
	52.3	31.0	10.6	6.1
C. Mountain bike	94.3	4.8	0.7	0.2
	84.3	14.5	0.9	0.3
D. OHV	83.0	14.0	2.2	0.8
	38.9	38.0	15.9	7.3
E. On foot	2.7	15.1	31.7	50.5
	1.1	9.4	25.1	64.4

5. What type of weapon do you typically use to hunt Elk in Idaho? (Please check only one response*)

<input type="checkbox"/> SHOTGUN	65.5	0.6	
<input type="checkbox"/> RIFLE	100	56.6	
<input type="checkbox"/> HANDGUN	N/A	0.2	
<input type="checkbox"/> TRADITIONAL MUZZLELOADER/INLINE MUZZLELOADER			23.5 5.9
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPOUND BOW/RECURVE OR LONGBOW/CROSSBOW			33.0 35.9

*(1987=CHECK ALL)

6. If you could not hunt Elk in Idaho, how would you react? (Please check only one response)

NOT MISS IT AT ALL	MISS IT A LITTLE	MISS IT SOMEWHAT	MISS IT CONSIDERABLY	MISS IT A GREAT DEAL
2.4	5.1	16.2	22.0	54.3
0.9	2.1	5.9	14.1	77.1

16. How desirable is it to you to harvest the following kinds of Elk?

KIND OF ELK

How desirable do you find harvesting each kind of Elk?
 (Please circle one response for each kind of Elk)

NOT VERY DESIRABLE MODERATELY DESIRABLE QUITE DESIRABLE EXTREMELY DESIRABLE

A. Large Bull
 (greater than 350 Boone & Crockett points)

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B. Mature/Large Bull (6 points a side)

6.5 **10.4** **18.5** **64.7**
7.4 **23.0** **27.9** **41.8**

C. Raghorn Bull (4-5 points a side)

5.8 **17.2** **47.8** **29.2**
16.1 **42.9** **21.2** **14.0**

D. Spike Elk

16.0 **25.7** **33.2** **25.1**
31.0 **30.7** **23.1** **15.0**

E. Antlerless Elk (cow/calf)

25.1 **33.2** **25.7** **16.0**
31.0 **44.1** **19.3** **5.6**

F. Calf

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G. Any Elk

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17. Below is a list of possible reasons for hunting Elk in Idaho. How important to you is each of the following reasons for hunting Elk in Idaho?

REASONS FOR HUNTING	How important is each reason for hunting Elk in Idaho? (Please circle one response for each reason)				
	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	QUITE IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
A. Being close to nature.	3.2 4.0	4.3 6.6	11.2 13.4	33.4 34.3	48.0 41.7
B. Harvesting an antlerless Elk.	45.6 39.4	18.6 16.7	21.1 22.2	9.9 23.5	4.8 8.2
C. Viewing the scenery.	2.2 4.4	7.0 10.4	13.1 17.4	37.4 33.8	40.3 34.0
D. Harvesting any Elk.	25.0 11.9	21.6 13.7	21.9 23.8	18.6 25.1	12.9 25.5
E. Seeing Elk in a natural setting.	2.2 3.2	5.0 7.2	13.4 12.3	39.2 35.2	40.2 42.2
F. Testing my abilities.	13.9 11.3	12.1 11.1	25.3 20.5	29.8 30.9	19.0 26.2
G. Harvesting a large bull. (<i>greater than 350 Boone & Crockett points</i>)	35.3 25.8	15.5 15.5	19.9 22.7	14.2 13.8	15.0 22.2
H. Sharing what I have learned with others.	15.9 13.3	19.5 17.4	31.4 22.9	24.0 26.9	9.3 19.4
I. Being with friends.	8.4 7.2	10.4 10.5	21.7 14.3	35.5 28.8	24.1 39.2
J. Harvesting a raghorn bull. (<i>4 or 5 points on a side</i>)	20.9 24.8	15.2 21.8	26.4 32.3	23.3 14.0	14.2 7.1
K. Learning more about nature.	6.2 11.0	12.0 18.1	23.2 22.1	34.6 28.2	24.1 20.6
L. Doing something with my family.	15.7 10.4	13.9 9.3	16.8 13.0	25.9 24.7	27.6 42.6
M. Putting meat on the table.	20.7 10.2	16.7 12.5	18.9 17.8	19.1 22.5	24.8 37.1
N. Keeping physically fit.	6.4 5.4	12.1 11.5	24.4 24.5	33.1 35.1	24.0 23.5
O. Harvesting any bull.	--	--	--	--	--
P. Developing close friendship with my hunting companions.	11.4 9.8	13.9 12.1	22.0 17.3	31.5 29.4	21.2 31.4
Q. Harvesting a mature bull. (<i>6 points on a side</i>)	35.3 18.2	15.5 15.1	19.9 23.6	14.2 22.6	15.0 20.6
R. Just being outdoors.	--	--	--	--	--

18. Are there any times during the general Elk hunting season in Idaho that you prefer or avoid? (Please check as many as apply)

		I PREFER	I AVOID
A. OPENING DAY	1987	55.7	18.7
	2012	60.4	24.9
B. FIRST WEEKEND	1987	34.2	23.4
	2012	50.9	28.5
C. FIRST WEEK	1987	47.5	8.8
	2012	64.5	12.5
D. ANY WEEKEND	1987	28.9	18.0
	2012	52.4	22.8
E. ANY WEEKDAY	1987	44.8	4.2
	2012	73.5	2.9
F. LAST WEEK	1987	37.5	7.7
	2012	64.7	8.1
G. LAST WEEKEND	1987	25.8	15.2
	2012	54.6	16.3
H. LAST DAY	1987	24.2	16.8
	2012	53.7	16.7

Finally, some questions about you!

19. When were you born? (Please enter the year) I WAS BORN IN 19_____

1987 40.0 (MEDIAN AGE)

2012 50.0 (MEDIAN AGE)

20. Are you: (Please check one)

MALE

91.1

95.0

FEMALE

8.9

5.

21. During the 2011 hunting season were you: (Please check all that apply)

EMPLOYED FULL-TIME

72.4 70.0

EMPLOYED PART-TIME

7.8 6.3

STUDENT

3.1 2.7

RETIRED

9.2 17.3

HOMEMAKER

3.6 1.2

UNEMPLOYED

2.9 2.6