TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENTS ANALYSIS

2013

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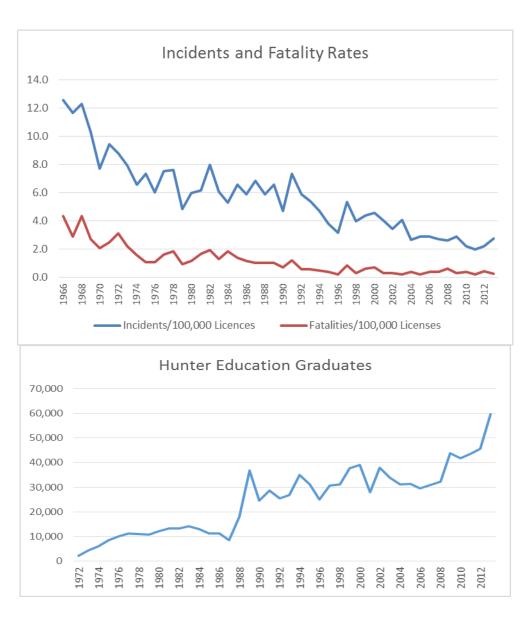


TEXAS HUNTING INCIDENT DATA (1966-2013)

Calendar Year	Fatalities	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified	Deferrals Sold
1966	28	53	81	644,653	12.6	4.3	-	
1967	23	70	93	797,846	11.7	2.9	-	
1968	37	68	105	854,693	12.3	4.3	-	
1969	24	68	92	895,593	10.3	2.7	-	
1970	19	53	72	935,793	7.7	2.0	-	
1971	24	68	92	978,285	9.4	2.5	-	
1972	30	55	85	966,332	8.8	3.1	2,119	
1973	22	58	80	1,011,963	7.9	2.2	4,314	
1974	16	52	68	1,037,925	6.6	1.5	6,094	
1975	11	66	77	1,051,834	7.3	1.0	8,531	
1976	11	52	63	1,050,349	6	1.0	10,043	
1977	17	64	81	1,080,530	7.5	1.6	11,298	
1978	20	63	83	1,091,794	7.6	1.8	10,890	
1979	10	43	53	1,093,716	4.8	0.9	10,775	
1980	13	56	69	1,160,375	5.9	1.1	12,166	
1981	19	53	72	1,174,023	6.1	1.6	13,187	
1982	23	74	97	1,216,032	8	1.9	13,323	
1983	17	63	80	1,325,474	6	1.3	14,131	
1984	21	39	60	1,140,174	5.3	1.8	13,052	
1985	15	57	72	1,100,991	6.5	1.4	11,284	
1986	13	55	68	1,162,785	5.8	1.1	11,195	
1987	12	69	81	1,189,566	6.8	1.0	8,611	
1988	12	58	70	1,189,000	5.9	1.0	18,043	
1989	12	66	78	1,193,000	6.5	1.0	36,708	
1990	8	45	53	1,132,917	4.7	0.7	24,590	
1991	13	68	81	1,103,903	7.3	1.2	28,682	
1992	6	56	62	1,053,063	5.9	0.6	25,453	
1993	6	52	58	1,077,055	5.4	0.6	26,942	
1994	5	46	51	1,083,227	4.7	0.5	34,972	
1995	4	36	40	1,060,000	3.8	0.4	31,215	
1996	2	29	31	990,000	3.1	0.2	24,998	
1997	8	43	51	960,000	5.3	0.8	30,625	
1998	3	37	40	1,011,500	3.9	0.3	31,052	
1999	6	38	44	1,010,455	4.3	0.6	37,775	
2000	8	44	52	1,145,000	4.5	0.7	39,049	
2001	3	40	43	1,076,159	4	0.3	28,062	
2002	3	32	35	1,024,495	3.4	0.3	37,847	

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2003	2	42	44	1,082,225	4.1	0.2	33,769	
2004	4	25	29	1,091,178	2.7	0.4	31,171	
2005	2	29	31	1,082,593	2.9	0.2	31,442	
2006	4	28	32	1,115,772	2.9	0.4	29,532	
2007	4	26	30	1,112,099	2.7	0.4	30,960	
2008	6	20	26	993,533	2.6	0.6	32,308	
2009	3	26	29	1,011,936	2.9	0.3	43,880	12,545
2010	4	21	25	1,141,924	2.2	0.4	41,785	13,997
2011	2	21	23	1,165,248	2	0.2	43,645	15,101
2012	5	20	25	1,155,542	2.2	0.4	45,719	15,438
2013	3	30	33	1,227,025	2.7	0.2	59,597	17,257

- **AVERAGE DURING VOLUNTARY HUNTER EDUCATION** 7.8 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued. **AVERAGE STARTING 1988, MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION** 3.9 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.



Texas Hunting Incidents 2009 - 2013

resulting from a discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s)

INCIDENTS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	29	25	23	25	33
Fatal	3	4	2	5	3
Non-fatal	26	21	21	20	30
SHOOTER'S AGE					
0-9 yrs. of age	0	0	0	1	1
10-19	8	7	4	8	7
20-29	5	5	1	6	6
30-39	6	2	2	4	7
40-49	3	2	6	4	4
50-59	4	5	5	0	4
60 & over	3	3	4	0	1
Unknown	0	1	1	2	3
SHOOTER'S EQUIP	MENT				
Rifles	16	8	11	11	20
Shotguns	11	16	9	11	10
Handguns	2	1	2	3	3
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Bow	0	0	1	0	0
ADDITIONAL FACT	rs .				
		Percentag	e in parent	hesis (%)	
Violated Game Law	12 (41)	7 (28)	5 (22)	7 (28)	9 (27
Self-Inflicted	17 (59)	13 (52)	11 (48)	6 (24)	17 (5
Alcohol or Drugs a Factor	0	1	4	0	5 (15
Shooter Completed Hunter Ed	11 (38)	6 (24)	4 (17)	8 (32)	11 (33

Incident profile over time:

- Almost all were preventable
- Most had no hunter education (safety) course or program
- Not wearing any type of hunter orange clothing
- · Lack of judgment or skill
- Over 10 years of hunting experience
- Not under the influence of alcohol
- If self-inflicted, handled firearm carelessly; grabbed trigger; firearm fell
- Distance of muzzle to wound mostly within 10 yards
- Incident occurred towards dusk; fatigue a factor

Significant for 2013

- Over 50% were self-inflicted, caused by careless handling
- Median age of shooters was 34, ranging in age from 9 to 84 years old.
- Median age of victims was 40, ranging in age from 13 to 56 years old
- None of the hunter education graduates in the 2013 incident data took the all-online course
- Number of alcohol or drug incidents up; median age 43, ranging in age from 29 to 48 years old

Exotic

Unknown

MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HUNTER JUDGMENT					
Victim out of sight /moved	2	1	3	2	3
into line of fire					
Victim hit by shooter	4	7	2	6	3
Swinging on game Victim mistaken for game	0	1	2	0	2
TOTAL	6	9	7	8	8
SKILL/APTITUDE					
Trigger caught on object	0	0	0	0	3
Loading/Unloading gun	0	1	0	3	0
Improper crossing	0	1	0	0	0
Careless handling	12	4	6	5	8
	2	1	0	1	1
Dropped firearm	1	1	0	2	2
Shooter stumbled/fell	0		1		0
Careless Bow Handling		0		0	
TOTAL	15	8	7	11	14
SAFETY					
Removing/placing firearm in vehicle	1	1	1	0	2
Discharge of firearm in/on vehicle	6	2	5	2	2
Improper crossing obstacle;	0	1	0	2	2
Walking with loaded firearm Horseplay	0	1	2	2	0
Failure to use fall restraint					
TOTAL	7	5	8	6	1
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OTHER					
Ricochet	0	1	0	1	1
Obstruction in Barrel and Faulty Equipment	1	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	1	3	1	1	4
ANIMAL HUNTED		Darsantas	a in naran	+b osis (0/)	
Dove	4 (14)	Percentag			C (10)
Deer	6 (21)	7 (28) 2 (8)	3 (13)	9 (36) 4 (16)	6 (18) 8 (24)
Rabbit/Hare	2 (7)	1 (4)	2 (9)	0	2 (6)
Feral Hog/Peccary	6 (21)	7 (28)	8 (35)	5 (20)	5 (15)
Quail/Pheasant	2 (7)	3 (12)	1 (4)	0	0
Turkey	2 (7)	0	1 (4)	0	0
Ducks/Geese	1 (3)	2 (8)	1 (4)	2 (8)	2 (6)
Coyote/Bobcat	2 (7)	0	0	0	2 (6)
Squirrel/Prairie Dog	1 (3)	1 (4)	2 (9)	0	1 (3)
Nongame birds/Snake	3 (10)	2 (8)	0	3 (12)	1 (3)
Furbearers, Raccoon, Opossum	0	0	2 (9)	2 (8)	1 (3)
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2013 FATAL INCIDENTS FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

Firearm/Bow & Hunting Related--an accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)	
9-22	Wilson	14/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	No	
Comments:		Shooter reached for a shotgun that was propped next to him on a chair swing and had slipped. As he leaned over to retrieve the firearm, it discharged, fatally striking him in the head.					
Prevention	, ,			ry firearm as if it is l plete hunter educat		le firearms	
11-8	Harrison	43/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No	
Comments:		grasp the rifle, ac		vas handing a rifle u bing the trigger. Fir			
Prevention:		lirection; treat eve		rearm to an elevated f it is loaded; handle	-	-	
11-17	Anderson	57/M	Rifle	Hog	No	No	
Comments:		Shooter and victim were hog hunting on four wheelers. Shooter fired into herd of hogs, striking victim in upper thighs. Victim's four wheeler had no lights.					
Prevention:				fy the target clearly and at all times; com			

2013 NON-FATAL INCIDENTS FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

Firearm/Bow & Hunting Related--an accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
1-2	Waller	49/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No
Comments:	Shooter shot at what Apparent use of dr		s a deer 250 ya	ards away, but instea	d struck his s	son in his hip.
Prevention:	zones of fire; know	where others are	positioned a	ront of and behind the tall times; complete is looked or drugs; complete i	hunter educa	tion; never
1-4	Van Zandt	52/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No
Comments:		e property. Victir	n was dressed	king it was a deer. Sh d in brown and camo g his heart.		
Prevention:				ront of and behind the		w where
1-13	Lamar	13/M	Rifle	Deer	No	No
Comments:				oter swung loaded fii rigger. Gun discharg		
Prevention:	, I		0	f the trigger until rea positioned at all times	•	

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)
1-27	Limestone	22/F	Shotgun	Duck	No	No
Comments:		other duck flew	overhead and	tank. Victim walked shooter swung fireat the leg.		
Prevention:	are positioned at a	ıll times; make su	re to identify	e with hunting comp the target clearly and for a shot; complete	l what is in fr	ont of and
1/27	Sutton	36/M	Rifle	Bobcat	No	No
Comments:		he truck. Bullet fr	-	l a bobcat to the right ting passenger in the		
Prevention:	positioned at all ti	mes; handle firea	rms carefully;	nce of alcohol or drug control the muzzle a complete hunter educ	at all times; ne	
1-28	Taylor	48/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	No
Comments:		0		t was moving, accide allet struck victim in	, ,	
Prevention:	identify the target	clearly and what	is in front of	others are positioned and behind the targe nk or pickup bed; co	t; control the	muzzle at all
2-17	Parker	12/M	Rifle	Rabbit	Yes	No
Comments:	rifle, rifle discharg	ged, hitting him is	n the leg. Shoo	it was loaded and co ster didn't recall touc	hing the trigg	ger.
Prevention:				rms carefully; contro e a shot; use the safe		
3-23	Mason	33/M	Rifle	Unk	Yes	Yes
Comments:	impaling himself	with the barrel of	the rifle.	something, then fell		ground,
Prevention:	Follow tree stand	safety rules; appl	y what was le	arned in hunter educ	cation.	
6-26	Jim Wells	20/M	Handgun	Snake	Yes	Yes
Comments:	Shooter ran after t	he snake and har	ndgun dischar	ged as he ran, strikin	g himself in t	he hip.
Prevention:	apply what was le			carry at all times; ha		
6-30	Schleicher	36/M	Rifle	Exotic	No	Yes
Comments:	soft top's support from the scope sho scope and the barr	pole, fragmented owed an unobstru el.	and hit two parted shot, sho	I row of ATV, across passengers in the vehooter didn't account to	icle. Althougl for the offset l	n the view between the
Prevention:	direction at all tim	es; recognize tha	t muzzle is lov	e positioned at all tir wer than scope and c in hunter education.	annot be plac	

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed (Shooter)
9-1	Burnet	29/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments:	Victim went to ret drugs or alcohol.	trieve a downed b	oird when sho	oter fired at incoming	g dove. Appa	rent use of
Prevention:	are positioned at a behind the target	all times; make su before raising the	re to identify sporting arm	e with hunting comp the target clearly and for a shot; never disc nat was learned in hu	l what is in fr charge firearr	ont of and ns while
9-1	Mills	12/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	No
Comments:		_		l. Upon examination e end of the barrel.	of the muzzle	e end, mud
Prevention:	-	•	•	y are in good workin hunter education.	g order and f	ree of
9-1	Coleman	20/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments:	Victim went to ret	trieve a downed b	oird when sho	oter fired at incoming	g dove.	
Prevention:	are positioned at a target before raisi	all times; identify ng the sporting a	the target clearm for a shot;	e with hunting comp orly and what is in fro apply what was lear	ont of and bel ned in hunter	hind the education.
9-2	Medina	Unk	Shotgun	Dove	No	Unk
Comments:	Victim was huntin Other hunters we	0		le was struck while v not determined.	valking arour	nd grain bin
Prevention:	Always maintain positioned at all ti			e with other hunts; k n.	now where o	thers are
9-21	Hill	11/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	No
Comments:	Shooter and 13 ye to get out of the v		_	n the rear of the vehi g victim.	cle. Shooter l	aid rifle dov
Prevention:				ad firearm when not mplete hunter educa		the safety;
10-13	Brooks	27/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments:				e trigger and it disch and safety was not o		another
Prevention:				ammunition separat y; apply what was le		
10-14	Anderson	14/M	Shotgun	Rabbit	Yes	No
Comments:	Shooter/Victim sa fell and the gun fi		ng, cocked the	firearm and ran afte	r it. He trippe	ed over a ro
Prevention:	Never run with a carefully; use the			eld carry to control thon.	ne muzzle; ha	ndle firearr
10-21	Bowie	14/M	Rifle	Squirrel	Yes	Yes
Comments:	Shooter/Victim w the trigger, shooti			pursuing a squirrel.	Shooter accid	dentally hit
Prevention:	Never run with a	laadad finaanna	aa a muamau fi	.1.1		11 (*

Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed (Shooter
11-06	San Saba	35/M	Rifle	Exotic	Yes	Unk
Comments:	Shooter was posir discharged, strikir			loaded rifle. Antler h	it the resting	rifle and it
Prevention:	Always point must firearm when not			ery firearm as if it we cation.	ere loaded; ur	nload the
11-16	Trinity	39/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	Yes
Comments:	Old chain suppor	rt on tree stand fa	iled and shoo	ter fell, sustaining se	rious injuries.	•
Prevention:		s; use a fall arrest		usure it is in good wo using a tree stand; a		
11-17	Bosque	Unk/M	Rifle	Feral Hog	No	Yes
Comments:	Shooters chasing t	feral hogs, runnin	g and careless	sly crossed an obstac	le and gun di	scharged.
Prevention:				e muzzle in a safe dies; apply what was le		
11-17	Runnels	84/M	Rifle	Coyote	Yes	No
Comments:	Shooter/Victim w	as loading the rif	le when the g	un discharged, shoot	ing him in the	e hand.
Prevention:	Always control th	e muzzle and kee	p it pointed i	n a safe direction; har	ndle firearms	carefully.
11-23	Grayson	38/M	Shotgun	Duck/Geese	Yes	Yes
Commenter	61 . 6 . 1.1	11 1 1	1 D 1			1 . 1
Comments:	seated in chamber		iber. Kound e	xploded while not pi	roperly or cor	npletely
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Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)		
12-24	Cooke	59/M	Shotgun	Skunk	Yes	Yes		
Comments:		Shooter, while holding loaded shotgun, attempted to remove a chain at a cattle guard, lost his balance and fell. Gun discharged as he fell, shooting him in the hand.						
Prevention:		0		ssing obstacles or cr what was learned in	0			
12-27	Wichita	38/M	Rifle	Deer	Yes	Yes		
Comments:	Shooter fired at d	eer; bullet ricoche	ted and struck	shooter in the head	•			
Prevention:	, <u>,</u>	zzle in a safe direc what was learned	•	lentify the target and ation.	d what is beh	ind and in		
12-29	Delta	Unk	Rifle	Unk	No	No		
Comments:	Victim was struck	k by shooter on ad	jacent propert	у.				
Prevention:	Know where other hunter education	-	at all times; co	mmunicate with oth	er hunters; co	omplete		

2013 Non-Firearm/Bow Related, While Hunting (B)**

Type	Age/Gender	Fatal?	Comments
Tripped while exiting vehicle after a hunt	13/M	No	Tripped as he hopped out of the back of a pickup to greet returning hunters.
Found dead at duck decoy spread	57/M	Yes	Apparent heart attack.
Found at base of deer stand	63/M	Yes	Apparent fall from deer stand caused fatal internal injuries. Evidence showed he was spraying scent when he fell.
Fell out of deer stand	Unk/M	No	Fell out of stand as he was exiting. Knocked unconscious and woke up on ground at base of tree

2013 Non-Hunting Related (C)***

Туре	Age/Gender/ Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Delayed discharge of handgun	(14/M) Handgun	No	After target shooting, holstered pistol fired, striking shooter in the leg.
Careless handling of firearm	(27/M) Handgun	No	Shooter accidentally discharged revolver while removing it from his pocket.
Careless handling while unloading	(46/M) Handgun	No	While target shooting, gun misfired. As shooter attempted to unload it, the pistol discharged, striking his companion who was standing nearby.
Failed to inspect equipment before firing	(29/M) Bow		Old carbon fiber arrow shattered and part of the shaft imbedded into archer's hand.

^{*} A. Firearm/Bow & Hunting Related--An accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).

^{**}B. Non-Firearm/Bow Related--Accidents/incidents while hunting, not involving the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes injury or death of any person(s).

^{***}C. Non-Hunting Related--Other reported accidents/incidents resulting from the discharge of a firearm/bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than while hunting, reported to Texas Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement.







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