Texas Hunting Accident Report 2021



TEXAS HUNTING ACCIDENT DATA (1966-2021)

* Voluntary * Hunter Education Program 1972-1987

Calendar Year	Fatalities	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified
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	8.0	1.9	13,323
1983	17	63	80	1,325,474	6.0	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
Voluntary	425	1299	1724	22,960,726	7.5	1.85	161,013







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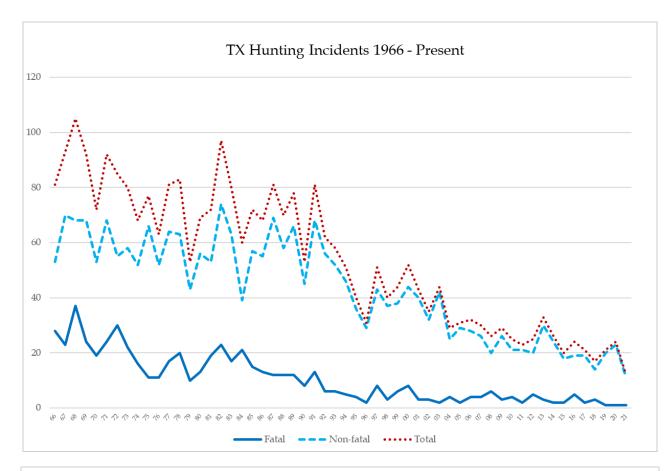
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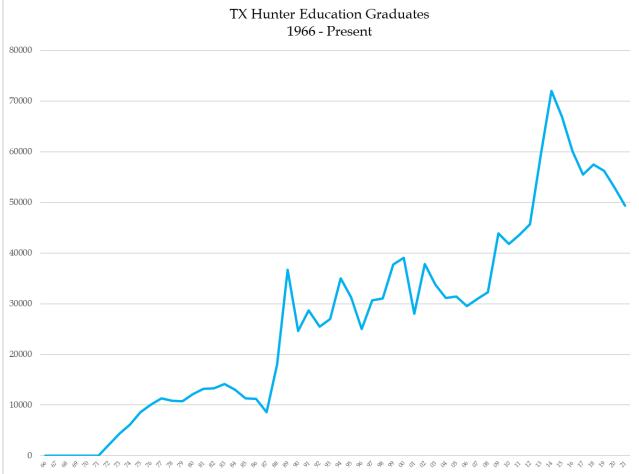
* Mandatory * Hunter Education Program 1988 - Present

Calendar Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Accidents	Hunting Licenses Sold	Accidents/ 100,000 Licenses	Fatalities/ 100,000 Licenses	Students Certified	Deferrals Sold
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	0.3	28,062	-
2002	3	32	35	1,024,495	3.4	0.3	37,847	-
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	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
2014	2	24	26	1,284,933	2.0	0.2	72,026	11,898
2015	2	18	20	1,259,259	1.6	0.2	66,961	14,025
2016	5	19	24	1,271,368	1.9	0.4	60,115	14,371
2017	2	19	21	1,248,450	1.7	0.2	55,507	12,113
2018	3	14	17	1,235,590	1.4	0.2	57,440	11,004
2019	1	20	21	1,244,526	1.7	0.1	56,209	9,036
2020	1	23	24	1,301,289	1.8	0.1	52,912	8,020
2021	1	11	12	1,239,466	1.0	0.1	49,370	6,754
Mandatory	154	1,127	1,281	38,373,730	3.3	0.40	1,351,896	161,559
TOTAL	579	2,426	3,005	61,334,456	4.90	0.94	1,512,909	161,559

HUNTING INCIDENT RATE (AVE.) DURING *VOLUNTARY* PROGRAM – 7.5 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.

> HUNTING INCIDENT RATE (AVE.) DURING MANDATORY PROGRAM - 3.3 per 100,000 hunting licenses issued.





Texas Hunting Accidents 2017 - 2021

* TYPE "A" Incidents - resulting from a discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s)

INCIDENTS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	21	17	21	24	12
Fatal	2	3	1	1	1
Non-fatal	19	14	20	23	11
SHOOTER'S AGE					
0-9 yrs. of age	0	1	0	0	0
10-19	7	3	5	5	2
20-29	5	4	3	7	0
30-39	3	3	2	2	5
40-49	0	2	2	2	1
50-59	3	2	2	2	1
60 & over	2	1	2	4	2
Unknown	1	1	5	2	1
	21	17	21	24	12
SHOOTER'S EQUIP	MENT				
Rifles	5	7	6	8	3
Shotguns	13	7	14	14	8
Handguns	3	3	1	2	1
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Bow/Air Gun	0	0	0	0	0
	21	17	21	24	12
ADDITIONAL FAC	ГS				
		Percentag	e in parent	thesis (%)	
Violated Game Law	5 (21)	9 (43)	3 (18)	5 (24)	0 (0)
Solf Inflicted	6 (25)	0 (20)	6 (25)	0 (20)	2 (17)

Violated Game Law	5 (21)	9 (43)	3 (18)	5 (24)	0 (0)
Self-Inflicted	6 (25)	8 (38)	6 (35)	8 (38)	2 (17)
Alcohol a Factor	2 (8)	1 (5)	2 (12)	2 (10)	0 (0)
Completed Hunt Ed	10 (42)	5 (24)	8(47)	6 (28)	6 (50)
ONLINE-ONLY HE	3 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (17)
Military Exempt	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4)	0 (0)

Incident profile over time:

- Incidents were highly preventable thru proper training.
- Over half had not completed hunter education training.
- Victims were not wearing hunter orange clothing.
- Most incidents due to hunter judgment errors; carelessness.
- Most shooters had over 10 years of hunting experience.
- Most shooters were <u>not</u> under the influence of alcohol.
- If self-inflicted, shooters handled firearms carelessly.
- Distance of muzzle to wound was typically under 15 yards.
- Incident occurred towards dusk; fatigue a possible factor.

Significant factors in 2021

- RECORD LOW YEAR!
- SWINGING ON GAME OUT OF SAFE ZONE led the list of incidents with 9 (75%), #1 'Hunter Judgement' cause
- Hunting incidents with night vision scopes is a relatively new SAFETY issue given the visibility and ocular focus factors combined with swinging rifle towards and firing at running targets.
- SHOTGUNS were used in 8 (67%) of the incidents.
- Six (6) HUNTER EDUCATION graduates were involved in hunting incidents, two (2) who took online-only courses.
- NO LAW VIOLATIONS recorded, a first!
- There were four TYPE B incidents (non-firearm, huntingrelated) including falls from elevated stands, the number one hunting incident in North America.
- There was one TYPE C (non-hunting, firearm-related) incidents.)

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2021 FATAL ACCIDENTS - FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

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

Date 11-27	County Harrison	Shooter's Age/Gender 33/M	Firearm Rifle	Animal Hunted Deer	Self- Inflicted? No	Hunter Ed? (Shooter) Yes		
Comments:	victim, shooter let the chamber. (Shooter the	Careless Handling - While unloading .30-30 lever action rifle with the muzzle pointed towards the victim, shooter let the hammer after "unloading" it. However, there was one more cartridge still in the chamber. (Shooter thought chamber/magazine were empty after unloading a total of four rounds, but here were five total rounds.)						
Prevention:	Always point the mu used; apply what is le		0	liar with action type	s, especially or	the firearms		

2021 NON-FATAL INCIDENTS - FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (A)*

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

Date 1-2	County Clay	Shooter's Age/Gender 31/M	Firearm Shotgun	Animal Hunted Quail	Self- Inflicted? No	Hunter Ed? (Shooter) Yes		
Comments:	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Three friends were quail hunting with a guide and two bird dogs. Shooter fired on low-flying quail outside of his safe zone and shot towards the victim from about 30 yards. Five pellets struck victim in eye, face, and shoulder areas.							
Prevention:	Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are always positioned; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.							
4-16	Lamar	16/M	Rifle	Hog	No	No		
Comments: Prevention:	hunter shot towards hogs. Bullet struck vi Always point the mu hunting companions, narrowed ocular visio	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Two hunters were hunting hogs with night vision scopes. One hunter shot towards companion, who stood close by, as he swung his .308 caliber rifle on running hogs. Bullet struck victim in his back/shoulder blade and exited triceps muscle. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and maintain a safe zone of fire; communicate with hunting companions; know where others are always positioned, especially at times of low visibility or narrowed ocular vision; make sure to identify the target clearly; identify what is in front of and behind the target before shooting; apply what is learned in hunter education.						
5-2	Coryell	57/M	Rifle	Hog	No	No		
Comments:	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – Three hunters entered a field hunting hogs with night vision scopes. The victim split from the other two hunters, letting them know his approximate field location. Shooter missed a shot at a hog then swung his semi-auto rifle and fired towards a second hog. The bullet struck the victim in lower abdomen and exited the lower back.							
Prevention:	Always point the mu hunting companions, narrowed ocular vision the target before show	know where o on; make sure t	thers are always o identify the tar	positioned, especia get clearly; identify	lly at times of l	ow visibility or		

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Date 9-3	County Medina	Age/Gender UNK/M	Firearm	Animal Hunted Dove	Inflicted? No	Hunter Ed? (Shooter) UNK
		-	Shotgun			
Comments:						oves while victim was
						group of shooters, was
		om the group shot in		e warden received a	ccount only from	m victim who did not
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Prevention:		t the muzzle in a safe				
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9-5	Kimble	49/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	Yes
Comments:		utside Safe Zone of l				
						ide of a pond about 25-
	35 yards awa	y. Victim was struck	s by pellets to h	ead and upper torso).	
Prevention:		t the muzzle in a safe				
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			in front of and	behind the target be	efore shooting; a	apply what is learned in
	hunter educa	tion.				
9-25	Zavala	31/M	Shotgun	Dove	Yes	Yes
Comments:	Careless Har	dling - While chang	ing shot tubes i	n the muzzle of his	shotgun, shoote	r carelessly discharged
		otgun and sent the b			0	, 0
Prevention:	Always point	t muzzle in a safe dir	ection: unload f	firearm when not hi	unting, especiall	y when working on the
						t is learned in hunter
	education.				(inf), apply the	
10-9	Zavala	36/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No (LA)
Comments:	Swinging Ou	utside Safe Zone of 1	F ire – Shooter fi	red on low-flying d	ove outside of h	is safe zone and
		hunting companion				
Prevention	Always point	t the muzzle in a safe	direction and s	stick to a safe zone o	of fire: communi	cate with hunting
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10-10	Unalda					
	Uvalde	67/M	Shotgun	Dove	No	No
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	Swinging Ou peppered his	utside Safe Zone of I hunting companion	F ire – Shooter fi who was 20 ya	red on low-flying d rds away and bent o	ove outside of h	
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Date	County	Shooter's Age/Gender	Firearm	Animal Hunted	Self- Inflicted?	Hunter Ed? (Shooter)		
11-4	Cherokee	16/M	Handgun	Skunk	Yes	Yes		
Comments:	<i>s:</i> Careless Handling – Victim carelessly discharged a handgun while exiting a vehicle to shoot a skunk. The .22 cal. bullet struck victim in right calf near ankle.							
	Always point muzzle in a safe direction; carry unloaded. cased firearms in vehicles with actions open, separate from ammo.; take care when loading/unloading a firearm, especially while in close quarters; apply what is learned in hunter education.							
11-13	Freestone	32/M	Shotgun	Quail	No	Yes		
	Swinging Outside Safe Zone of Fire – A group of hunters were quail hunting with a guide and bird dogs. Shooter fired on low-flying quail outside of his safe zone and shot towards a 9-year-old victim who was lagging behind the rest of the group. Pellets struck victim in face, head, neck, and legs.							
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2021 NON-FIREARM/BOW HUNTING RELATED (B) **

Туре	Age/Gender	Fatal?	Comments
ATV Accident	UNK/M	YES	Turkey hunter departed camp at 5:30 in the morning and never
and/or Drowning			returned. Body was found in river 100 yards downstream from the
5-2-21			submerged ATV. There was a swift water event a few days before,
			causing higher-than-normal water levels.
Elevated Box Blind	52/M	NO	Victim fell to ground when ladder collapsed. He had shot a deer
- Fall			and was descending from an elevated box blind. He received 13
11/18/21			stitches to his right leg.
Heart Attack	66/M	NO	Victim was bowhunting while sitting in a tree (no stand) about 7
11-25-21			feet from the ground. He fell backwards, causing broken ribs and
			fractured back; head trauma.
Fire from propane	79/F	YES	Victims died from fire/explosion in their elevated 8' X 8' box blind
bottles/explosion	85/M		about eight feet off the ground. One body was recovered from
12-16-21			stand and the other outside the stand, both burned and face down.
			Several damaged propane bottles were found one 27 yards away
			and one under the blind.

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

2021 NON-HUNTING/FIREARM RELATED (C) ***

Туре	Age/Gender/ Firearm	Fatal?	Comments
Careless Handling 2-24-21	54/M Handgun	NO	The victim was asleep inside hunting cabin and heard noises outside, so he grabbed his 10mm handgun and went to investigate. Heading towards door, he tripped and carelessly pulled the trigger. Bullet entered/exited his left hand.

<u>**** C. Non-Hunting Related</u> - 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 TPWD Game Wardens)