

KANSAS LEGISLATIVE
DIVISION *of*
POST AUDIT

**LARGEST LANDOWNER IN
KANSAS**

**Kansas Department of
Wildlife, Parks, and
Tourism**

**156,810 acres
as of July 26, 2019**

COMPETE, REGULATE, PROMOTE

Last Six Years of KDWP

Fiscal Year	Approved Budget	Approved FTE	Unsuccessful NR Whitetail Draw Applicants
2024	\$112,869,008	457	10,160
2023	\$100,526,092	456	7,826
2022	\$94,930,940	453	7,854
2021	\$91,842,613	464	2,237
2020	\$93,301,365	462	2,208
2019	\$87,095,903	411.8	620
	\$580,565,921	450.6 (average)	30,905

\$5.5 million per county -- how's hunting in your county?

Representative Corbet – I was out of town on vacation during the last part of last week. Come to find out, KDWP had emailed me on the first day I was gone! I was able to run those numbers for based on the information supplied by KDWP! The delay is on me and me being out of town. I apologize for the delay.

The Department of Commerce estimates that non-resident leisure travelers to Kansas expect to spend an average of \$1,102 on each trip. This is based on the Department's *Brand Perception Study* which was completed in September of 2023. The Department notes that the study does not specifically target information from hunters – this would be from all non-resident leisure travelers to the state. Regarding the information on Turkey: KDWP saw 2,445 residents and 539 non-residents purchase tags for last fall's season (2022). As you know, the 2023 fall season for turkey was canceled so there is no data, because there was no season. For the 2023 deer season, KDWP had 32,143 applications for either sex deer drawings. Of that number, 21,997 were successful and 10,146 were unsuccessful. Given this information, you could do some simple computations to estimate economic effects.

According to KDWP's website the application period for this year's deer season was April 1 – 28, 2023. Nonresident applicants must purchase a non-resident license totaling \$97.50 for 16 and over or \$42.50 for a youth license (15 and younger). Nonresident youth permits total \$117.50 and nonresident regular permits (16 and older) total \$442.50. Of those amounts, the nonresident hunting license is nonrefundable along with \$27.50 for each type of tag (youth and regular). An out of state adult looking to hunt Kansas deer can expect to pay a total of \$125 to apply for a permit (\$97.50 + \$27.50 = \$125), even if unsuccessful. A successful adult draw can expect to pay \$540 (\$97.50 + \$442.50 = \$540).

Assuming that each unsuccessful deer hunter would spend the average of non-resident leisure travelers to the state, that amount would total \$11.2 million (10,146 unsuccessful tags x \$1,102 = \$11,180,892). Assuming that each unsuccessful turkey hunter would spend the average of non-resident leisure travelers to the state (using 2022 numbers because the 2023 season was suspended for residents and nonresidents), that amount would total \$593,978 (539 unsuccessful tags x \$1,102 = \$593,978).

I hope this answers the balance of your questions.

Luke J. Drury
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Deer - Unsuccessful in Draw
2023-2024

10,146 x \$1102.00	\$ 11,180,842.00
10,146 x \$540 Lic Not Ref	\$ 5,478,840.00
	<u>\$ 16,659,732.00</u>

From: Ken Corbet <ravenhpsc@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:20 AM
To: Luke Drury <Luke.Drury@KLRD.ks.gov>
Subject: gov council on tourism

Turkey Permits cut

11,000 x \$1102	\$ 12,122,000.00
11,000 x \$187 Lic Not Ref	\$ 2,057,000.00
	<u>\$ 14,179,000.00</u>

KDWP

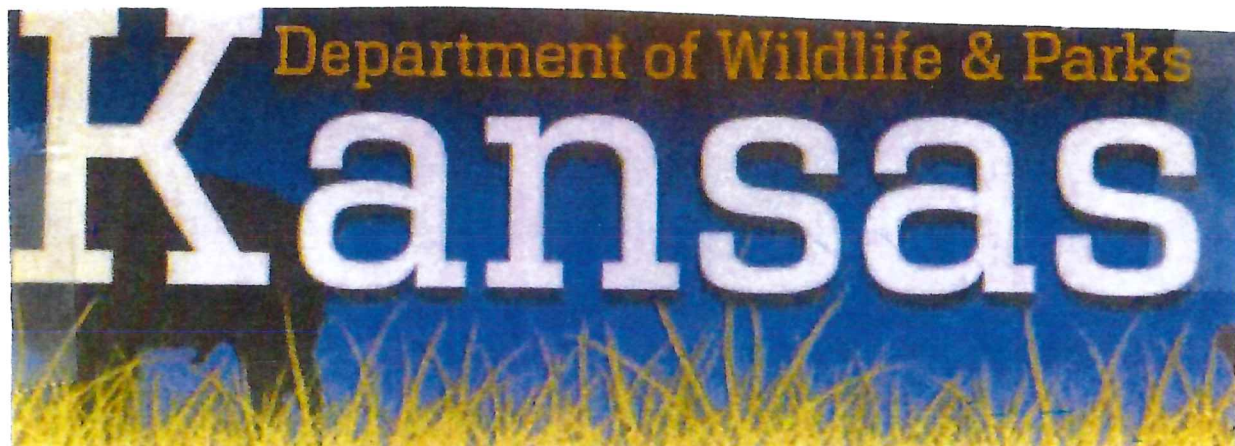
TOTAL DOLLARS + Impact "Loss"

TO KANSAS \$ 30,838,732.00 PER YEAR

KIDWP

Nonresident hunting license: \$128.69
Then you pay application fee that is kept: \$28.32
If you draw or not:
If you draw: \$427.25
Total if you draw: \$584.26

Nonresident hunt license: \$128.69
Application fee even if you don't draw: \$28.32
Total if you don't draw: \$157.01



Active Resident Hunting Licenses and Tag Purchases, by Year

Calendar Year	Total Active Resident Licenses	Distinct Residents Purchasing a Deer or Turkey Tag
2010	302,000	104,551
2017	303,100	97,791
2022	278,300	88,492
	<u>23,700</u>	<u>16,059</u>

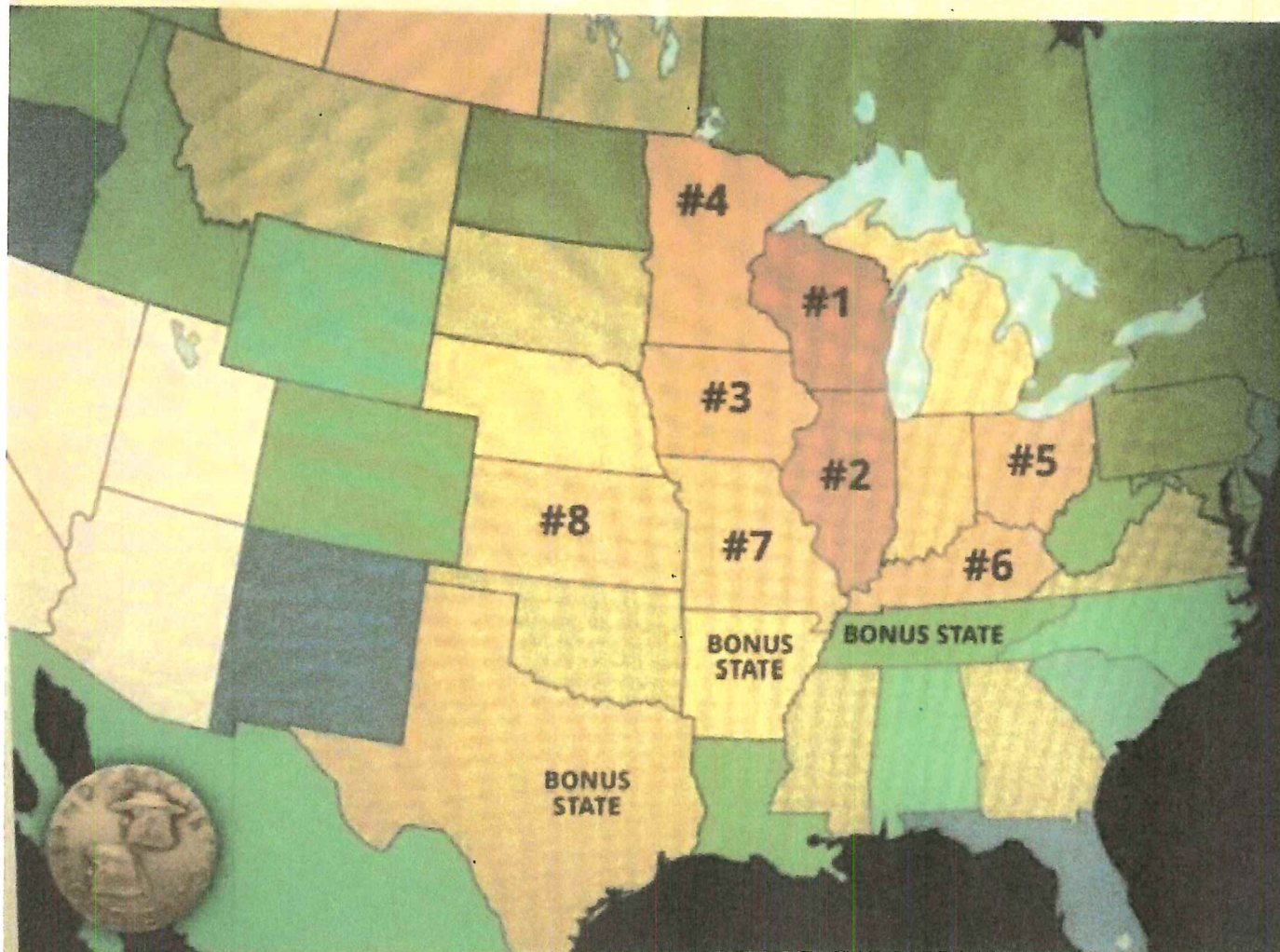
↓ About 8%

→ 16% Down ↓

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BOONE AND CROCKETT'S TOP WHITETAIL STATES



TOP B&C WHITETAIL STATES

1. Wisconsin
2. Illinois
3. Iowa
4. Minnesota
5. Ohio
6. Kentucky
7. Missouri
8. Kansas

BONUS:
Texas, Arkansas,
Tennessee

Top State Stats from B&C's newest book, *Records of North American Whitetail Deer, Sixth Edition*

Windows taskbar showing various application icons (including a person, a book, a globe, a mail icon, a calendar, a Chrome browser icon, and a Facebook icon) and system tray information (42°F, network signal, and volume control).

You can help get hunters on the Wildlife & Parks Commission!

Did you know the majority of the commission has never deer hunted?

Sadly, it's true! Their lack of hands-on experience is jeopardizing Kansas wildlife and our hunting lifestyle.

THE PROBLEM: Current Commission = Poor Decision Making

- * Trying to ban deer feeding*
- * Anti-landowner policies*
- * Drastic restrictions on public land hunting activities*
- * Poor wildlife management decisions*

THE SOLUTION: Pass House Bill 2582 = Improved Wildlife Policy & Management

- * Ensures more commission members are hunters*
- * Improves the appointment process for commissioners*
- * Increases the number of commissioners from 7 to 9*
- * Better representation of state-wide hunters*

SHOW UP: Show up = Supporting Your Fellow Kansas Hunters

- * February 16, 2024 in Topeka, Kansas*
- * Hearing begins at 1:30pm at the State Capital, Room 112N*
- * Arrive at 1pm at Room 112N, the first 30 hunters receive a FREE Hunter Nation hat or T-shirt!*

God-Family-Country-2nd Amendment-Constitution-Hunting Lifestyle