



# ABOUT ALBERTA HUNTERS

## The Facts about Hunters in Alberta—2017 Update

- Annually, in Alberta, there are over 122,760 licensed hunters.
- There are approximately 21,929 bow hunters in Alberta.
- There are approximately 7913 youth hunters in Alberta.
- Almost 11,394 hunters came to Alberta to hunt from other provinces and countries.

1. Hunting is a **personal choice**.

- Hunters respect their right to hunt, as well as the right of others not to hunt.
- Hunting perpetuates a greater understanding of wildlife and the outdoors.
- Hunting exposes people to the natural world and results in an attachment to the land, and a respect for the wildlife that share that land.

2. The **Conservation contributions** of hunters are significant.

- Hunters have a love of the land and the outdoors and contribute major funding to habitat and wildlife enhancement projects.
- Studies show that outdoorsmen and women are at least three times more active in organized wildlife conservation efforts than non-hunters.
- Regulated hunting delivers a significant portion of the money needed to manage wildlife populations and habitats, conduct wildlife research, and enforce wildlife laws. In Alberta more than \$15 million per year is contributed through license levies and applications to wildlife conservation and general revenue.
- Hunters contribute not only to the conservation of the species that they hunt, but also to biodiversity projects, education, information and species at risk initiatives.
- Hunters are committed to promoting sound wildlife conservation practices that preserve viable wildlife populations.
- If people did not hunt, there would be significant increases in the costs of wildlife damage to crops and property, and the maintenance of public safety.

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3. Hunters are **responsible, ethical and law abiding people.**
  - They are doctors, lawyers, farmers, business people, politicians, and tradesmen. They are male and female, young and old. They are your neighbors and come from all walks of life.
  - Hunters subscribe to standards of ethical behavior that go beyond mere adherence to laws and regulations.
  - 80% of all calls reporting illegal violations are by hunters, outfitters, and anglers.
  - Hunters are stewards of the resource and are committed to protecting that resource.
  - Hunters give back, while poachers steal from all of us and unfairly reflect negatively on hunters.
  - Those who ignore the laws are not hunters!
4. Hunting is part of our Canadian **tradition, heritage and culture.**
  - Relationships with family, friends and colleagues are key factors in measuring the value of the hunt.
  - Hunting provides a lifetime opportunity to learn about wildlife and wildlife habitat, and what wildlife needs to exist, which is all part of the hunting equation.
  - A successful hunt is not dependent upon killing an animal. It is dependent on the opportunity to be in wildlife habitat and see wildlife, whether game or non-game.
  - Hunters appreciate and value the meat that they harvest from their hunting efforts.

***Without hunters, society would not enjoy the abundance of wildlife we have in present times.***

**Do you want hunting in your future? Become Involved. Visit the HFT web-site [www.huntingfortomorrow.com](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.com) to learn more about organizations that support hunting.**

## KEY CONTACTS

<b>Alberta Environment and Parks Fish and Wildlife Division</b>	<b>Phone: 310-0000</b> and ask for the nearest Fish and Wildlife office <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.mywildalberta.com">www.mywildalberta.com</a>
<b>Report A Poacher</b>	<b>In Alberta Dial Toll Free 1-800-642-3800</b> <b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.ab-conservation.com/your_dollars_at_work/rap/index.asp">http://www.ab-conservation.com/your_dollars_at_work/rap/index.asp</a>

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