

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan ranks as one of the top ten states in the nation for the number of recreational angling days and hunting days with 28 million days annually.

Sportfishing

Michigan has 1,350,000 anglers that fish 19 million days per year in Michigan. Trip-related expenditures by anglers in Michigan are \$519 million per year with total retail sales that amount to \$1.1 billion per year. *Non-resident* anglers spend 1.7 million days per year fishing in Michigan and account for \$132 million per year of the retail sales from sportfishing in Michigan. Sportfishing expenditures generate \$2.2 billion in overall impact per year on the Michigan economy supporting over 21,000 jobs and generating \$71 million per year in sales and motor fuel taxes.

Hunting

Michigan has 750,000 hunters that hunt 9 million days per year in Michigan. Trip-related expenditures by hunters in Michigan are \$163 million per year with total retail sales that amount to \$672 million per year. *Non-resident* hunters spend 534,000 days per year hunting in Michigan and account for \$53 million per year of the retail sales from hunting in Michigan. Hunting expenditures generate \$1.2 billion in overall impact per year on the Michigan economy supporting over 12,000 jobs and generating \$38 million per year in sales and motor fuel taxes.

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