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HUNTING INCIDENT REPORT**



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2009 Hunting Incident Report Executive Report

Hunting Incident -- is when a person is injured by the discharge of a hunting firearm or bow and arrow arising from the activity of hunting, including travel to and from the hunting field.

There were 18 total hunting incidents during the 2009 hunting season. One of the 18 incidents was fatal. Thanks to the efforts of our hunter education program hunting is a safe activity in Wisconsin. Hunting incidents are continuing a downward trend and for 2009 we were below the 10 year average of about 55 incidents per year.

Gun deer hunting and squirrel hunting were the two hunting activities with the highest number of incidents with gun deer hunting having the most. Dove hunting involved 1 incident. Other game hunting remained basically the same compared to 2008.

Rifles and shotguns remain the hunting implement involved most often in hunting incidents. Shotguns continue the trend of being involved more often (44%) than rifles (39%).

THE Major cause for incidents for 2009: Shooters failure to positively identify the target. It's not good enough reason to take a shot when a hunter only thinks they are seeing a legal target; they must know and be certain the target is legal.

Self inflicted injuries accounted for 44% of the total number of incidents. This is a reduction of 10% from 2008. However, it is still higher than an average over time of about 33% of all incidents being self inflicted injuries.

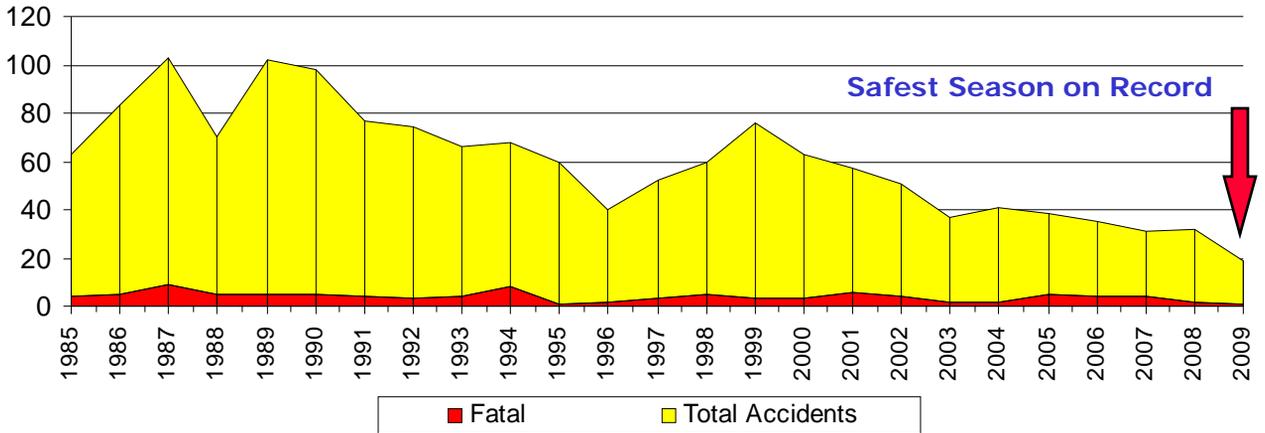
Juveniles (under age 18) caused 28% of the total number of hunting incidents. That means that 72% of all hunting incidents were caused by adult hunters. Historically juveniles have contributed to nearly 33% of the total numbers of incidents. It is important to note that the numbers of incidents caused by juvenile shooters is a single digit (5). As with all statistics, when a change in a single number can result in dramatic percentage changes the significance of the data is really more accurately reflected in terms of relevance. Of course if it's you or someone you know then it is always relevant or significant.

To summarize this report, 2009 was the safest year on record for hunting in Wisconsin. We were well below the 10 year average for hunting incidents and expect to continue that trend into the future. Self-inflicted injuries and incidents during deer drives were significant issues in 2009. We cannot rest on past success and must stress the importance of knowing and practicing the 4 basic rules of firearms safety every time we handle a firearm. Remember the slogan "Safe Hunting is No Accident." Let's make 2010 the safest season ever.

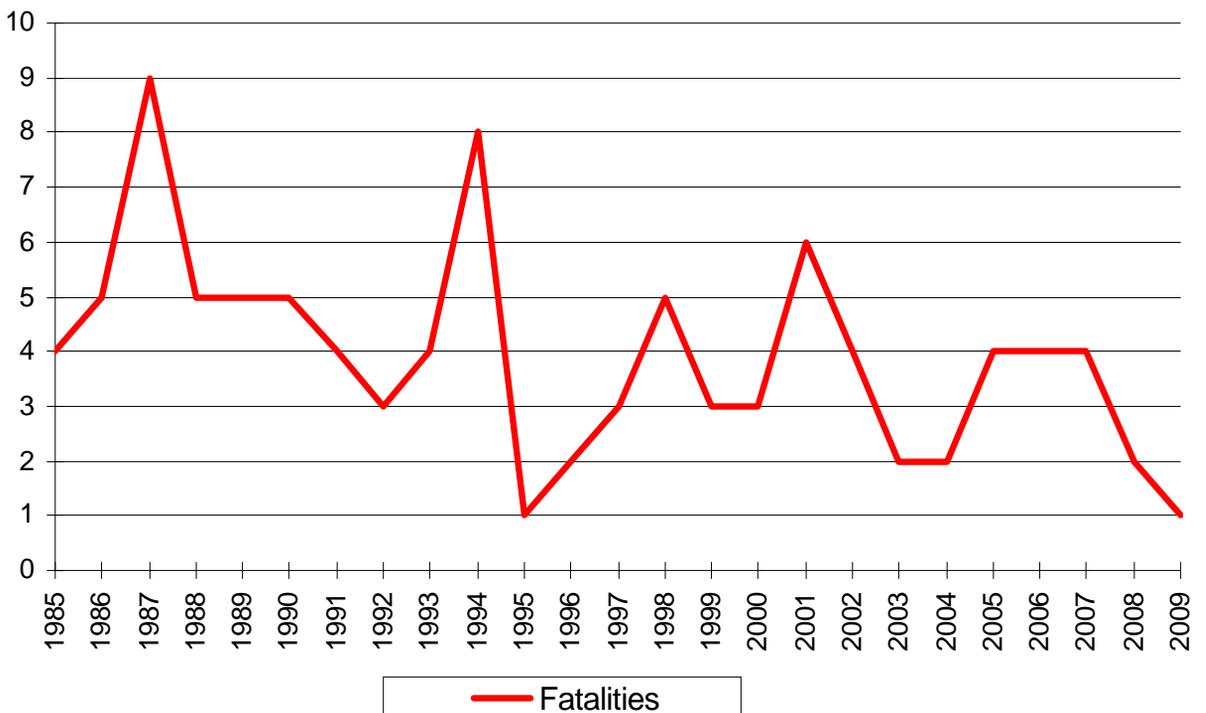
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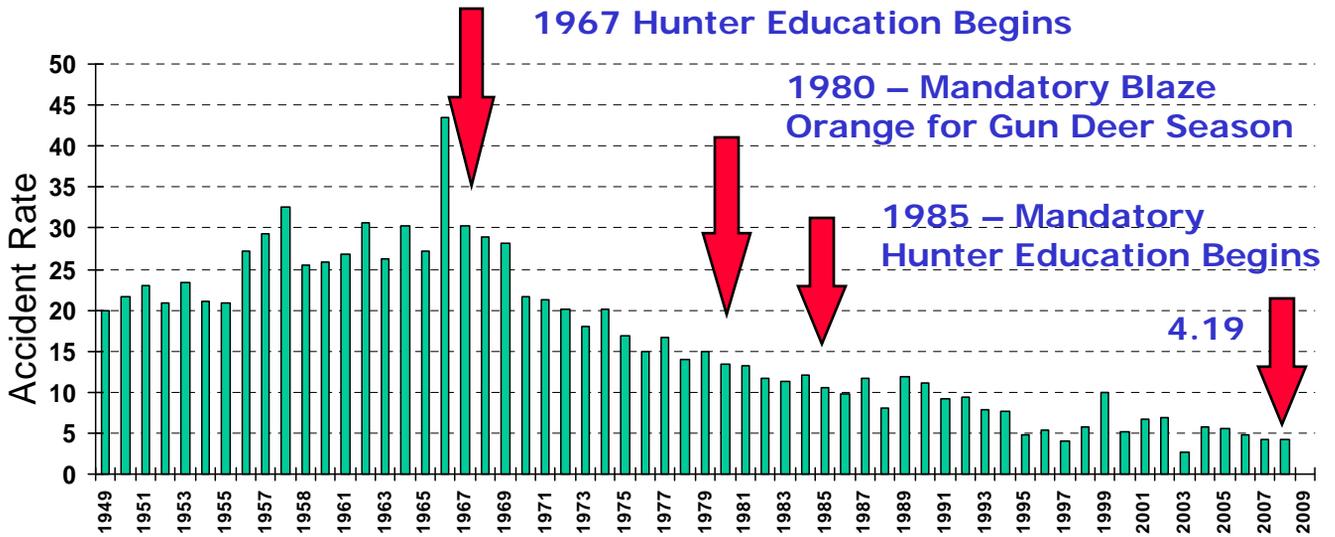
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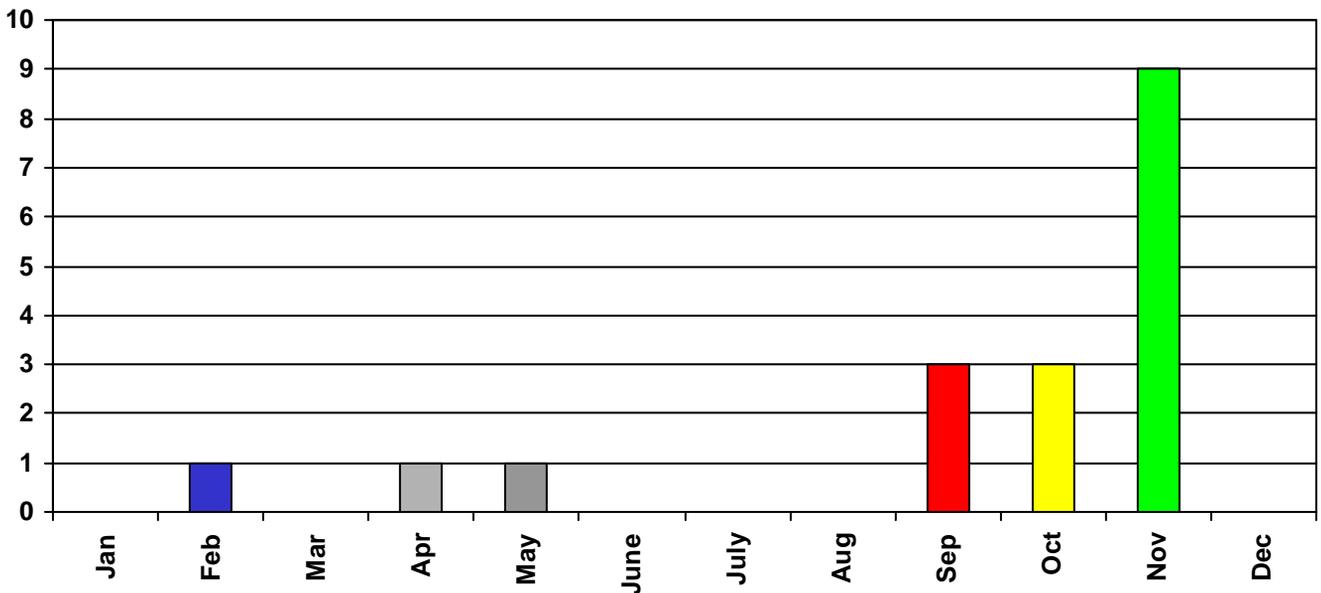
History of Fatalities



Wisconsin Hunting Incident Rate Per 100,000 Hunters

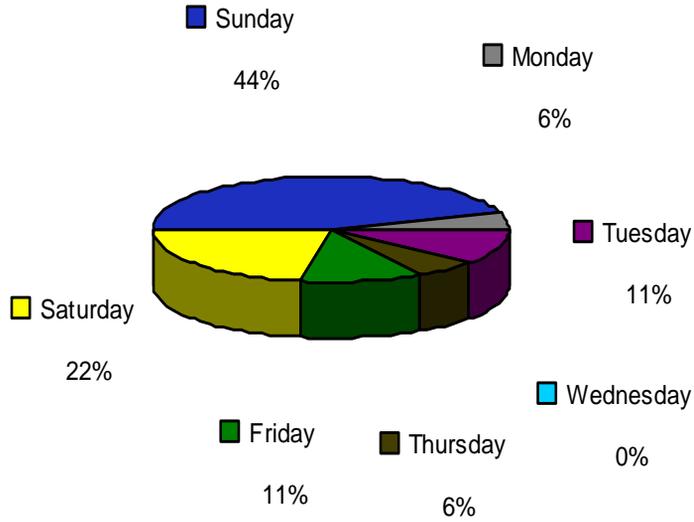


Month of Incident All Incidents 2009



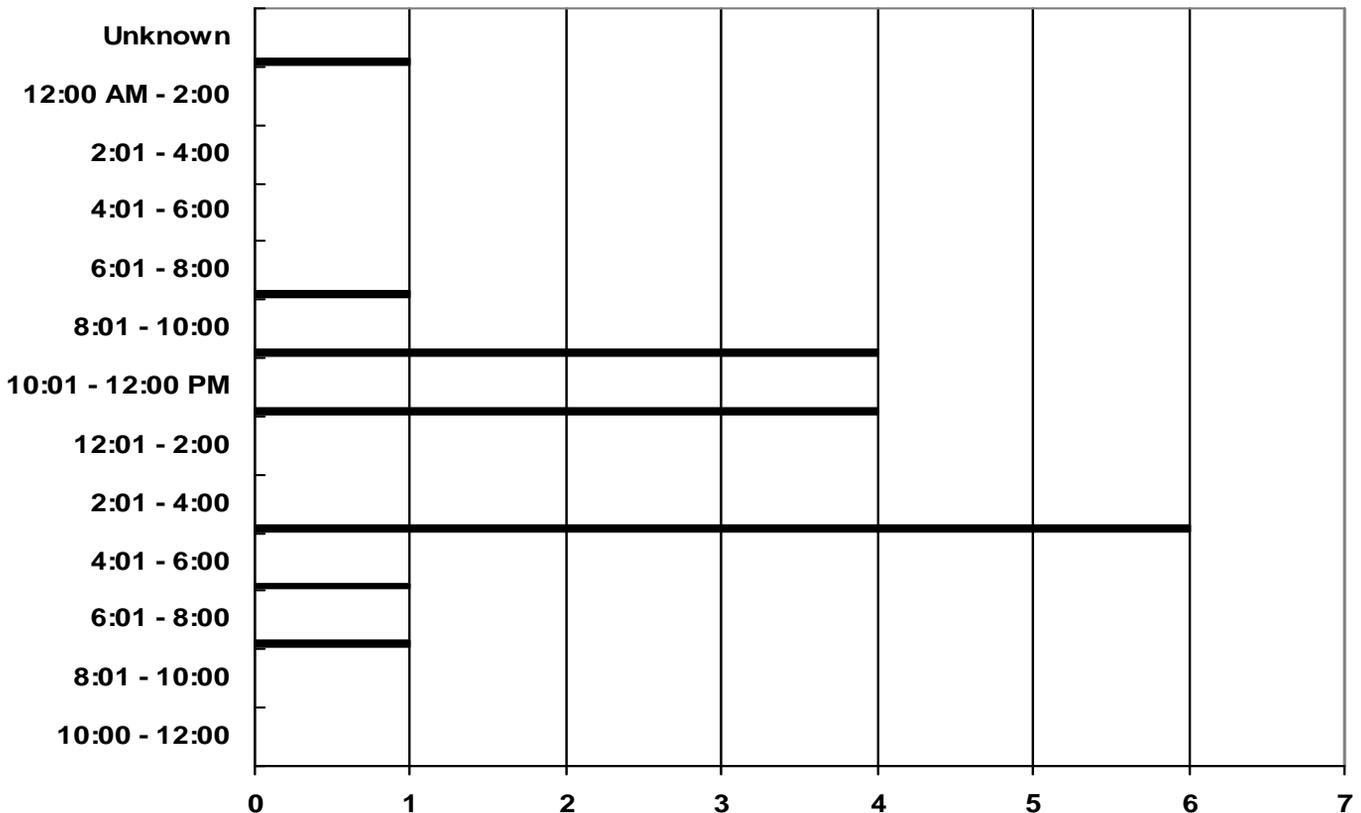
Incidents by Day of Week

All Incidents 2009



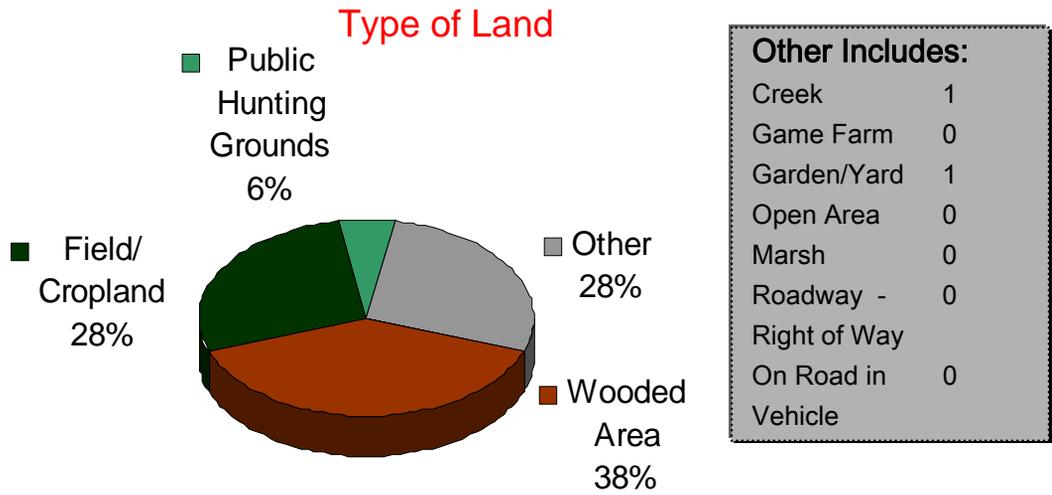
Time of Day

All Incidents 2009



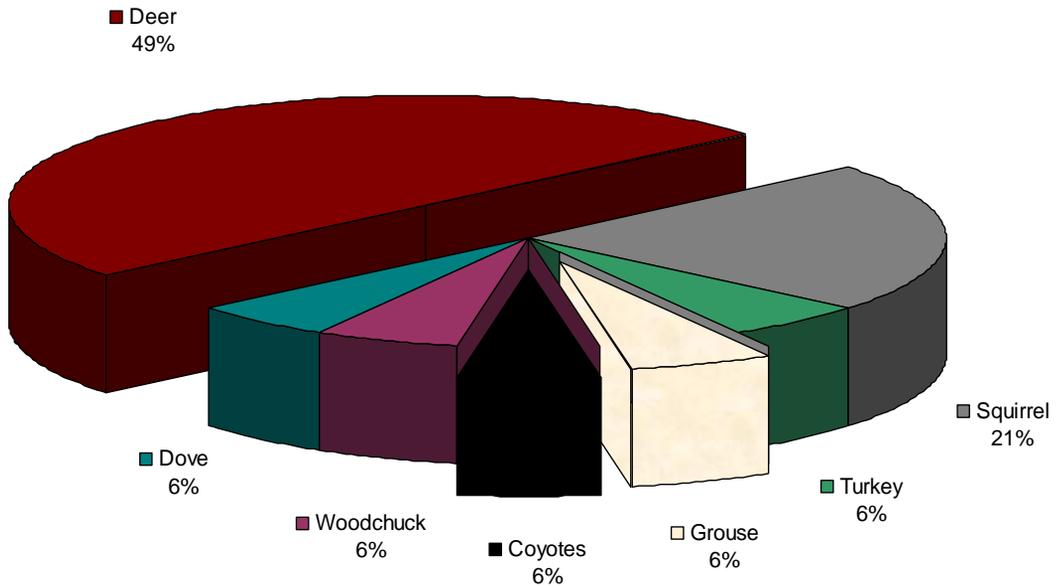
Where Incidents Occurred

All Incidents 2009



Animals Hunted by Shooter

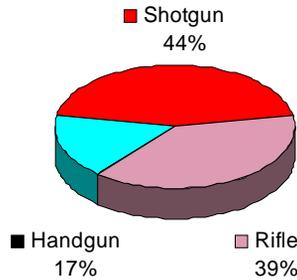
All Incidents 2009



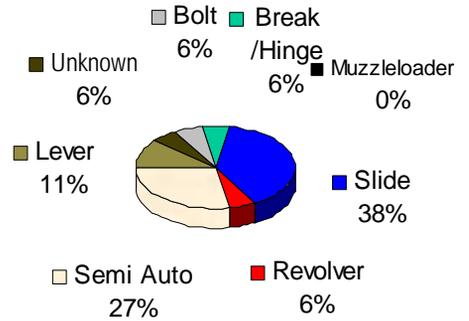
Firearms Involved in Incidents

All Incidents 2009

Type

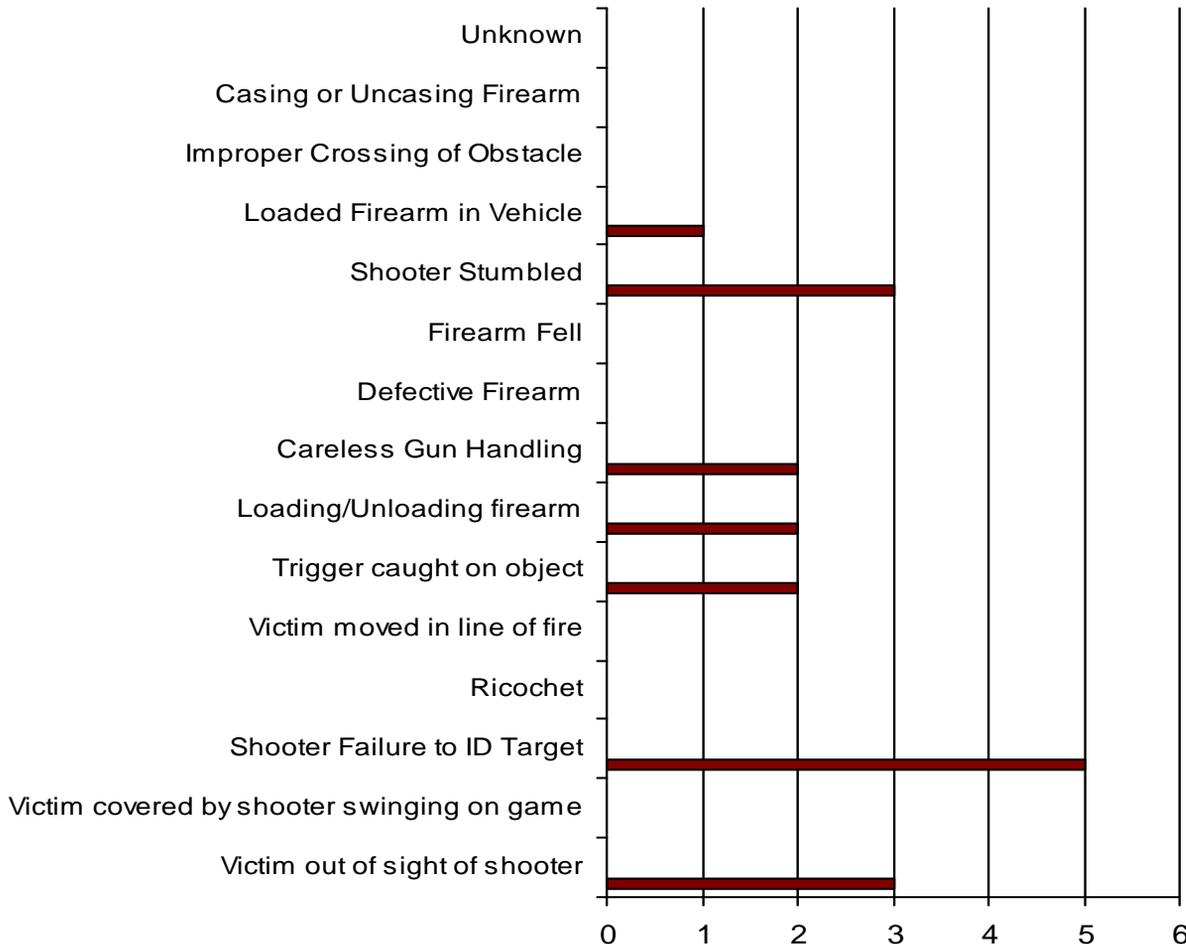


Action



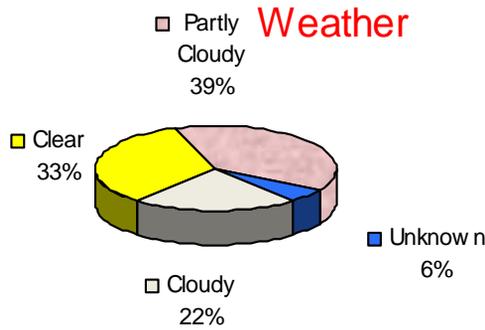
Contributing Factors to Incidents

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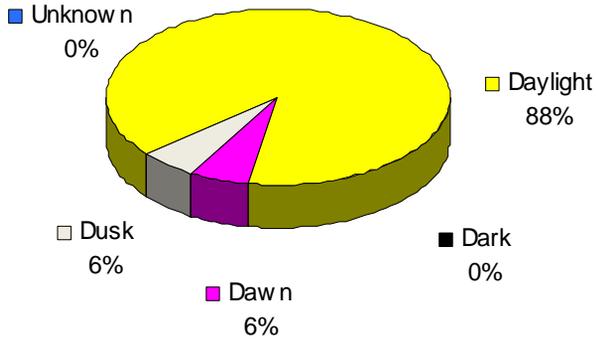


Incident Conditions

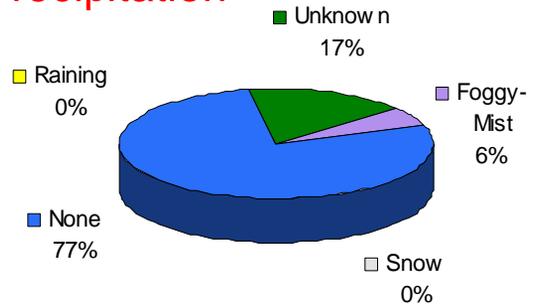
All Incidents 2009



Light Conditions



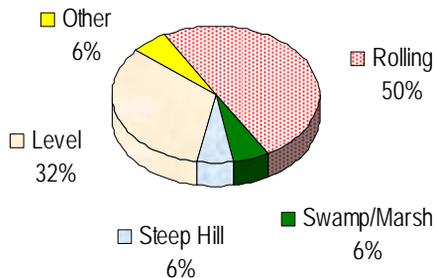
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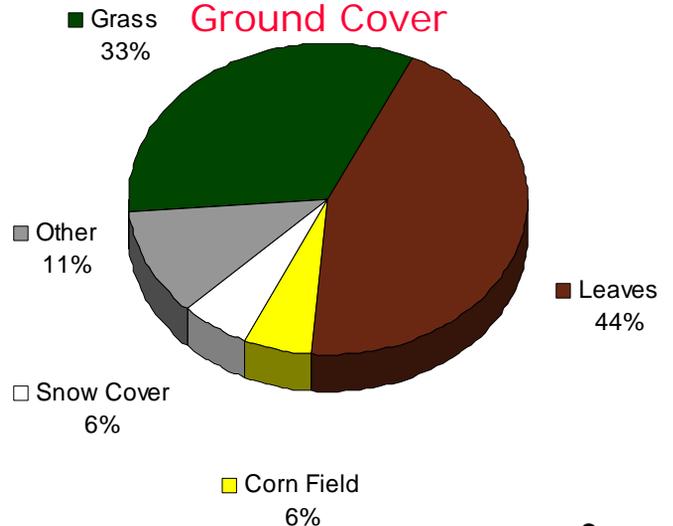
Incident Conditions

All Incidents 2009

Topography



Ground Cover

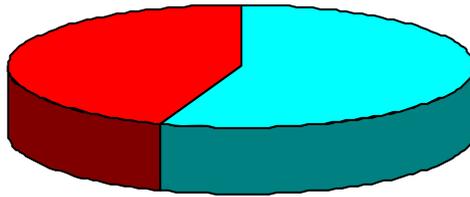


Incident Statistics

All Incidents 2009

Self Inflicted

■ Yes
44%



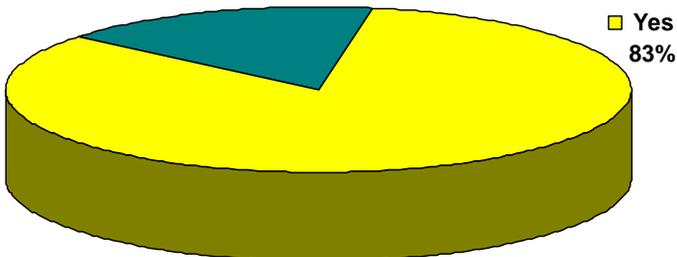
■ No
56%

Shooter/Victim Information

Two-Party Incidents 2009

Members of the Same Hunting Party (includes self-inflicted injuries)

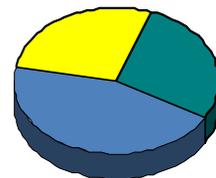
■ No
17%



Could Shooter See Victim?

■ Yes
28%

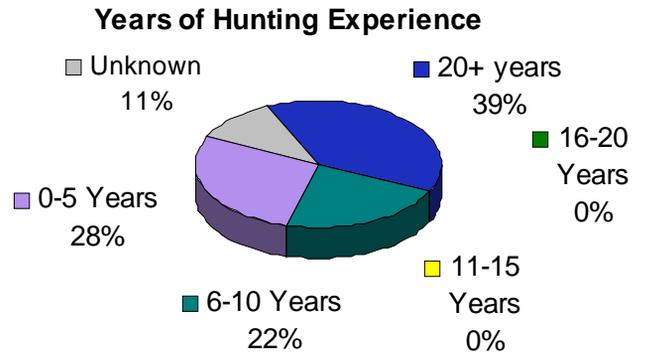
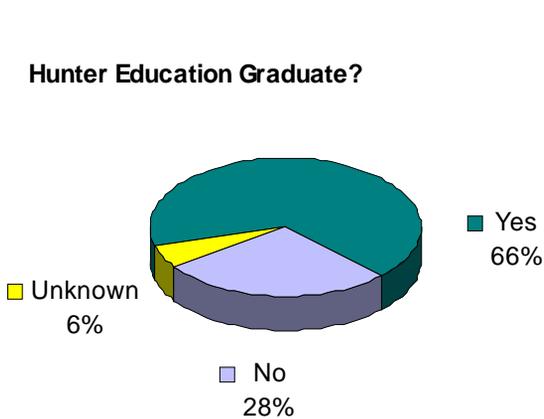
■ No
28%



■ Self
Inflicted
44%

Incident Shooter Statistics

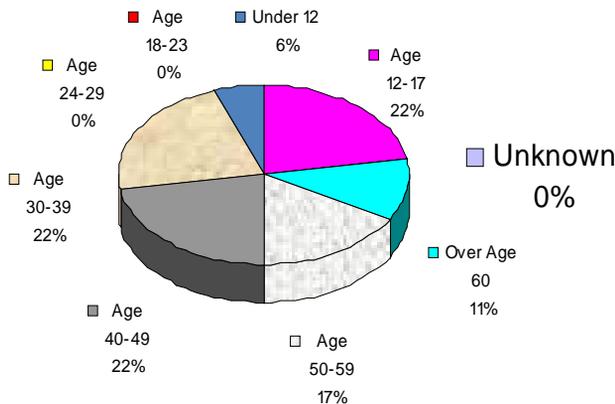
All Incidents 2009



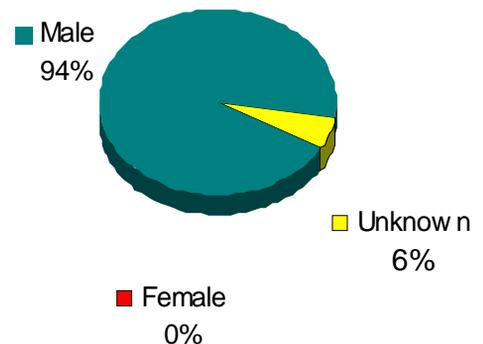
Incident Shooter Statistics

All Incidents 2009

Age

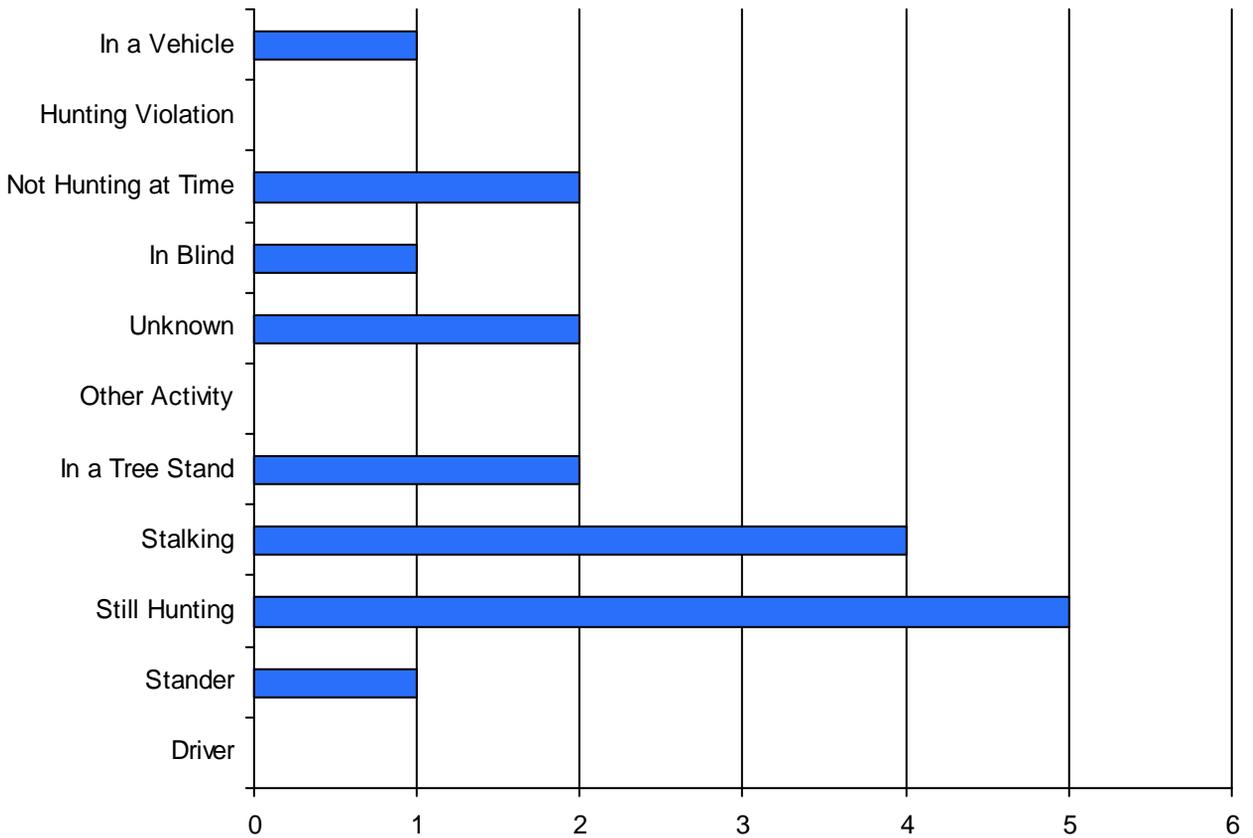


Gender



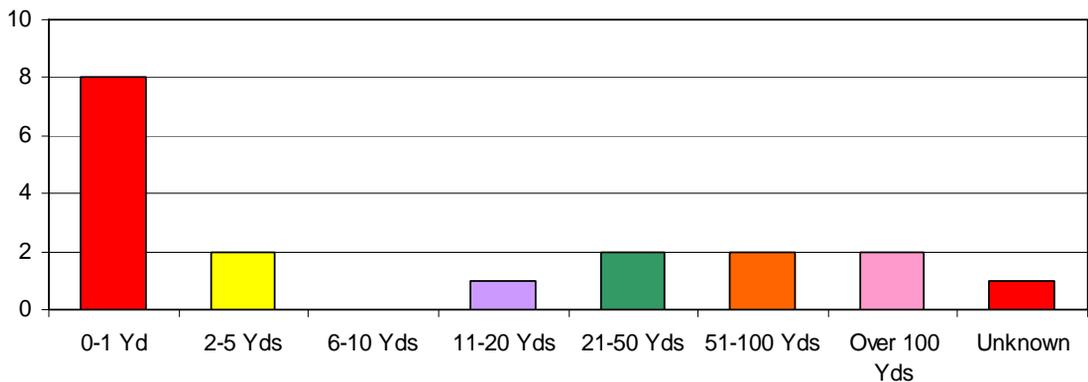
Activity Shooter Was Involved In

All Incidents 2009



Distance From Muzzle to Wound

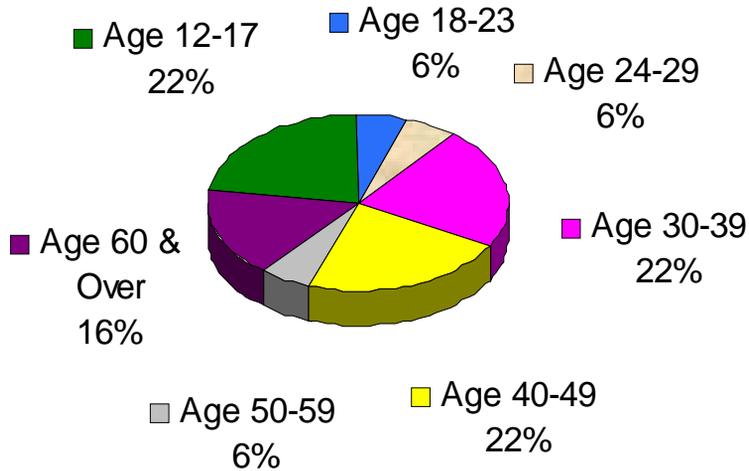
All Incidents 2009
Includes Self Inflicted



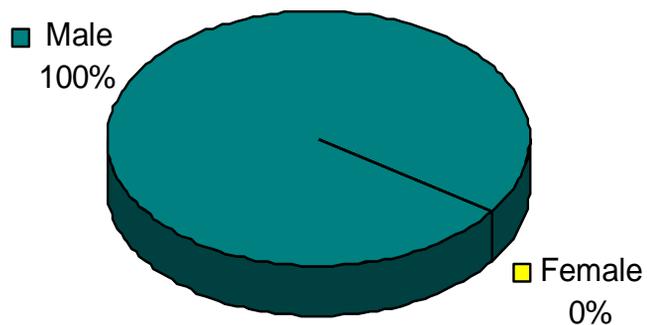
Incident Victim Statistics

All Incidents 2009

Age

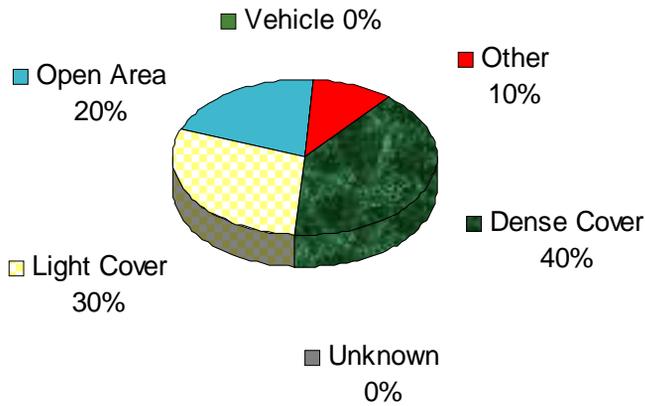


Gender



Incident Victim Surroundings

Two-Party Incidents 2009

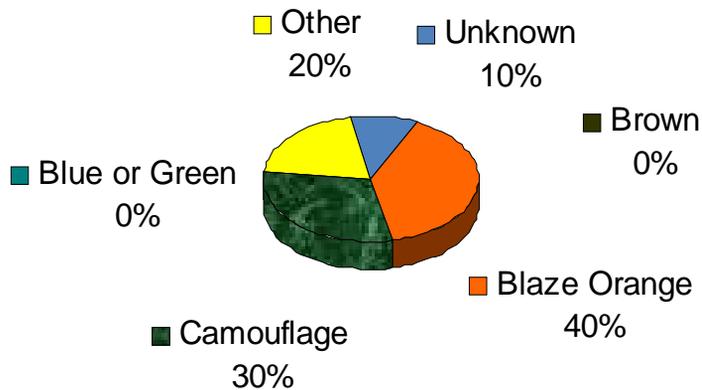


Other Includes:	
Creek	0
Game Farm	0
Garden/Yard	1
Open Area	0
Marsh	0
Roadway -	0
Right of Way	0
On Road in Vehicle	0

Incident Victim Clothing Color

Two-Party Incidents 2009

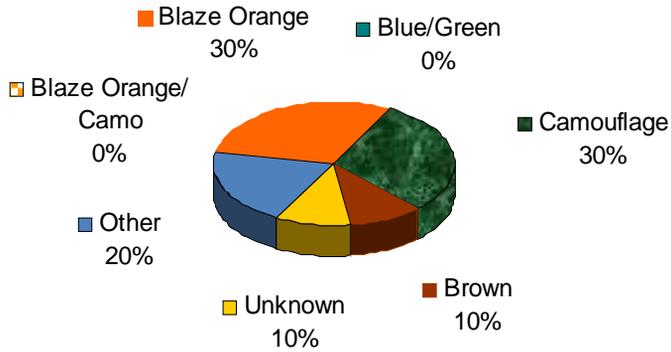
Cap



Incident Victim Clothing Color

Two-Party Incidents 2009

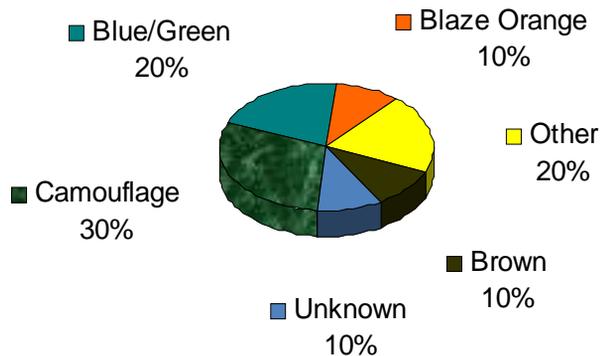
Coat or Vest



Incident Victim Clothing Color

Two-Party Incidents 2009

Trousers



**2009 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY COUNTY
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

COUNTY	# INCIDENTS	COUNTY	# INCIDENTS
Adams		Marathon	
Ashland		Marinette	1
Barron	1	Marquette	
Bayfield		Menominee	
Brown		Milwaukee	
Buffalo		Monroe	
Burnett		Oconto	1
Calumet		Oneida	
Chippewa		Outagamie	1
Clark		Ozaukee	
Columbia		Pepin	
Crawford	1	Pierce	1
Dane	2	Polk	
Dodge		Portage	
Door		Price	1
Douglas		Racine	
Dunn		Richland	
Eau Claire		Rock	1
Florence		Rusk	
Fond du Lac		St. Croix	1
Forest		Sauk	
Grant	1	Sawyer	
Green	1	Shawano	2
Green Lake		Sheboygan	1
Iowa		Taylor	
Iron		Trempealeau	
Jackson		Vernon	
Jefferson		Vilas	
Juneau		Walworth	
Kenosha		Washburn	
Kewaunee		Washington	
La Crosse		Waukesha	
Lafayette		Waupaca	1
Langlade		Waushara	1
Lincoln		Winnebago	
Manitowoc		Wood	

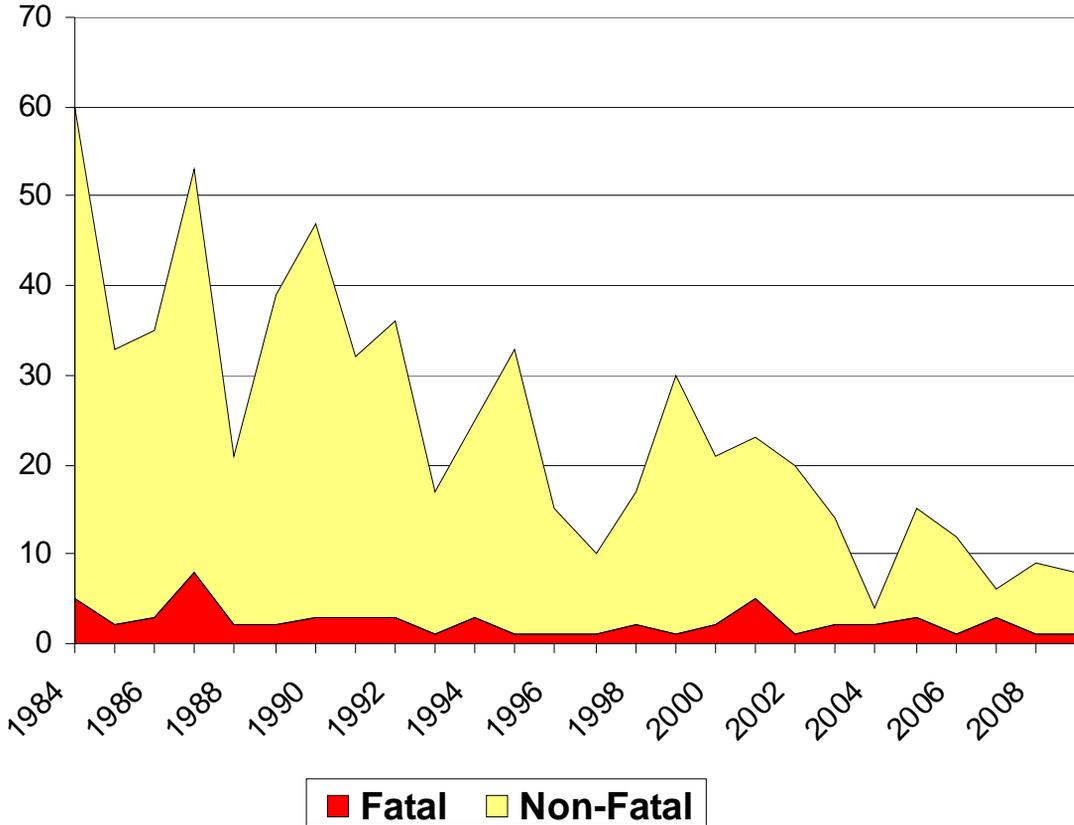
**2009 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

DMU	INCIDENTS	DMU	INCIDENTS	DMU	INCIDENTS
01				60A	1
01M		36		60B	
02		37		60M	
03		38		61	
04		39		61A	
05		40		62A	
06		41	1	62B	1
07		42		63A	1
08		43		63B	1
09		44		64	
10		45		64M	
11		46		65A	
12		47	1	65B	
13		48		66	
14		49A		67A	
15		49B		67B	1
16		50		68A	
17		51A		68B	
18		51B	1	69	1
19		52		69C	
20		52A		70	
21	1	53		70 A	
22	1	54A		70B	
22A		54B		70C	
23		54BCWD		70D	
23A		54C		70E	
24		55		70F	
25	1	56		70G	
26		57		71	
27		57A		72	
28		57B		72A	
29A		57C		73A	
29B		57D		73B	1
30		58		73D	
31		59A		73E	
32		59B		74A	
33		59C		74B	1
34		59D		75A	1
35		59M		75B	

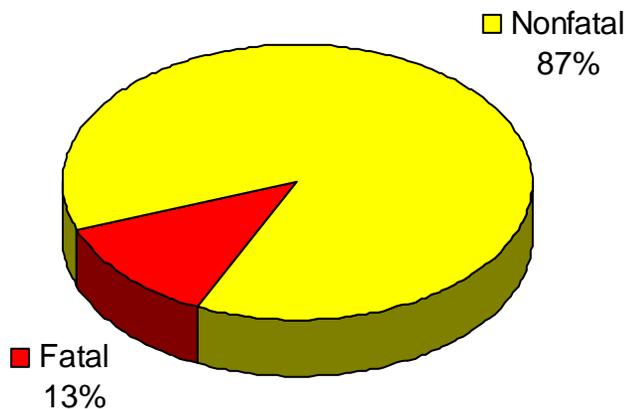
**2009 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

DMU	INCIDENTS
75C	
75D	
76	2
76A	
76C	
76M	
77A	1
77B	
77C	
77D	
77E	
77M	
78	
79	
80A	
80B	
80C	
81	
82	
90	
MCC	

History of Gun Deer Incidents



2009 Gun Deer Season Incidents



Gun Deer Season Incidents 2009



Non Fatal = 7

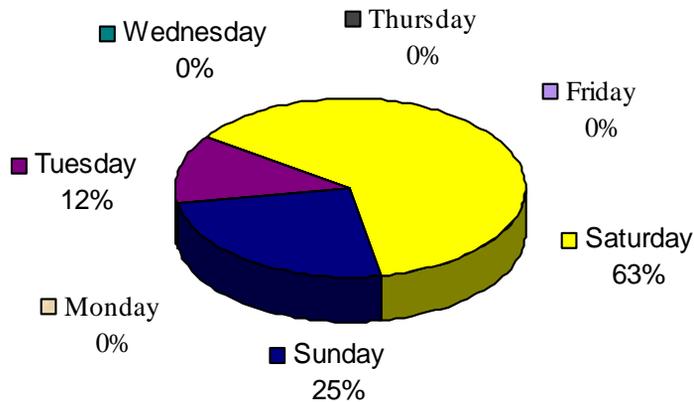
Fatal = 1 (Rock County)

Total = 8

1.25 incidents per 100,000 deer hunters

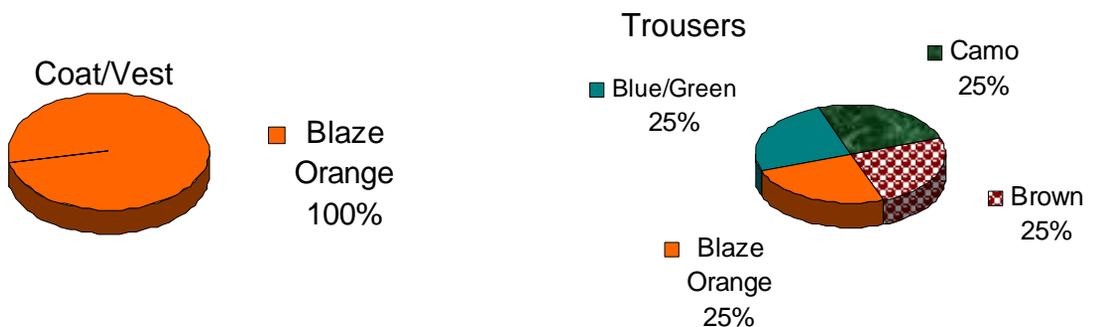
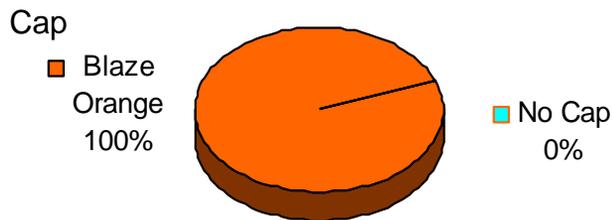
Incidents by Day of Week

2009 Gun Deer Season



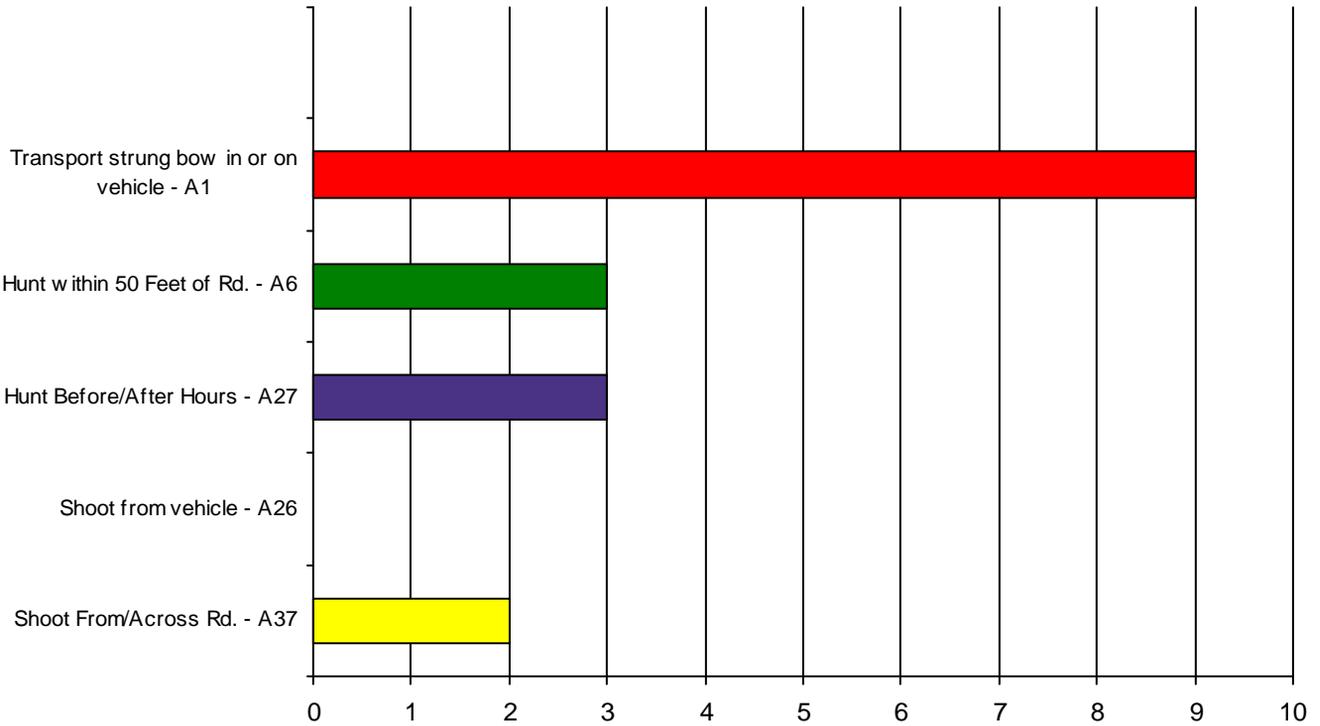
Incident Victim Clothing Color

2009 Gun Deer Season - Two-Party Incidents



2010 Deer Season Safety Violations

Archery



2010 Deer Season Safety Violations

Firearms

