

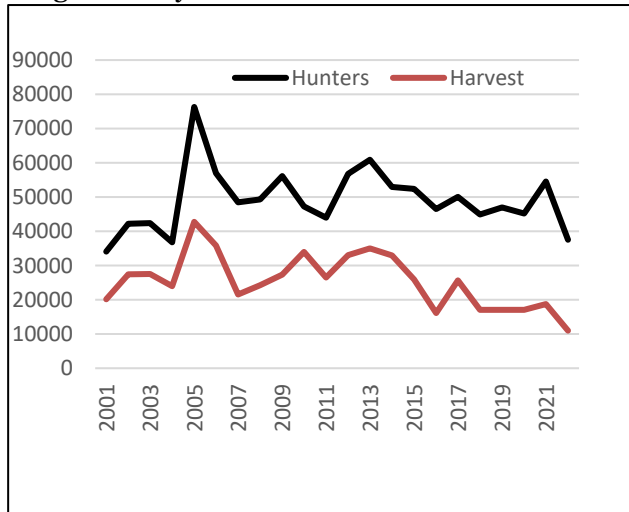
Statewide Wild Turkey Harvest

Statewide, an estimated 37,568 hunters hunted wild turkey in 2022; down 31% from 2021. These hunters harvested an estimated 10,970 gobblers in 2022, a 40% decrease from 2021. The harvest rate was 0.29 turkeys per hunter. Juvenile male turkeys (jakes) accounted for 843 (8%) of the total harvest. Regionally, the Upper Coastal Plain (33% of total) and the Piedmont (34%) made up the bulk of the harvest. These were followed by the Lower Coastal Plain (17%), Ridge and Valley (12%), and the Blue Ridge regions (5%). Hunter satisfaction was 63%, a precipitous drop from previous years. Hunter satisfaction is defined as the percentage of hunters surveyed who rated the season Excellent, Good, or Satisfactory.

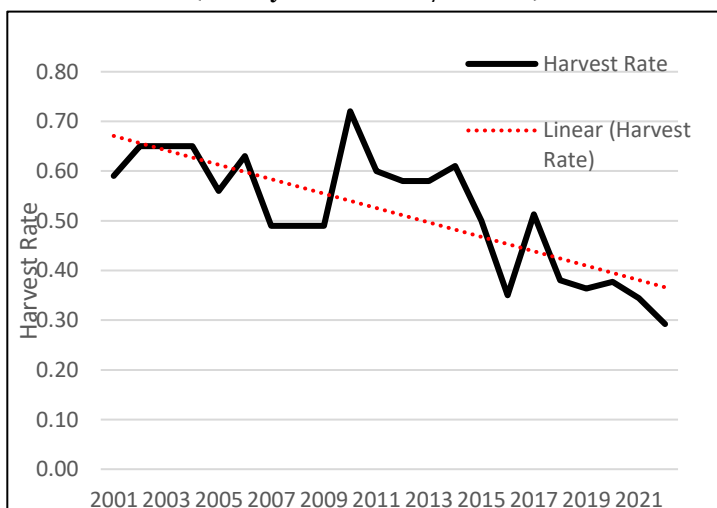
Source: Georgia Spring Turkey Harvest 2022 Report, Responsive Management

Note: The 2022 spring turkey season was the first season under the new statewide turkey regulations. As expected, total reported harvest decreased on both public and private lands.

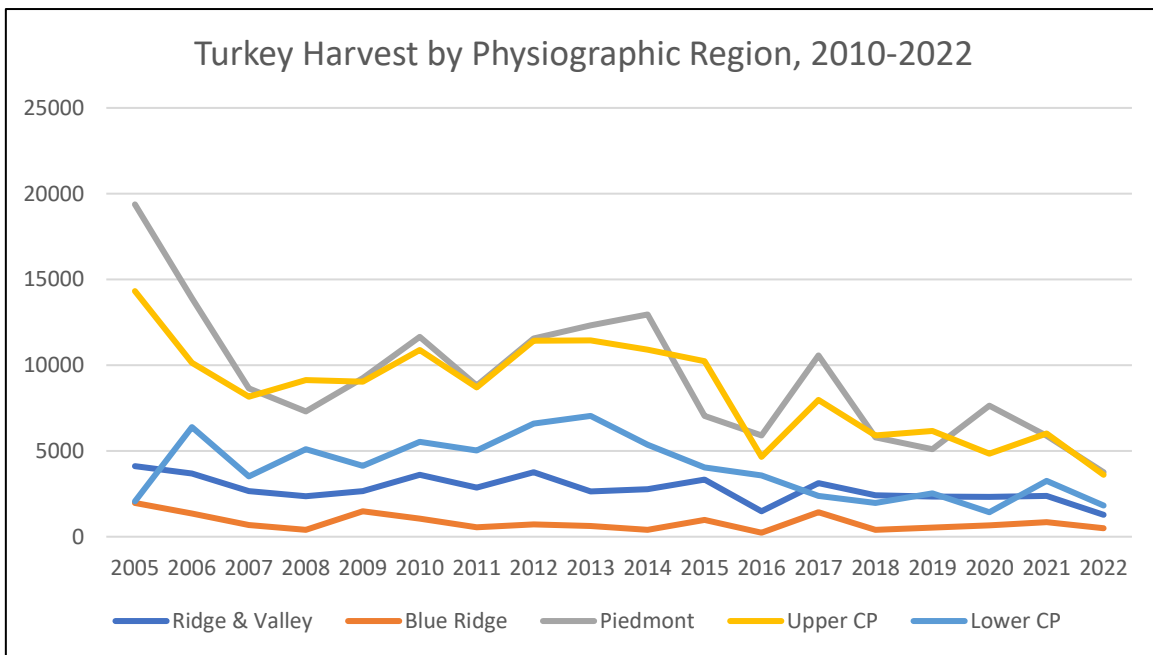
Georgia Turkey Hunters and Harvest 2001-2022.



Harvest Rate (turkeys harvested/hunter) 2001-2022



Turkey Harvest by Physiographic Region, 2010-2022



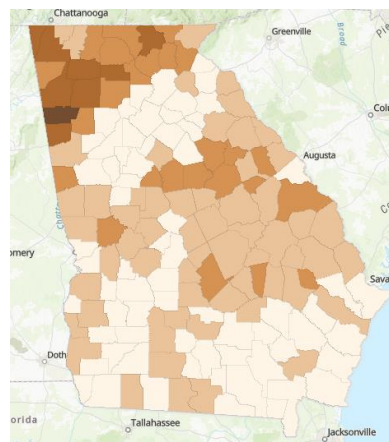
Harvest Reporting – Game Check

Since 2016, hunters have been required to report their turkey harvest by phone, internet, or app. Total reported harvest to Game Check in 2022 dropped 21% from the previous 5-year average, not unexpectedly after regulation changes were made to season dates and bag limits.

Harvested turkeys reported to Game Check, 2016-2022

2016	11,229
2017	11,781
2018	11,948
2019	11,521
2020	14,412
2021	12,147
2022	9,809

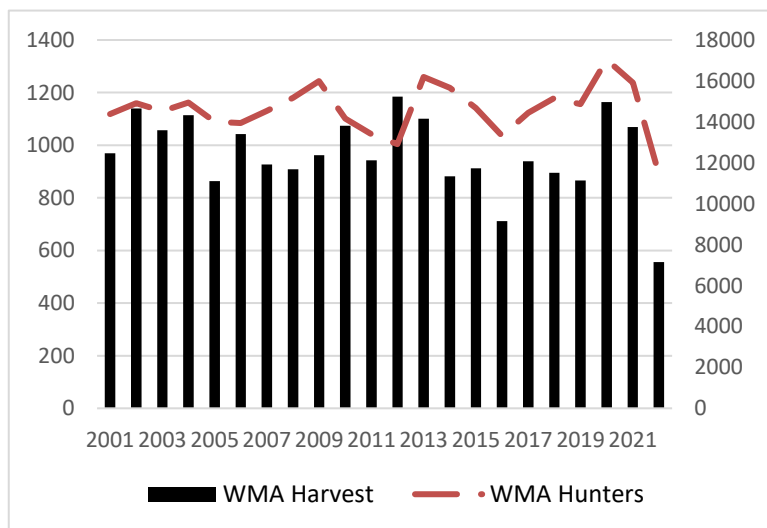
Game Check reported harvest by county, 2022



Wildlife Management Area Harvest

In 2022, both hunter and harvest numbers decreased on WMAs. 11,452 hunters signed in, a 28% decrease from 2021. These hunters harvested 556 gobblers, down 48% from 2021's total harvest. Jakes comprised 19% of the WMA harvest. Overall, hunters had a success rate of 4.9% on wildlife management areas in Georgia. In 2022, Hunter satisfaction among public land hunters was 52%, a significant decrease from previous years.

Georgia WMA Harvest and Hunter use 2001-2022



Top Five WMAs for Total Harvest, 2022

Area	Total Harvest
Dawson Forest	24
Cohutta	22
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn	17
Berry College	18
Pine Log	18

Top Five WMAs for Hunter Success, 2022

Area	% Hunter Success
River Creek	23%
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Hilliard	20%
Grand Bay	15%
Di-Lane	15%
Joe Kurz	12%