

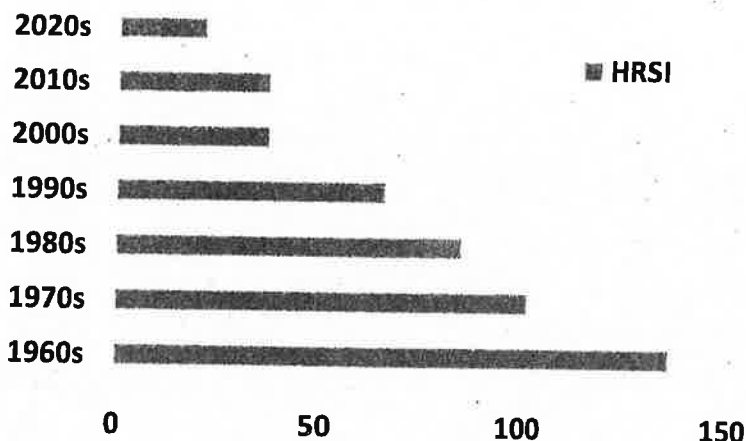
The Stories behind the Statistics: Hunting Related Shooting Incidents 2021

Preliminary descriptions of incidents as of 2/10/2022. Some incidents are still under investigation. Some incidents involve a shooter that was participating in an illegal act. Fatalities are listed in red.

FORMAT FOR 2021 DESCRIPTIONS:

Date (mm/dd) - County - Brief description of incident - Age of shooter - Years of hunting experience of the shooter - Victim orange notes if the victim was wearing fluorescent orange or pink - Violations notes if the incident involved an illegal act.

Hunting-Related Shooting Incidents 1960-2021
Average Incidents per Year by Decade



SMALL GAME HUNTING & NONGAME

- 1/24** - Chenango. Shooter was coyote hunting when he slipped on ice and discharged a round into his foot. Age: 66. Hunting experience: 50 yrs. Victim orange: N/A. Violations: No.
- 5/21** - Sullivan. Shooter was shooting at a squirrel in his front yard and discharged a round of bird shot, striking a person walking on the road. Shooter had no hunting license and had never taken hunter education. Age: 63. Hunting experience: N/A. Victim orange: N/A. Violations: Yes.
- 10/28** - Erie. An unknown shooter was pheasant hunting and discharged one round of birdshot, striking the victim with one shot pellet. Age: Unknown. Hunting experience: Unknown. Victim orange: Yes. Violations: No.
- 12/04** - Chautauqua. While grouse hunting, the shooter discharged two rounds of bird shot, hitting his hunting partner in the leg with shot. Age: 20. Hunting experience: 9 yrs. Victim orange: No. Violations: Yes.

TURKEY HUNTING

- 5/1** - Orange. Shooter discharged one round at a turkey, striking and injuring two individuals in his hunting party with bird shot. Age: 61. Hunting experience: 40 yrs. Victim orange: No. Violations: Yes.

BIG GAME HUNTING

- 11/07** - Saratoga. Shooter discharged one round over a highway while deer hunting, striking a car and injuring two people. Age: 62. Hunting experience: 48 yrs. Victim orange: N/A. Violations: Yes.
- 11/20** - Otsego. Shooter slipped on uneven ground while deer hunting and discharged one round, hitting another member of his hunting party. Age: 55. Hunting experience: 41 yrs. Victim orange: Yes. Violations: No.
- 11/25** - Ontario. Fatality. Shooter discharged one round from an elevated stand, striking his hunting partner, who was tracking a deer. Age: 61. Hunting experience: 45 yrs. Victim orange: No. Violations: Yes.
- 12/10** - Greene. Firearm was leaning against an ATV and started to fall. Victim reached for it and shot himself in the foot. Age: 69. Hunting experience: 50 yrs. Victim orange: N/A. Violations: Yes.

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