

Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2023.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Bucks</b>	<b>Does</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Deer/Mi.<sup>2</sup></b>
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	1,232	697	1,929	6.4
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	1,515	1,338	2,853	11.4
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	804	723	1,527	8.2
<b>Subtotal for Upstate WMA's</b>	<b>472,436</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>6,309</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Coastal WMA's*</b>					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	7	3	10	4.2
Bonneau Ferry WMA <sup>1</sup>	10,697	35	45	117	7.0
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	12	19	31	9.9
Coosawhatchie	3,700	10	25	35	6.1
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	37	38	75	4.6
Donnelley WMA	8,048	38	49	87	6.9
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	151	134	285	0.7
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	39	21	60	2.9
Liberty Hill WMA	7,876	19	13	32	2.6
McBee WMA	1,213	13	18	31	16.4
Moultrie WMA	9,480	15	8	23	1.6
Oak Lea WMA	2,024	5	13	18	5.7
Palachucola WMA	5,947	33	28	61	6.6
Wateree River WMA	3,674	14	4	18	3.1
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	38	43	81	8.8
<b>Subtotal for Coastal WMA's</b>	<b>338,373</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>810,809</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>7,273</b>	<b>5.7</b>

\*Check Station data. <sup>1</sup> Total includes deer of unknown sex

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2023 compared to previous years.

	<b>Increasing</b>	<b>About the Same</b>	<b>Decreasing</b>
<b>Residents</b>	17.7	59.5	22.8
<b>Non-Residents</b>	12.2	59.8	28.0
<b>Overall</b>	16.6	59.5	23.9