

numbered 33 million in 1965. This included 28 million who fished, almost 14 million who hunted, and over 9 million who did both.

The 33 million sportsmen spent \$4,046,439,000 for hunting and fishing equipment, transportation, food and lodging, license fees, and other equipment and services. Fishermen accounted for almost \$3 billion and hunters for more than \$1 billion of the total.

The number of persons 12 and over who fished in 1965--28 million--was an increase of 12 percent over the 1960 survey figure. Fishermen are increasing at a faster rate than the U.S. population as a whole. Almost 21 million of the anglers were males with increases noted in almost all age groups. Female anglers accounted for more than 7 million of the total number of fishermen.

There were 13½ million hunters aged 12 or over--about one million less than those estimated in 1960. Teenagers accounted for about one-third of the drop in male hunters. Female hunters 12 and older dropped about one-quarter million from 1960 to a total of 779,000 in 1965.

Hunters and fishermen spent 709 million recreation days on these sports and traveled 31 billion passenger miles to do so. Some 3½ million boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 fished or hunted last year.

The Survey reported also that more than 8 million Americans spent money or traveled specifically to watch birds and other wildlife. More than 3 million persons invested time and money in wildlife photography.

The 1965 National Survey of Fishing and Hunting was conducted for the Interior Department by the Bureau of the Census and was financed by Federal Aid to Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds derived from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment. Normally, these funds are apportioned to States on a matching basis for carrying out fish and game projects but the States, as in 1955 and 1960, endorsed using part of the funds to finance the 1965 Survey.

Copies of the report, "The 1965 National Survey of Fishing and Hunting," are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at 75 cents each.

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