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Hunting season 2024/2025: 4.6% fewer [old 5.7% more] game shot

Game losses decreased by 6.1% [previous: increased by 8%] compared to the previous hunting season

Correction note 14 October 2025. The figures had to be corrected. The correction is highlighted in grey in the text. The previous value is given in square brackets.

Vienna, 2025-10-10 – According to Statistics Austria, the total number of game shot in the 2024/25 hunting season fell by 4.6% to 725 300 [previous: rose by 5.7% to 804 200] compared to the previous season. This represents a decrease by 4.5% [previous: increase by 5.5%] in furred game and a decline by 5.4% [previous: increase by 7.2%] in feathered game. Compared to the hunting season 2023/2024, the game losses dropped by 6.1% [previous: rose by 8.0%]. A decline by 14.8% was recorded in the number of guest hunting permits.

Furred game shot: [more roe deer and hares,] fewer roe deer, red deer and wild boars

A total of [689 900] 624 400 furred game were shot during the hunting season 2024/25 ([+5.5%] -4.5%; see table 1). The majority of these were hoofed game ([441 900] 406 900; [+3.7%] -4.5%), including roe deer ([319 000] 293 100; [+8.4%] -0.4%), red deer ([60 200] 57 700; [+2.4%] -1.9%), wild boars ([34 200] 29 100; [-28.4%] -39.2%) and chamois ([23 000] 22 200; [+13,3%] +9.1%). In addition, there were [248 000] 217 500 other furred game kills ([+8.8%] -4.6%), including [123 200] 104 800 hares ([+18.1%] +0.5%), [66 000] 60 600 foxes ([+0.9%] -7.3%), [24 500] 21 800 martens ([+2.7%] -8.4%), [10 800] 9 900 badgers ([-7.3%] -14.9%) and [9 300] 7 400 weasels ([+14.7%] -9.2%).

[Increase] Decrease in game birds shot

Compared to the 2023/24 hunting season, [7.2%] 5.4% [more] fewer game birds were shot in the past hunting year ([114 200] 100 900; see table 1). More than half of these were pheasants ([65 400] 55 200; [+21.9%] +2.9%). There were fewer kills of wild ducks ([29 300] 27 300; [-9.6%] -15.6%), [and] wild pigeons ([10 900] 10 200; [-13.2%] -18.7%) [while there were more shoots of] and partridges ([3 000] 2 500; [+13.0%] -3.5%), while there were more shoots of black grouse (1 500; +3.8%) and wild geese ([1 700] 1 600; [+59.0%] +56.9%).

[More] Fewer game losses

Road traffic, unfavourable weather conditions or diseases led to [an increase in game losses by 8.0% to] a total of [132 800] 115 500 game losses in the hunting year 2024/25 (-6.1%; see table 2). [High losses were recorded for] Most affected were roe deer ([78 300] 68 900; [+7.2%] -5.6%), followed by hares ([29 900] 25 200; [+18.2%] -0.3%), pheasants ([8 800] 7 400; [+9.1%] -7.9%) and foxes ([3 200] 2 900; [-6.0%] -15.0%).

The main cause of wildlife losses was road traffic, accounting for [56.0%] 56.3% of the total. In the 2024/25 hunting year, the number of wild animals killed in road traffic dropped to 65 000 [rose to 74 400] [(+7.3%)] -6.3%. Other losses fell by 5.8% to 50 500 [increased by 9.0% to 58 400] animals.

Decline in guest hunting permits

In the 2024/25 hunting season, there were [140 600] 139 600 valid annual hunting permits, [2.3%] 1.6% more than in the previous year (see table 3). The number of guest hunting permits with different validity periods fell by 14.8% to 11 500. In a ten-year comparison, both the number of valid annual hunting permits ([+14.0%] +13.2%) and guest hunting permits (+3.6%) increased.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Table 1: Game shootings in the hunting year 2024/2025

Game shootings	2023/2024	2024/2025	Change in %
Game shootings in total	760 560	[804 167] 725 265	[+5,7] -4.6
Thereof furred game	653 995	[689 937] 624 411	[+5,5] -4.5
Thereof feathered game	106 565	[114 230] 100 854	[+7,2] -5.4

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, hunting statistics; federal province offices.

Table 2: Game losses in the hunting year 2024/2025

Game losses	2023/2024	2024/2025	Change in %
Game losses in total	122 930	[132 764] 115 464	[+8,0] -6.1
Thereof furred game	112 825	[121 971] 106 278	[+8,1] -5.8
Thereof feathered game	10 105	[10 793] 9 186	[+6,8] -9.1

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, hunting statistics; federal province offices.

Table 3: Valid hunting permits 2024/2025

Hunting permits	2023/2024	2024/2025	Change in %
Valid hunting permits in total	150 899	[152 097] 151 097	[+0,8] +0.1
Valid annual hunting permits	137 367	[140 566] 139 566	[+2,3] +1.6
Guest hunting permits	13 532	11 531	-14.8

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Information on methodology, definitions: Hunting in Austria is regulated by legislation at federal province level, defining the hunting year, which varies from region to region. In Burgenland, Carinthia, Lower Austria, Salzburg and Vienna it corresponds to the calendar year and in the remaining four federal provinces from 1 April to 31 March.

Hoofed game shot (except wild boars) is negotiated and defined territory-related between the district authorities concerned, hunting provision or hunting holder as well as a body representing the interests of the hunters. This is issued by the ordinance of the federal provinces. For all other game species, a hunting plan is generated; however, it is not under any legal regulation. Furthermore, hunting seasons and closed seasons are prescribed.

Tasks and goals of the game law focus in particular on game keeping, the hunting and biotope protection as well as sustainable utilisation of wildlife, all in all on an improvement of the quality of life respectively the living conditions of diverse wildlife species. Additionally, stocks regarded as excessive – in view of agricultural and forestry interests – are reduced by hunting.

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