

TARGET RANGE DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS



Wildlife Restoration funds (manufacturer's federal excise taxes) generated from the sale of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment, support the construction, operation, and maintenance of over 800 public target ranges in the United States. This represents a significant investment in safe, structured environments where the public may participate in all kinds of target shooting.

Recent Status

In the last six months, there are **3** new ranges being built as well as **18** ranges being upgraded or expanded.

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WR Supported Ranges in the United States

- 76 Missouri
- 68 Wisconsin
- 58 Ohio
- 51 Georgia
- 36 Colorado
- 36 Idaho
- 34 South Dakota
- 32 Alabama
- 30 Indiana
- 28 Nebraska
- 24 Oklahoma
- 24 Michigan
- 24 West Virginia
- 23 Texas
- 23 Nevada
- 21 North Dakota
- 18 Arkansas
- 17 Pennsylvania
- 16 Oregon
- 14 Tennessee
- 13 North Carolina
- 12 New Jersey
- 11 Florida
- 11 Kentucky
- 11 South Carolina
- 10 Arizona
- 10 Iowa
- 8 Louisiana
- 8 Vermont
- 8 Virginia
- 7 Hawaii
- 7 Alaska
- 6 Connecticut
- 6 Utah
- 4 Mississippi
- 4 Kansas
- 3 New Mexico
- 2 Maine
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- 2 California
- 1 Nebraska
- 1 Kansas
- 1 Virgin Islands
- 1 Delaware
- 1 Maryland
- 1 Massachusetts
- 1 New York
- 1 Rhode Island

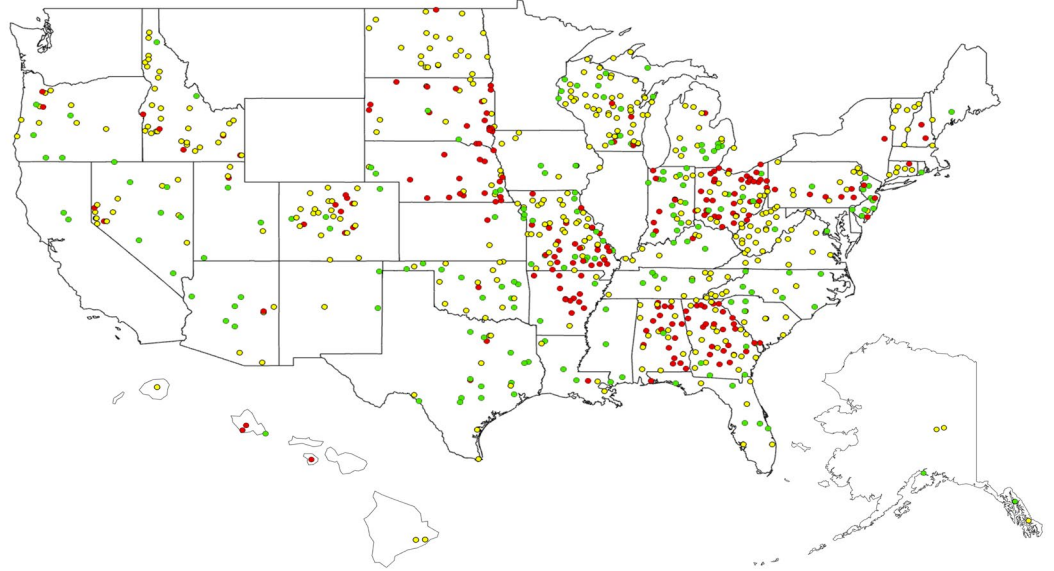
Total Ranges

- Firearms
- Archery
- Combined

Since the 2019 'Tar-Mark' Act, there have been **343** grants submitted to build new ranges or upgrade/expand pre-existing ranges.

\$134M

IN GRANTS SUBMITTED



806

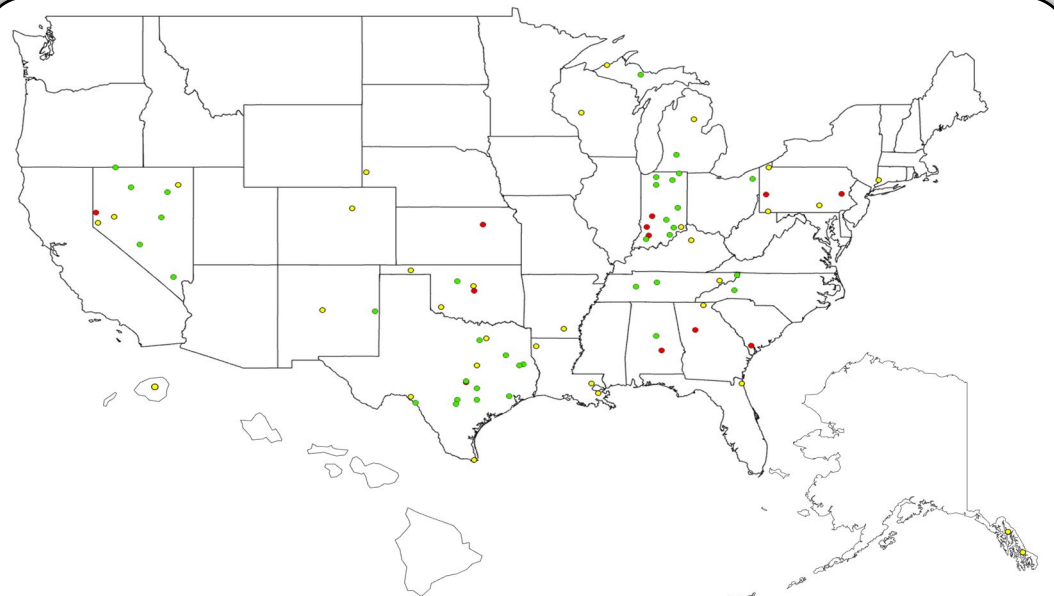
Total Ranges

(Nationwide)

405 Firearms Ranges

217 Archery Ranges

184 Combined Ranges



83

Total Ranges

(New ranges built under the 2019 'Tar-Mark' Act)

34 Firearms Ranges

13 Archery Ranges

36 Combined Ranges

Let us help you **PLAN YOUR RANGE PROJECTS**



Sources for Matching Funding

MidwayUSA Foundation's Range Development Grants

While the Range Development grants are meant for MidwayUSA Foundation Team and Agency endowment holders, certain non-endowment organizations such as conservation groups and universities may apply. Such applications must directly benefit local youth shooting teams, thus enabling greater youth involvement in shooting sports.

NRA Public Range Grant Funding

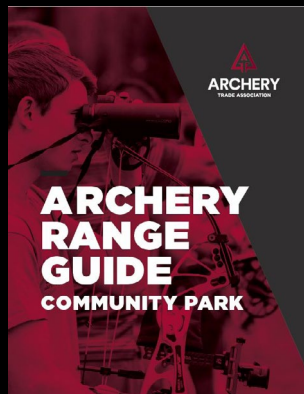
This matching grant program encourages city and county governments, and state or federal agencies, to work with the NRA to build and improve public ranges. At the NRA's sole discretion, grants assist with the acquisition, development, and improvement of public shooting facilities. Grants also assist qualifying agencies or governments with projects designed to improve community relations and to address environmental issues related to range operations.

NRA Foundation State Fund Capital Improvement Grants

The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As such, funded projects must promote an allowable 501(c)(3) purpose. If your range is owned by a government agency or is incorporated as a nonprofit entity or has an IRS 501(c) Determination Letter, your range may qualify for the grant.

There are many resources available to state agencies for planning and developing ranges.

Here are a few documents to get started:



To access these documents, please scan the QR code or visit partnerwithpayer.org

A Closer Look: Target Shooting Participation in the United States

Total Number of Participants
(age 6 & up)

47,021,609 Target Shooters (Firearms) **19,225,787** Target Shooters (Archery)

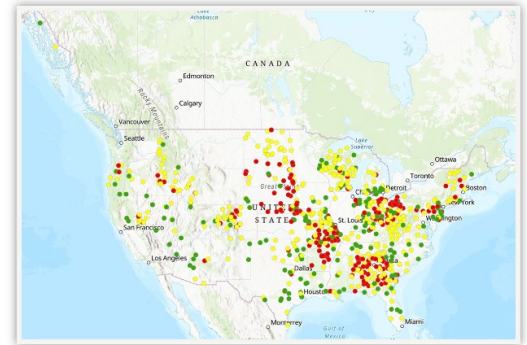
* target shooting data collected in 2021



WR Funded Target Shooting Ranges in the United States

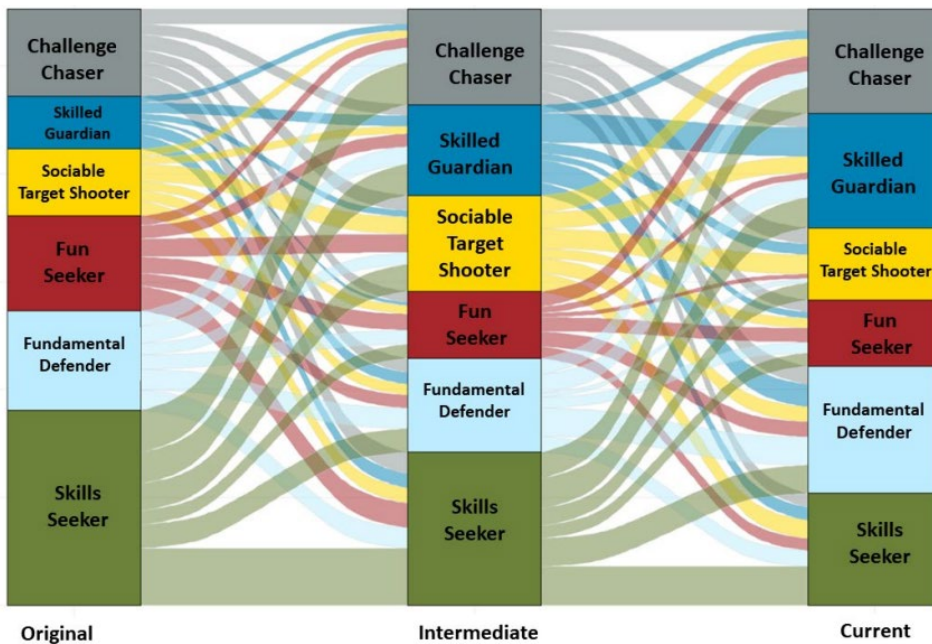
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[VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP >](#)



RECENT RESEARCH

Source: Public Motivations in Hunting and Target Shooting in the United States: A New Dynamic (Multistate Conservation Grant #F23AP00469)



The chart on the left represents how target shooters personas and motivations changed from when they first started target shooting (original), some in between time and now.

Only respondents who indicated there was a shift in their motivations were included in this chart (N=553).

The study did not explore when these stages may occur in life or how much time may pass between them.

To read the full report, please scan the QR code on the right:





Bullet Points: Trends in Ammunition Purchases

In 2022, 14.4 million people age 16 and older hunted in the United States, according to the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*. They spent **\$45.2 billion** for trip-related expenditures, equipment, and other associated hunting items. This total averaged **\$3,146** per hunter. **Ammunition purchases are an important subcategory of hunters' overall spending.**



In 2022, hunters' ammunition purchases totaled **\$1.2 BILLION**

The **9.1 million** hunters who purchased ammunition spent an average of **\$130 per person**. Small game hunters spent the least, with an average purchase of **\$65**. Big game hunters spent the most, averaging **\$88** in ammunition purchases.

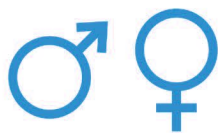
Urban + Rural

Proportionally more rural hunters than urban hunters bought ammunition. **59%** of urban hunters and **70%** of rural hunters bought ammunition. Rural hunters were more likely to buy ammunition, but with a lower purchase average.



Male + Female

Men bought more ammunition than women did, at a ratio of **4.5 to 1**, while the overall hunting proportion was **3.5 male hunters to 1 female**. Male hunters were more likely to purchase ammunition. But female hunters had a higher average annual expenditure.



Age

The youngest hunters surveyed, 16 to 17 years old, purchased the least ammunition on average, spending **\$70 per person**. Hunters 25 to 34 years old purchased the most at **\$160**.



Race

77% of all hunting ammunition was purchased by hunters who identify as White. Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders spent more than any other racial cohort at **\$239**, followed by African Americans at **\$155**.



The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, published about every five years since 1955, is a comprehensive survey of hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers. It includes information on both participation and spending. The number of target shooters, motorized boaters, and archers is also estimated. Scan the QR code for the full 2022 report.

Range Spotlight

CDPW's Mobile Shooting Range Trailer



The Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) constructed a mobile shooting range trailer to enhance recreational shooting opportunities in the Northwest Region. This project supported CPW's long-term goal of increasing hunting and fishing participation as the state's population grew over the next 15 years. By improving shooting and hunting recreation on State Wildlife Area (SWA) managed shooting ranges, CPW aimed to meet the growing need for safe, pre-hunting season practice. The mobile range expanded access to safe shooting opportunities and improved the overall experience for hunters across the region. To accomplish this, CPW purchased a trailer base for \$13,235 and contracted with a vendor to construct the mobile range for \$11,765, ensuring the creation of this essential resource for hunters.



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