

# 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 **16** new ranges being built as well as **23** ranges being upgraded or expanded.



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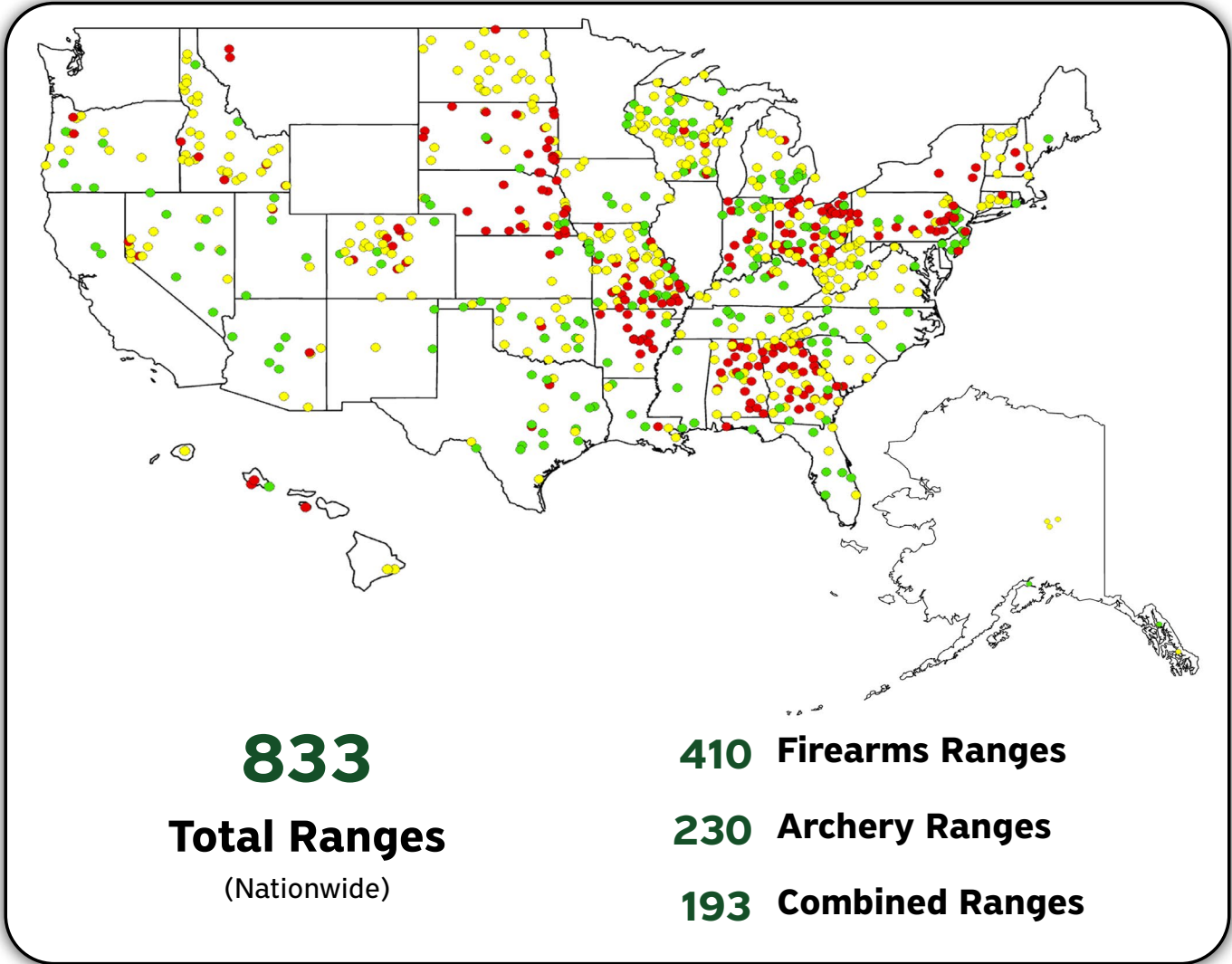
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# Wildlife Restoration Supported Ranges in the United States

## Range Map Key

- Firearms
- Archery
- Combined

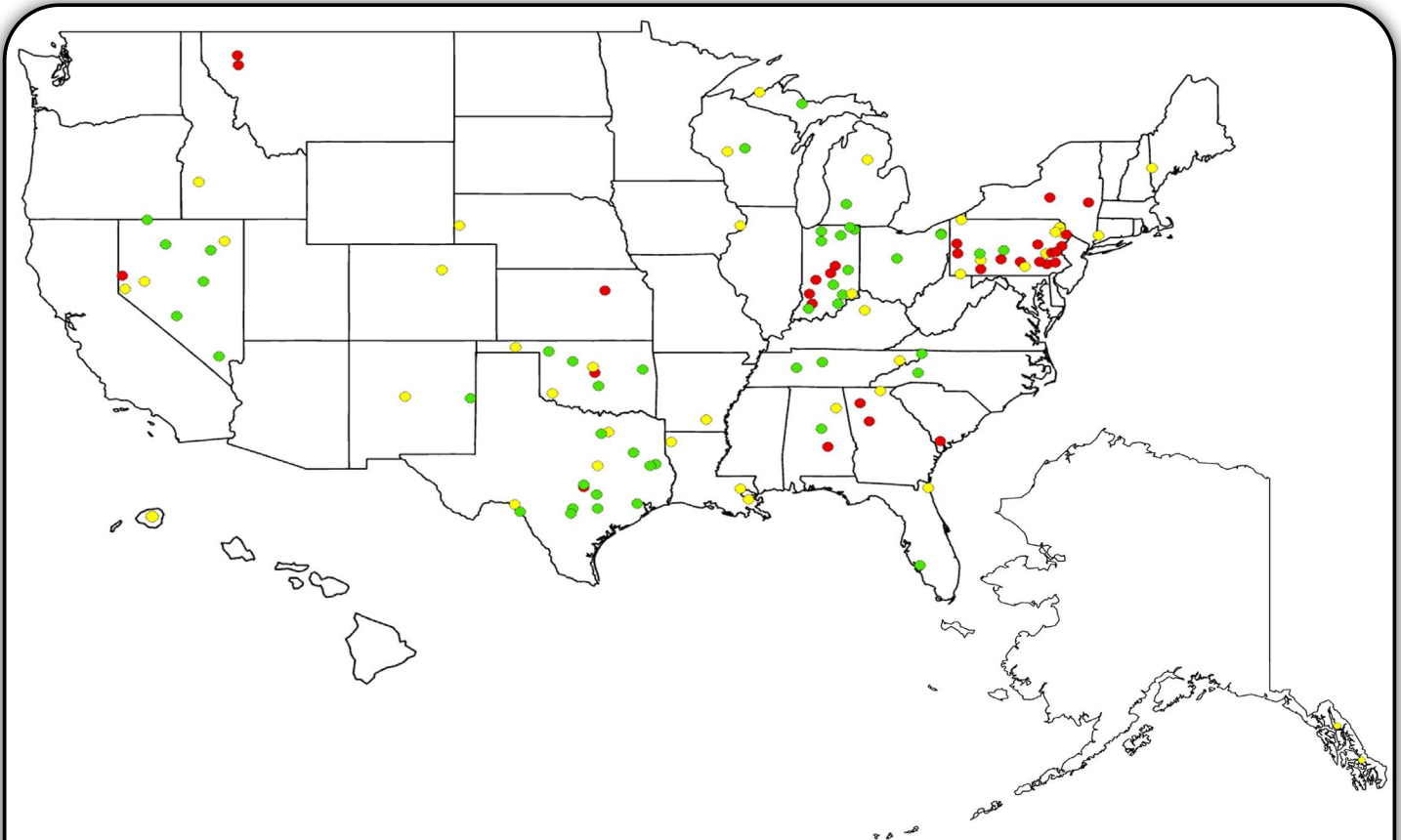


76	Missouri	24	Michigan	10	Arizona	2	New Hampshire
71	Wisconsin	24	West Virginia	8	Louisiana	2	California
61	Ohio	23	Nevada	8	Virginia	2	Montana
52	Georgia	22	Texas	8	Vermont	1	Nebraska
37	Idaho	18	Arkansas	8	Utah	1	U.S. Virgin Islands
37	Colorado	16	Oregon	7	Alaska	1	Delaware
33	Indiana	14	Tennessee	6	Connecticut	1	Massachusetts
33	South Dakota	13	North Carolina	4	Hawaii	1	Maryland
32	Alabama	12	New Jersey	4	Mississippi	1	Rhode Island
28	Nebraska	11	Iowa	4	Kansas	0	Washington
26	North Dakota	11	Florida	3	New Mexico	0	Illinois
25	Oklahoma	11	Kentucky	3	New York	0	Minnesota
25	Pennsylvania	11	South Carolina	2	Maine	0	Wyoming
						0	Oregon

# Wildlife Restoration Supported Ranges Funded through the 2019 'Tar-Mark' Act

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**121**

**Total Ranges**

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

**42 Firearms Ranges**

**32 Archery Ranges**

**47 Combined Ranges**

Since the 2019 'Tar-Mark' Act, there have been **384** grants submitted to build new ranges or upgrade/expand pre-existing ranges throughout the United States.

**\$207M**  
IN GRANTS SUBMITTED

Check out these maps online by scanning  
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[partnerwithapayer.org/funded-target-shooting-ranges/](https://partnerwithapayer.org/funded-target-shooting-ranges/)

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## 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

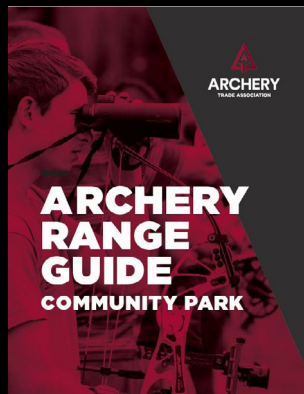
This matching grant program encourages city and county governments, and state or federal agencies, to work with the NRA to build and improve public ranges. At the NRA's sole discretion, grants assist with the acquisition, development, and improvement of public shooting facilities. Grants also assist 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](http://partnerwithpayer.org)

# National Survey Data: Target Shooting Participation in the United States

## Overall Firearms Participants

47 million

Male 32.7 million  
Female 13.6 million

## Overall Archery Participants

19.2 million

Male 13.3 million  
Female 5.5 million

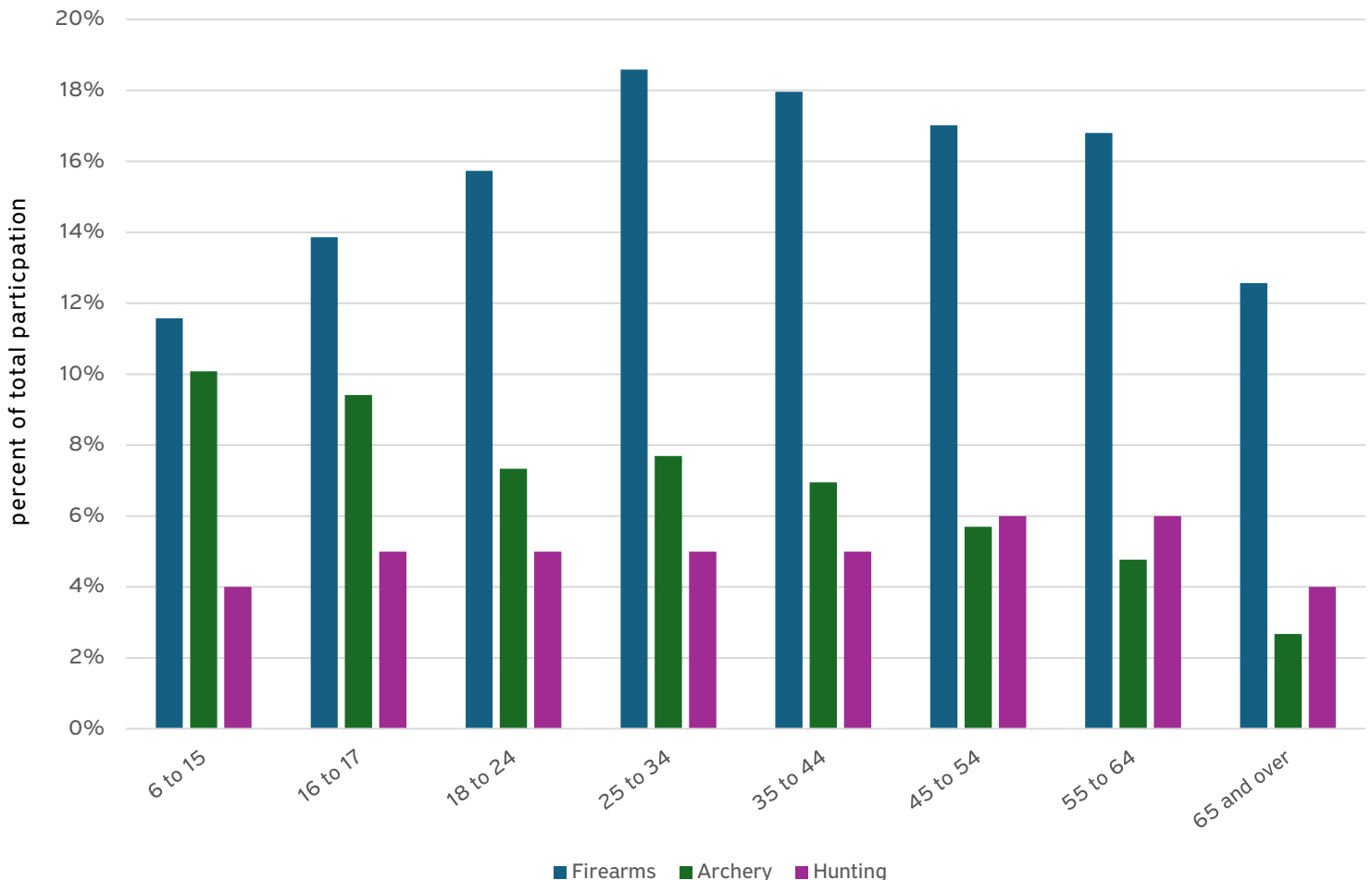
## Overall Hunting Participants

14.4 million

Male 11 million  
Female 3.1 million

## Participation Rates of Firearms Target, Archery Target, and Hunters by Age

This graph illustrates the participation rates in firearms, archery, and hunting across different age groups in the U.S. based upon data collected from the 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.





# 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.

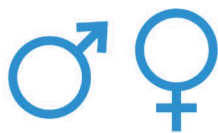
## Urban + Rural

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

## State Game Land #205 (Pennsylvania)

A recent project in Lehigh County, PA involved constructing a new archery range on a cleared site. The range features a shelter over new shooting lines, concrete floors, tables, and ADA-compliant walkways connecting shooting stations to target areas. The parking lot includes an asphalt trail leading to the shooting shelter. The range has two target stations for each of the 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50-yard distances, as well as a custom-designed broadhead target station at 20 yards. The range, protected by a chain-link fence for safety, has an estimated useful life of 20 years.



## Summit County Archery Range (Colorado)

The Summit County Archery Range, owned and operated by Summit County, CO, underwent an upgrade project in 2020 using WR funds to replace both archery target stands and 3D targets. Previously relying on donations for target replacement, the range was able to enhance its infrastructure with these funds, making the range more durable and better equipped for public use. The improvements allowed the range to be open year-round, significantly increasing its accessibility and estimated public usage. This project, approved in 2021 and completed in 2022, has been highly appreciated by the local community.



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