



# 2025 SPECIAL REPORT ON FISHING

**57.9M** Americans  
went fishing  
Highest participation on record

**5.1M** New  
Anglers

11.8M returning participants  
16.6M lost participants

**21.3M**  
Women went fishing in 2024  
Highest number of female  
participants on record

**6.6M**  
Hispanic Americans went  
fishing in 2024  
Participation nearly doubled in  
the last decade



**36.6M**  
Men went fishing in 2024  
Highest number of male  
participants on record

**5.5M**  
Black Americans went  
fishing in 2024  
Highest number since  
tracking began in 2007

**85%** of current fishing participants  
fished before the age of 12



**12.7M**  
youth went fishing

**22%** of U.S. households with children  
fished vs. 16% without children



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