



# Game Licence Statistics

Summary report 2025

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We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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# About the Game Management Authority

The Game Management Authority (GMA) is a statutory authority responsible for the regulation of game hunting in Victoria. This includes issuing Game Licences, authorities and permits to allow activities such as the hunting, taking, destroying, marking, displaying and possessing of game species in Victoria.

In Victoria, there are seven species of native duck, one species of native quail, six species of introduced deer and species of introduced quail, pheasants and partridge which are classified as game under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and allowed to be hunted. The majority of game hunting is recreational, however, there are two forms of commercial activities that people require a licence or authority for. The first activity allows the breeding and release, for hunting, of introduced game birds, and the second activity allows the hunting of Hog Deer on private property outside of the prescribed season for commercial entities.

## Legislation

### Game Licences

A Game Licence enables hunting, taking or destroying of game species and is issued under Section 22A of the *Wildlife Act 1975* with fees, duration and further conditions prescribed in the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024.

### Commercial Wildlife Game Bird Farmer Licences

A Game Bird Farmer Licence authorises the licence holder to possess, keep, breed, buy, sell, destroy and dispose of non-indigenous game birds that have been bred in captivity for the purpose of hunting and is issued under Section 22A of the *Wildlife Act 1975* with fees, duration and further conditions prescribed in the Wildlife Regulations 2024.

## Authorisations

The GMA may give written authorisation to:

- hunt, take or destroy game
- buy, sell, acquire, receive, dispose of, keep, possess, control, breed, process, display, take samples from or experiment on game
- mark game, handle game, for marking it and interfere with the markings on game

There are specified reasons that the GMA must be satisfied with before issuing any authorisation. Such authorisations are issued under Section 28A of the *Wildlife Act 1975*.

## Fee Units

The value of a fee unit is determined under Section 5 of the *Monetary Units Act 2004*. The fee unit value for the 2025 financial year was \$16.33.

## Game Licence Entitlements

A Game Licence can be issued with the following entitlements and are subject to conditions set out in the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024:

- Deer (Stalking)
- Deer (Stalking & Hounds)
- Duck
- Stubble Quail and introduced game birds

There are a range of licence types available. To determine what licence type is required to hunt which game species, refer to the fact sheet 'Which Game Licence do I need?' (see Appendix I).

A Game Licence may be issued for a single game entitlement (e.g. Deer (Stalking)) or it may be issued for multiple entitlements (e.g. Deer (Stalking) and Duck and Quail).

## Game Licence Terms

Game Licences have a common expiry date of 31 December and are issued for the following terms:

- Short-term (up to 18 months)
- Long-term (up to 42 months)

As there is a common expiry date, licences issued in the second half of the year (i.e. post 1 July) expire at the end of the next calendar year. This accounts for the potential 18 and 42-month periods.

## Game Licence Fees

Game Licence fees are set out in regulation 7 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 with licence categories charged as fee units per year or part year. For example, a Game Licence issued for Deer (Stalking) in May will cost the same as a licence issued for the same entitlement in January of the same year.

Juniors (12-17 years) are not required to pay a fee for a Game Licence, however, they are still required to obtain one prior to hunting and must adhere to the hunting laws.

| Licence entitlement   | Fee units per year |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>A game licence that allows the hunting, taking and destroying of deer</b>                | 5.44 fee units     |
| <b>A game licence that allows the hunting, taking and destroying of game birds</b>          | 5.44 fee units     |
| <b>A game licence that allows the hunting, taking and destroying of game birds and deer</b> | 9.2 fee units      |

Note: The fee unit value for the 2025 financial year was \$16.33.

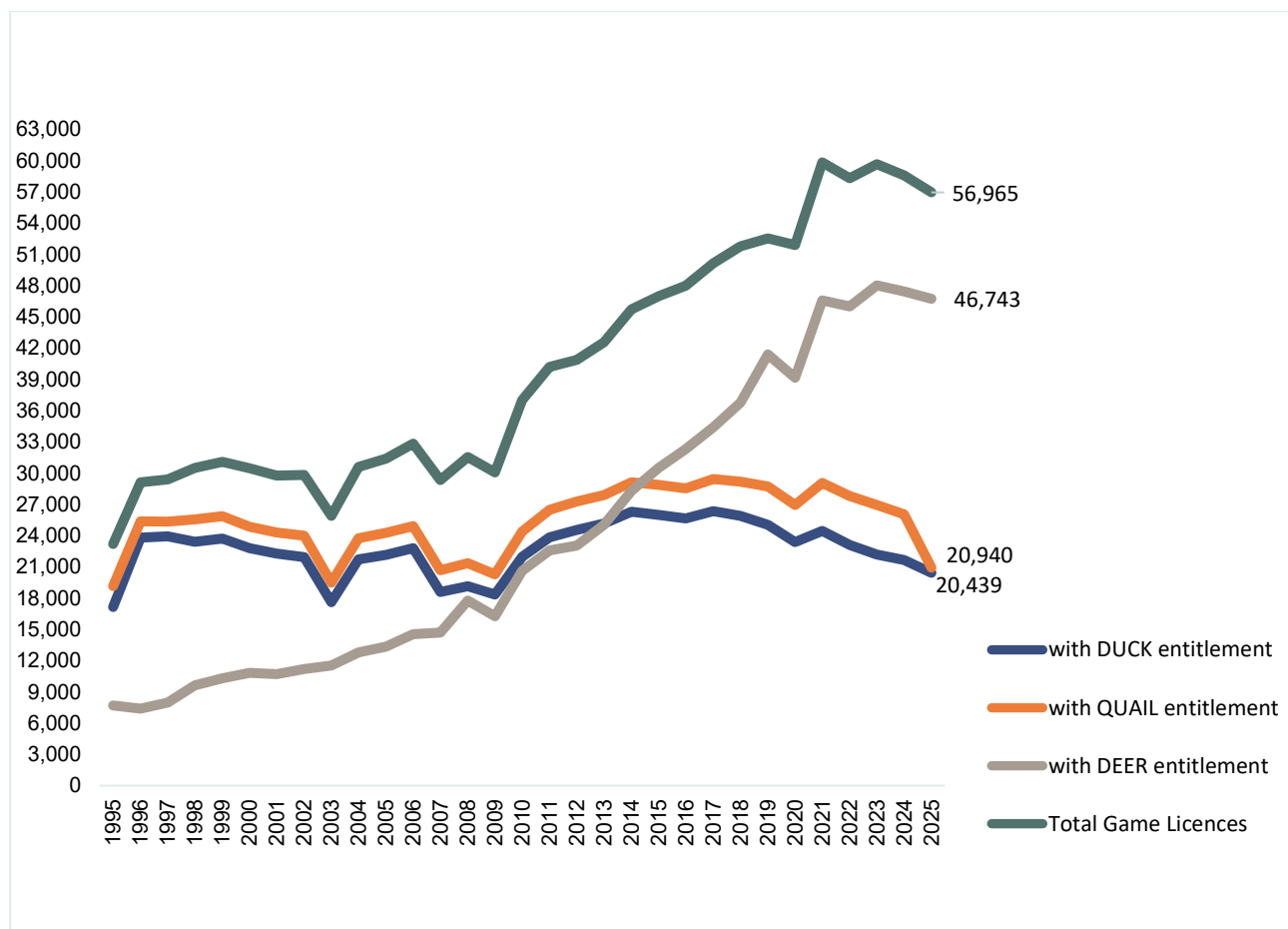
# Game Licence Statistics – current

## Game Licence statistics – historic (figures as at 30 June each year)

At 30 June 2025, a total of 56,965 people were licensed to hunt game in Victoria. Between 30 June 1996 and 30 June 2025, there has been a 95.5% (26,477) increase in the total number of Game Licence holders. During this period, Game Licences with a duck entitlement have seen an overall decrease of 14.1% (3,367) and quail entitlement a decrease of 17.5% (4,456) respectively. For Game Licences with a deer entitlement, there has been a 532% (39,347) increase.

From 2025, **new and renewing duck hunters** were no longer automatically permitted to hunt quail and introduced gamebirds in Victoria.

**Figure 1 – Game Licence statistics – historic (figures as at 30 June each year)**



See Table 1 Appendix II for detailed information

Note:

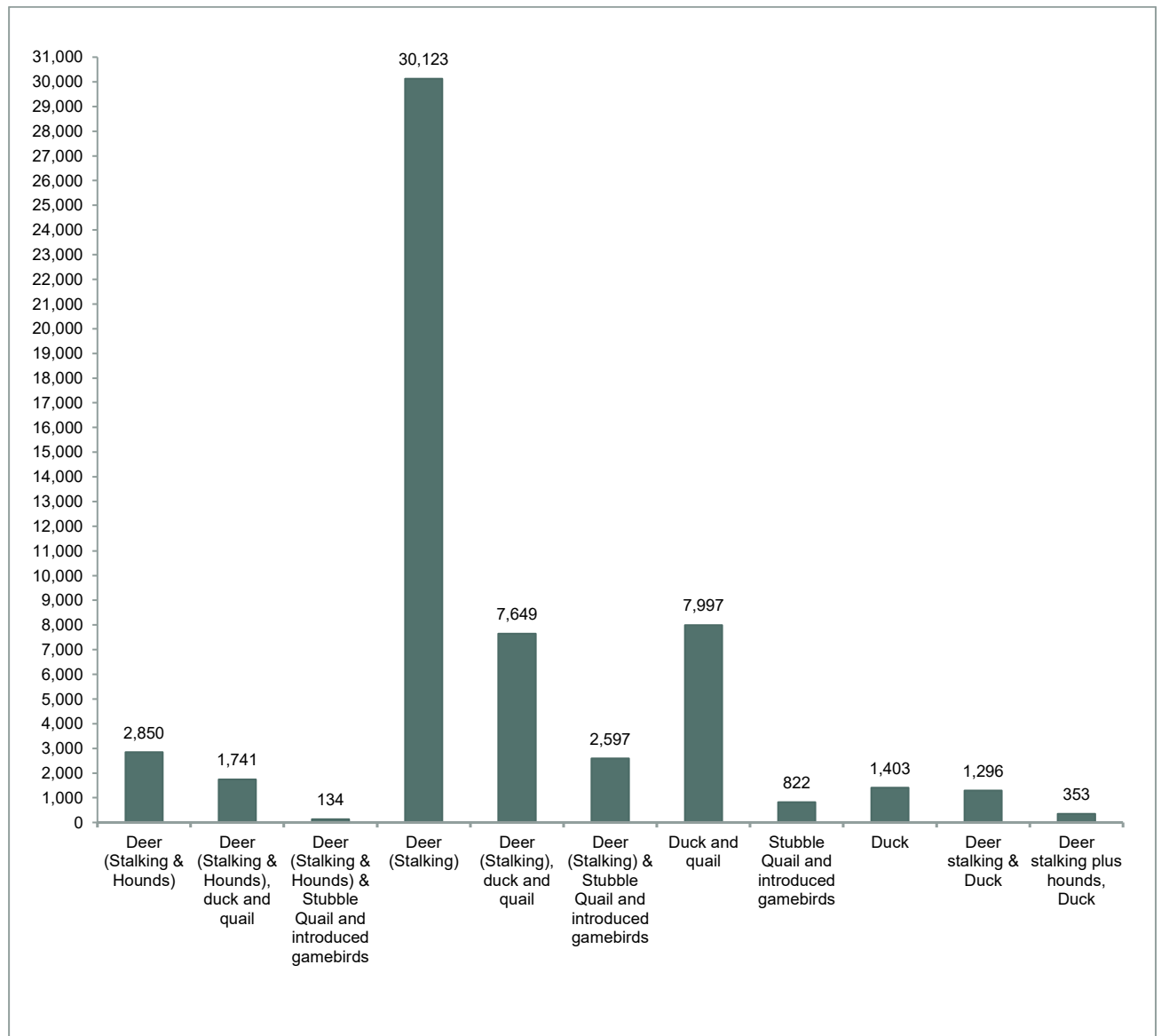
The duck season was cancelled in 1995, 2003, 2007 and 2008.

There were restricted (either reduced season length, bag limit or species) duck seasons in 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

## Current licence holders by licence entitlement and type as at 30 June 2025

A total of 56,965 people were licensed to hunt game in Victoria. There are 43,195 (76%) Game Licence holders who have a single licence entitlement (e.g. Deer, Duck and quail, or Stubble Quail and introduced gamebirds) with 33,042 (58%) endorsed to only hunt Deer, 9,560 (17%) endorsed to only hunt Duck and quail and a further 822 (1%) only hunting Stubble Quail and introduced gamebirds. The remaining 13,541 (24%) licence holders are endorsed to hunt a combination of licence entitlements.

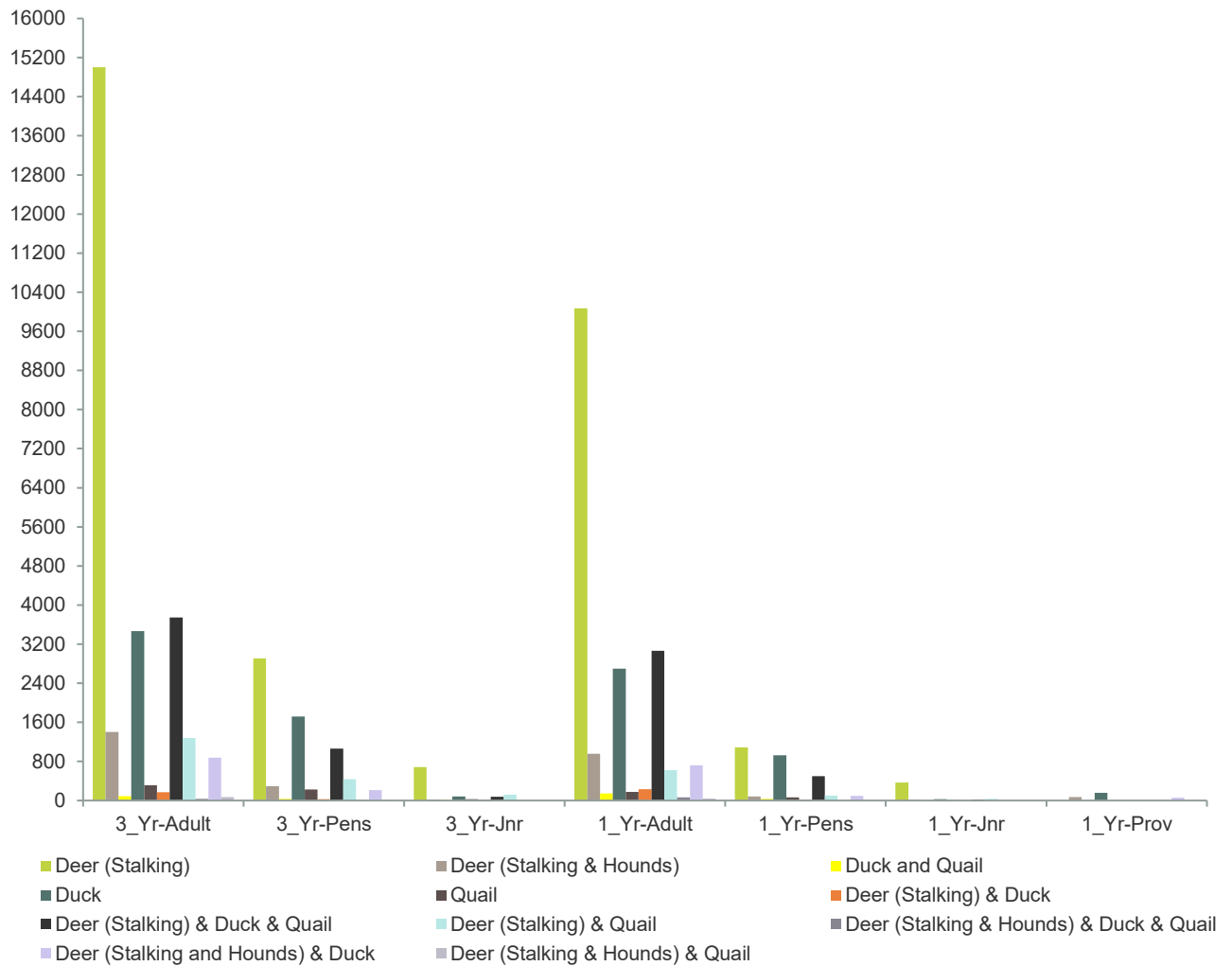
**Figure 2 – Current licence holders by licence entitlement and type as at 30 June 2025**



## Current licence holders by licence entitlement, term and concession entitlement as at 30 June 2025

A total of 34,442 (60%) of all licence holders currently hold a long-term licence (i.e. 3 years) with 6,937 (20%) of this figure claiming a concession entitlement and 1,060 (3%) holding a junior licence (12-17 years). Of the remaining 22,523 (40%) licence holders who currently hold a short-term licence (i.e. one-year), 2,931 (13%) are issued with a concession entitlement and 795 (5%) are juniors (12-17 years).

**Figure 3 – Current licence holders by licence entitlement, term and concession entitlement as at 30 June 2025**

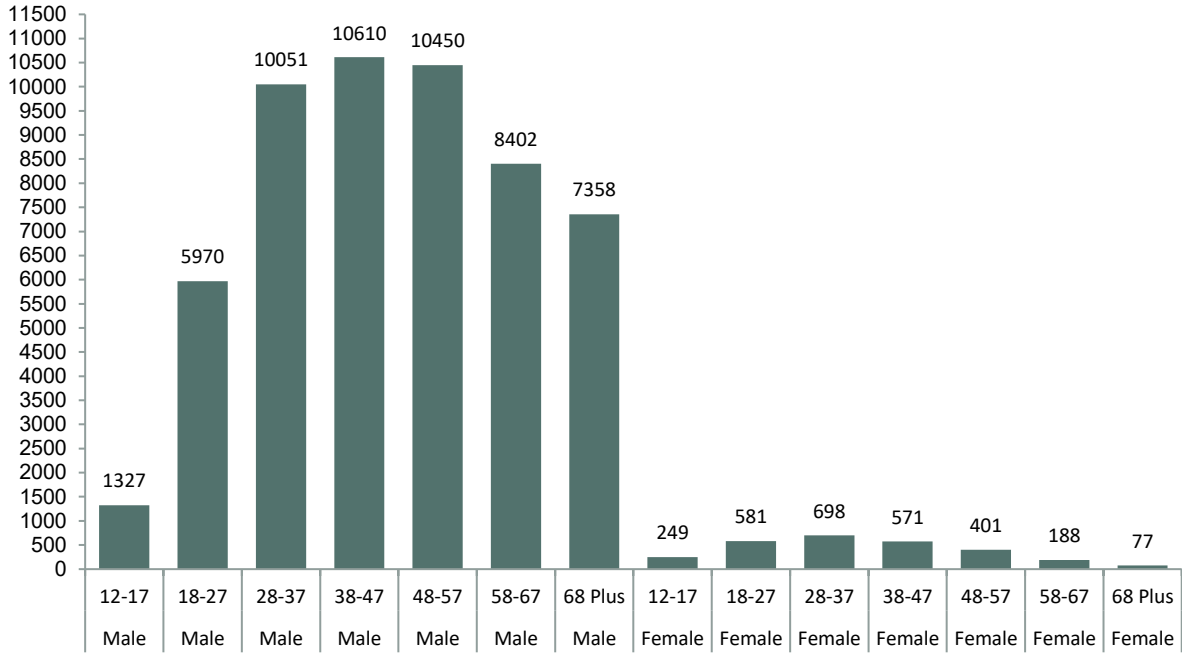


# Game Licence Holder Demographics

## All hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025

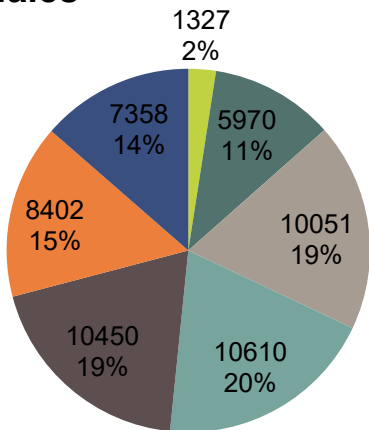
Game hunting in Victoria is predominantly undertaken by males making up 95.1% (54,168) of licence holders. Males aged 28 to 57 account for 57.4% (31,111) of total licence holders. Of the 2,765 (4.9%) females who are licensed to hunt game in Victoria, 66.9% (1,850) are aged 18 to 47.

**Figure 4 – All hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025**



Note: As of 30 June 2025, thirty-two licence holders who identify their gender as 'Other' are not represented in the above and following graphs due to low numbers.

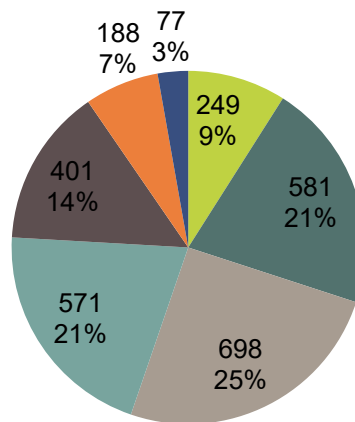
### Males



### Females

#### Age

- 12-17
- 18-27
- 28-37
- 38-47
- 48-57
- 58-67
- 68 Plus



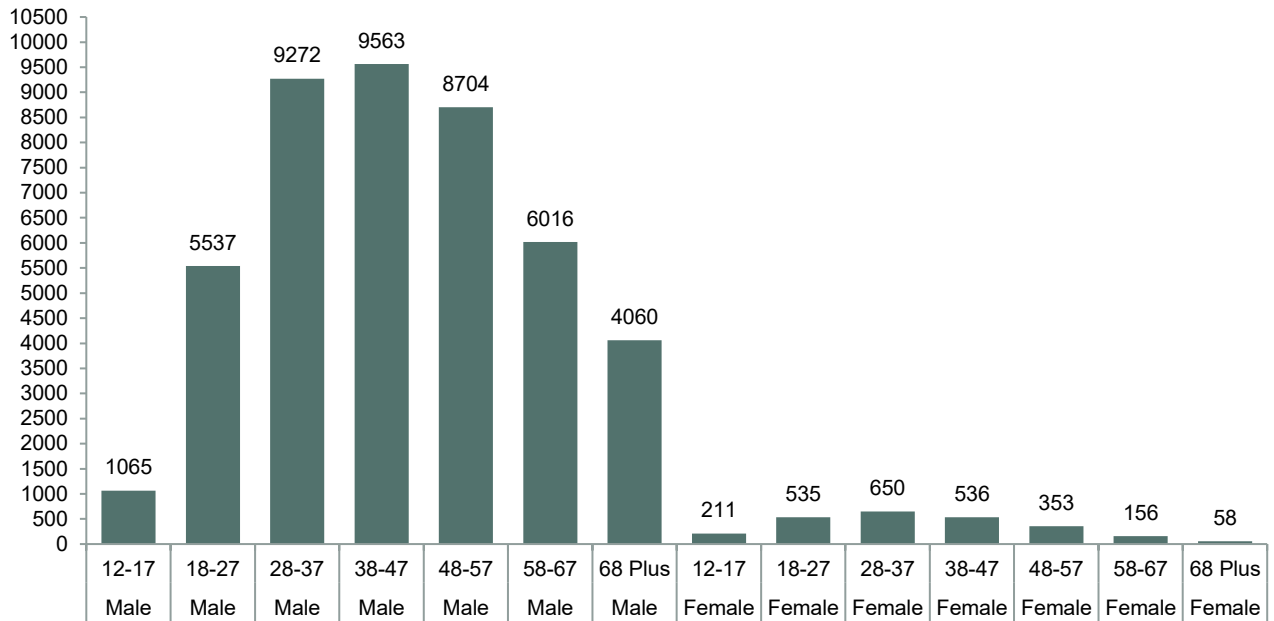
#### Age

- 12-17
- 18-27
- 28-37
- 38-47
- 48-57
- 58-67
- 68 Plus

## Deer hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025

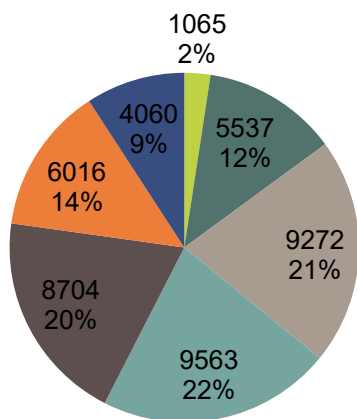
A total of 46,716 people were licensed to hunt deer in Victoria. Deer hunting in Victoria is predominantly undertaken by males, making up 95% (44,217) with those aged 28 to 47 accounting for 43% (18,835) of this figure. Of the females who are licensed to hunt deer in Victoria, 70% (1,721) are aged 18 to 47.

**Figure 5 - Deer hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025**

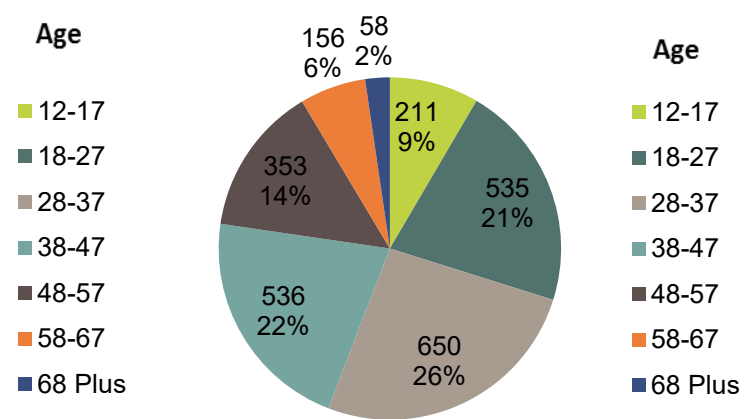


Note: As of 30 June 2025, twenty-seven licence holders who identify their gender as 'Other' are not represented in the above and following graphs due to low numbers.

### Males



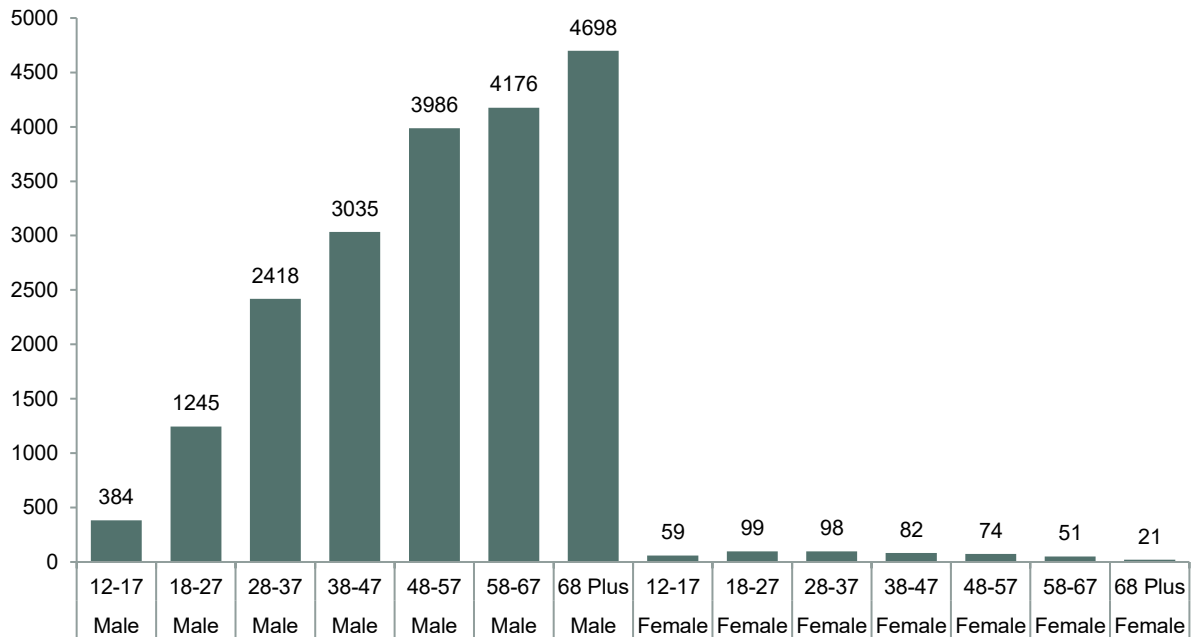
### Females



## Duck hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025

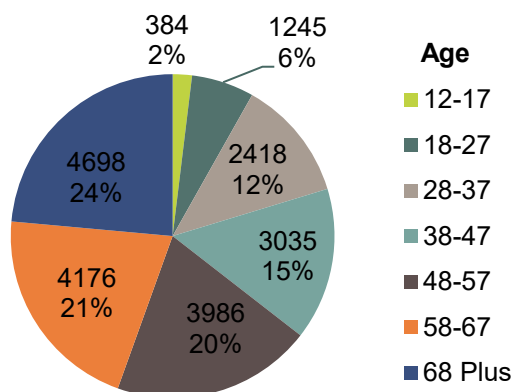
A total of 20,426 people were licensed to hunt duck in Victoria. Duck hunting in Victoria is predominantly undertaken by males making up 98% (19,942) with those aged 48 to 68 plus accounting for 65% (12,860) of this figure. Of the females who are licensed to hunt duck in Victoria, 58% (279) are aged 18 to 47.

**Figure 6 - Duck hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025**

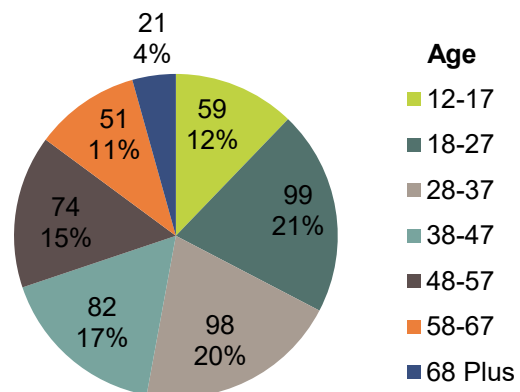


Note: As of 30 June 2025, twelve licence holders who identify their gender as 'Other' are not represented in the above and following graphs due to low numbers.

### Males



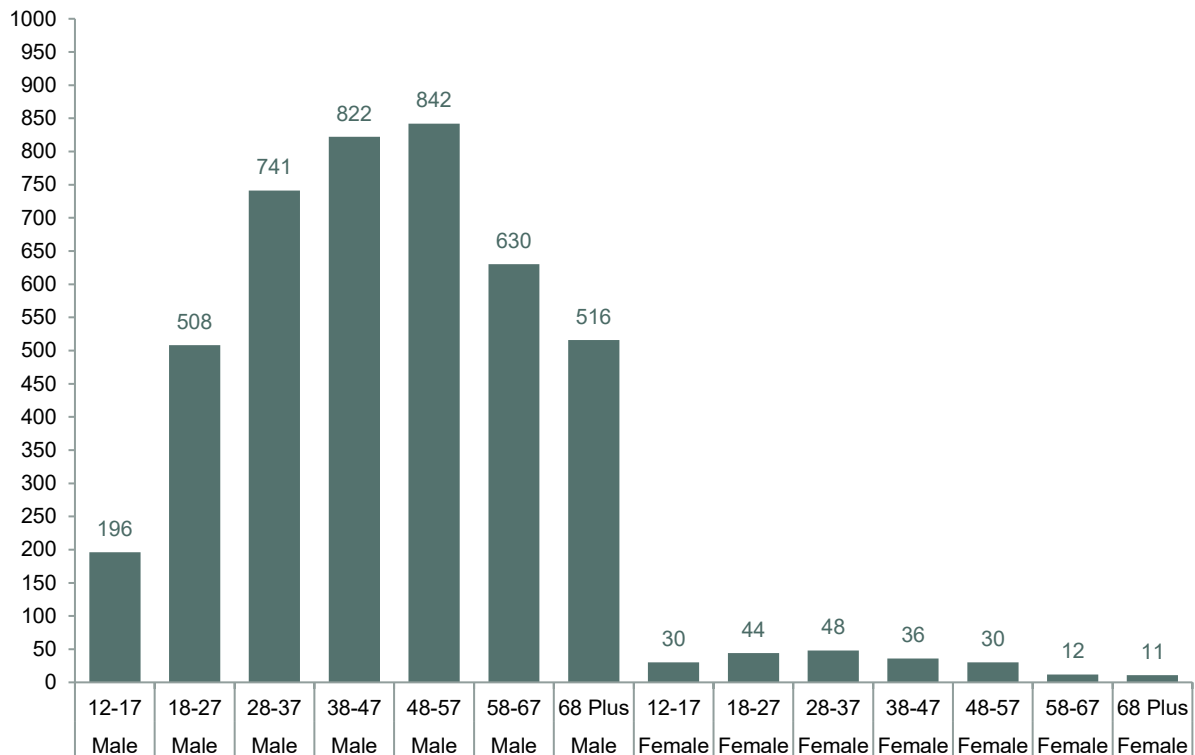
### Females



## Stubble Quail and other introduced game bird hunters (not including people endorsed for duck hunting) by age and gender as at 30 June 2025

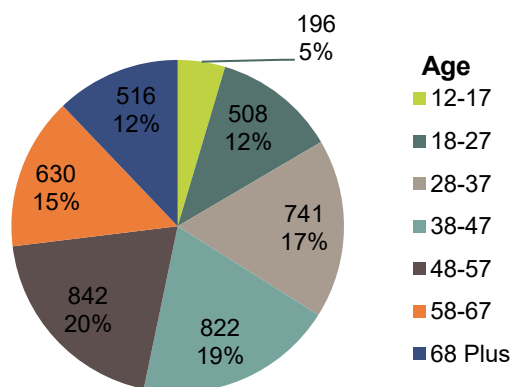
A total of 4,470 people were licensed to only hunt Stubble Quail (and other introduced game birds) in Victoria (i.e. they did not hold an endorsement to hunt duck too). Stubble Quail (and other introduced game birds) hunting in Victoria is predominantly undertaken by males making up 95% (4,255) of those licensed with males aged 28 to 57 accounting for 56% (2,405) of this figure. Of the females who are licensed to only hunt Stubble Quail (and other introduced game birds) in Victoria, 60% (128) are aged 18 to 47.

**Figure 7 – Quail or game birds not including duck hunters by age and gender as at 30 June 2025**

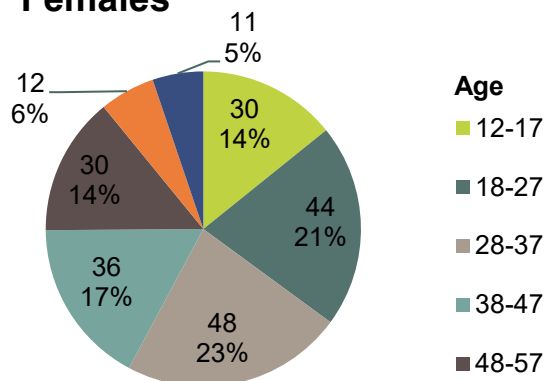


Note: As of 30 June 2025, four licence holders who identify their gender as 'Other' are not represented in the above and following graphs due to low numbers.

### Males



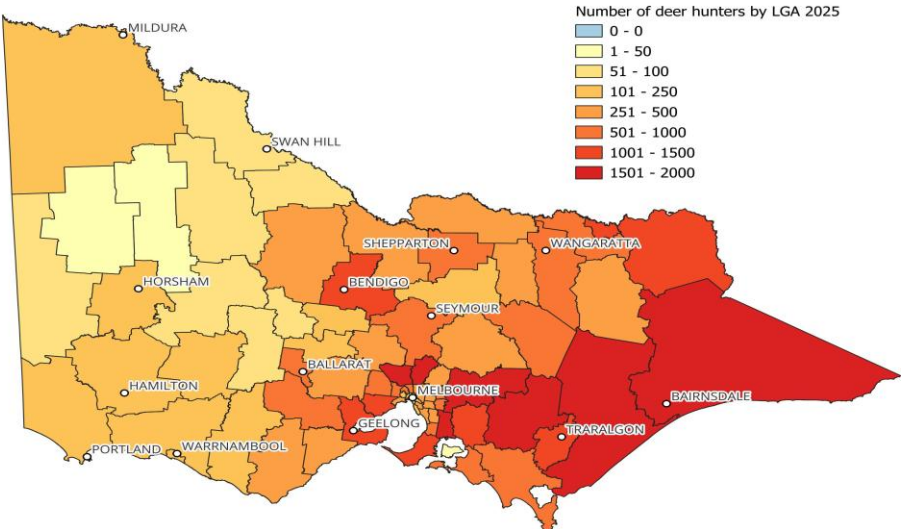
### Females



The following diagrams (Figures 8, 9, 10, and 11) show the distribution of Game Licence holders' primary place of residence by Local Government area for each of the different licence categories. The distribution of all licence holders is also shown.

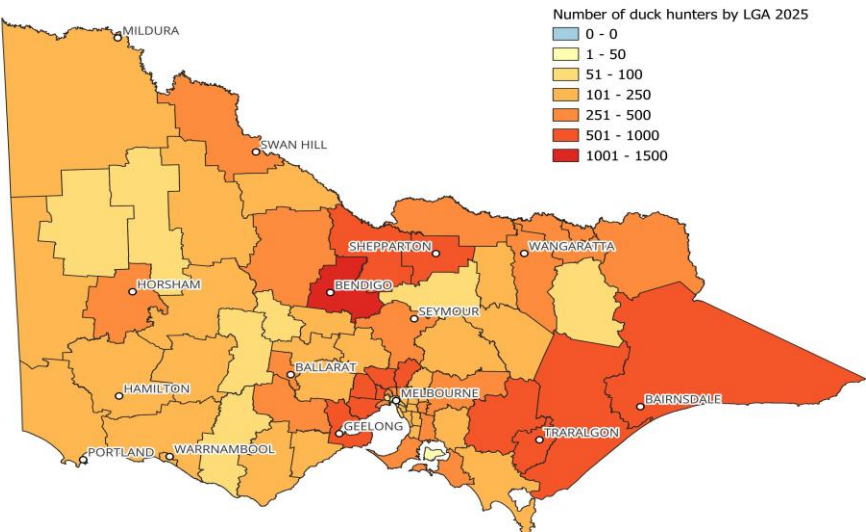
### Deer hunters by Local Government Area (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 8



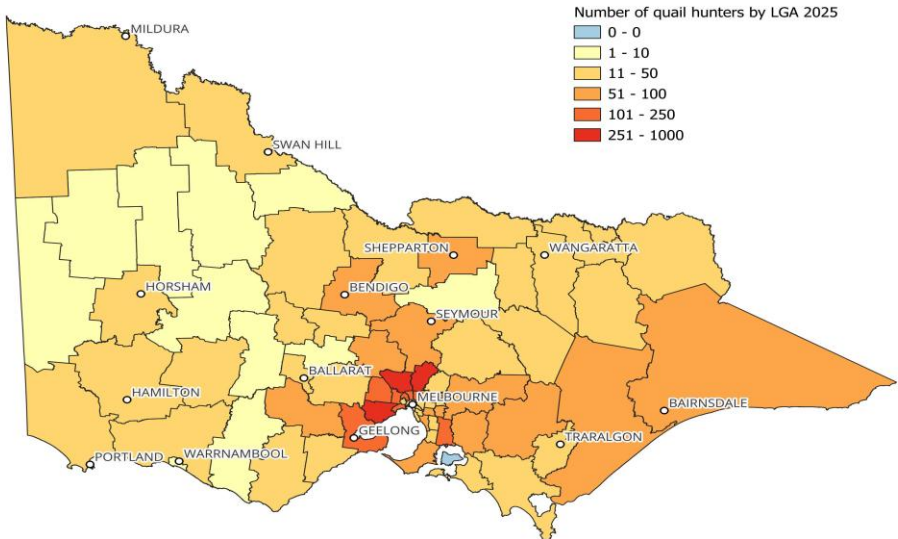
### Duck hunters by Local Government Area (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 9



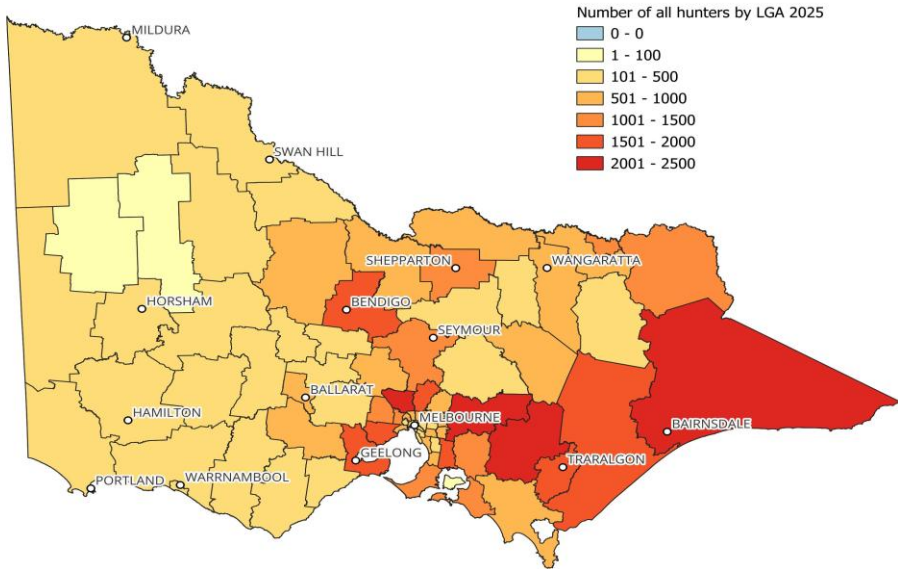
Stubble Quail and other introduced game bird hunters (not including people endorsed for duck hunting) by Local Government Area (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 10



All hunters by Local Government Area (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

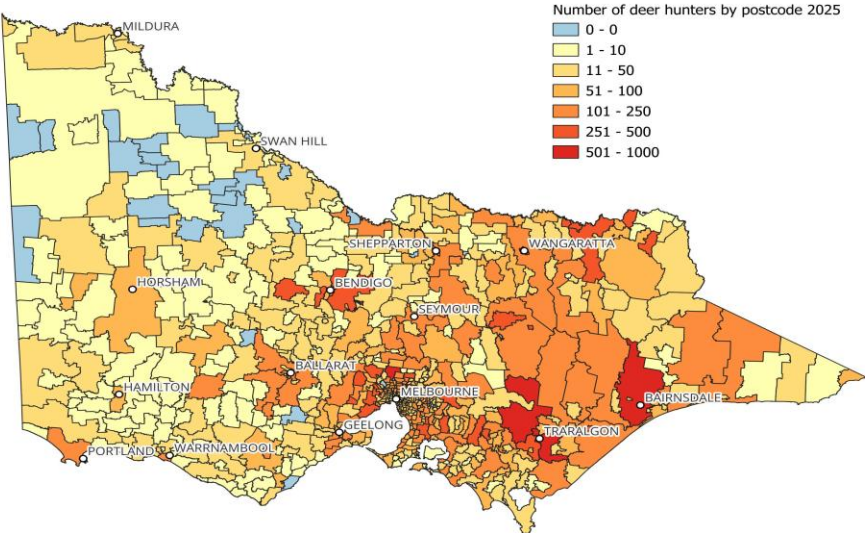
Figure 11



The following diagrams (Figures 12, 13, 14, and 15) show the distribution of Game Licence holders' primary place of residence by postcode for each of the different licence categories. The distribution of all licence holders is also shown.

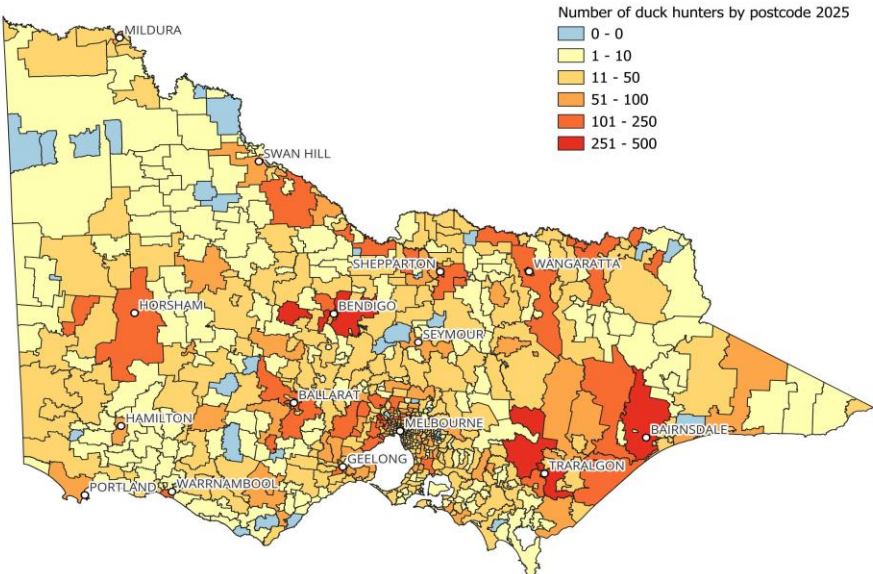
### Deer hunters by postcode (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 12



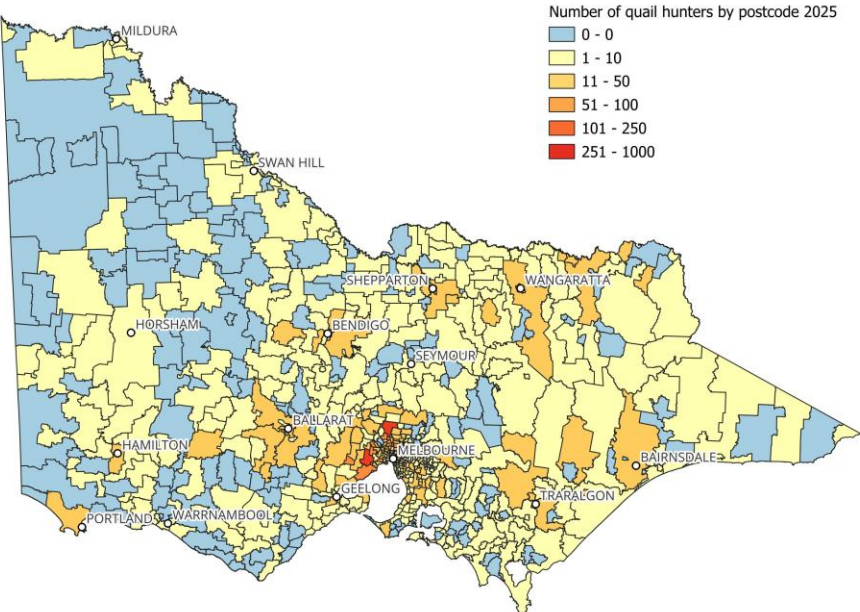
### Duck hunters by postcode (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 13



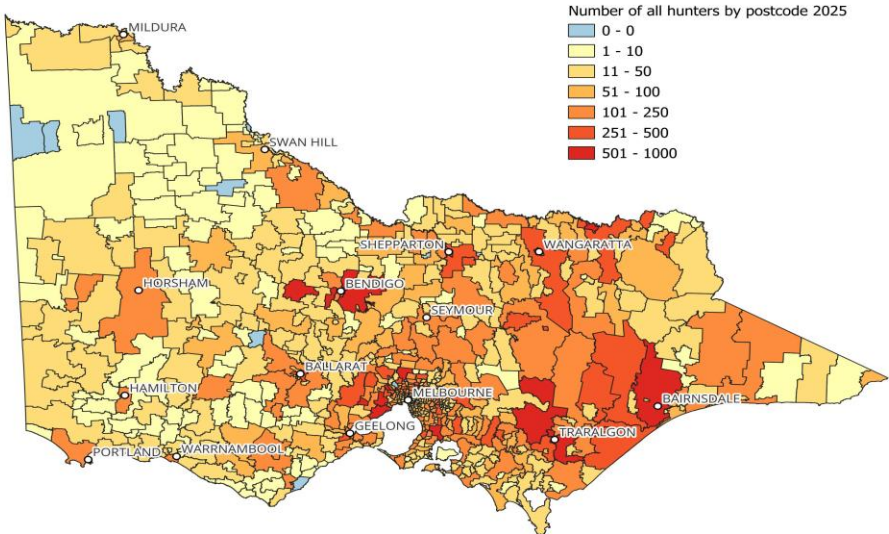
Stubble Quail and other introduced game bird hunters (not including people endorsed for duck hunting) by postcode (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 14



All hunters by postcode (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025

Figure 15



See Table 3 Appendix III for detailed information

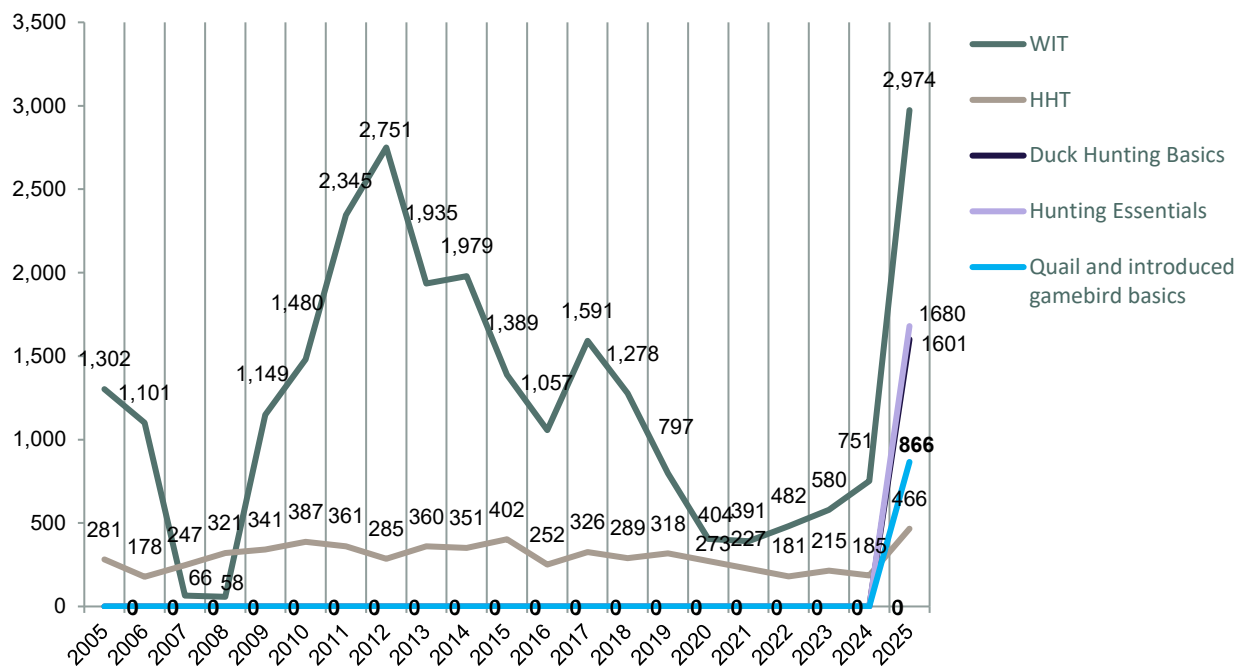
# Licence education and testing

## Waterfowl Identification Tests (WIT) and Hound Hunting Tests (HHT) conducted annually 2005 – 2025

Figure 16 shows the number of Waterfowl Identification Tests (WIT) and Hound Hunting Tests (HHT) conducted between 2005 and 2025. Note, these figures only show the number of tests conducted, not whether the tests were completed successfully or not.

From February 2025, as a condition of licence to hunt gamebirds in Victoria, all **new Victorian gamebird licence applicants** were required complete an online education program. Figure 16 shows the number of education modules completed.

**Figure 16 – WIT and HHT conducted annually 2005 to 2025**



**Notes:**

The duck season was cancelled in 2007 and 2008.

There were restricted duck seasons (either reduced season length, bag limit or species) 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

There were significantly reduced hunting opportunities in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 health orders that restricted people's movement.

Unsupervised online education and testing was introduced in February 2025.

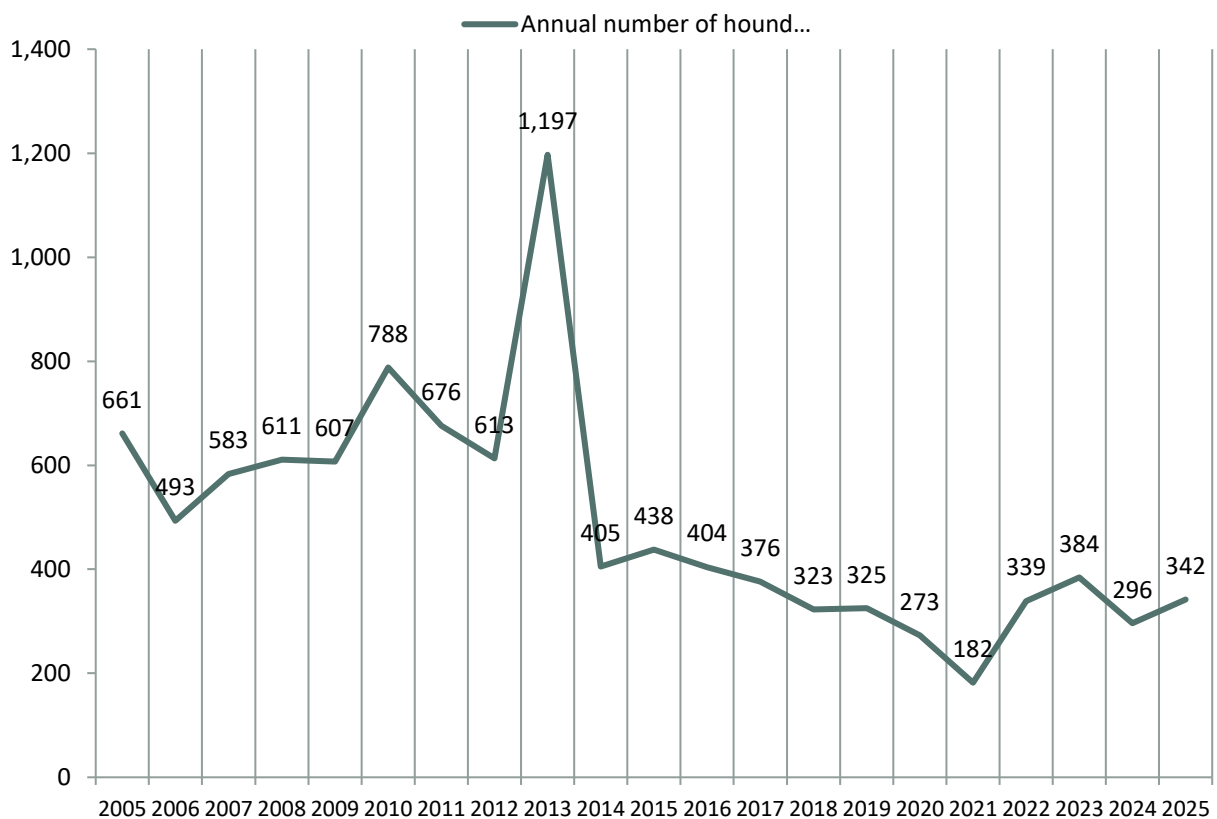
# Hound Registration

At 30 June 2025 there were 3,758 hounds registered in Victoria with the GMA. A hound registered post 2013 is registered for the life of the dog. Previously, hounds were only registered for a maximum of three years.

## Hounds Registered – annual statistics

Figure 17 shows the number of hounds registered annually has slowly declined over time, except for a sharp increase in 2013 after the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012 were amended to allow the use of Harriers. Prior to this, from 2004, only Beagles and Bloodhounds were permitted.

**Figure 17 – Hounds registered – annual statistics**



**Note:**

There were significantly reduced hunting opportunities in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 health orders that restricted people's movement including the ability to register and hunt with hounds.

# Licence Referencing Committee (LRC)

Game Licensing convenes the LRC to consider any matters relating to a Game Licence, Commercial Game Bird Farmer, authorisation or hound registration which may warrant consideration for refusal, suspension or cancellation.

## LRC statistics 2015/2016 to 2024/2025

|   | 2015/20<br>16 | 2016/20<br>17 | 2017/20<br>18 | 2018/20<br>19 | 2019/20<br>20 | 2020/20<br>21 | 2021/20<br>22 | 2022/20<br>23 | 2023/20<br>24 | 2024/20<br>25 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Cases referred</b>   | 8             | 5             | 5             | 6             | 0             | 2             | 18            | 27            | 6             | 27            |
| <b>Matters deferred</b>                                       | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Matters ongoing</b>  | 4             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 4             | 0             |
| <b>No action</b>  | 3             | 0             | 1             | 5             |               | 0             | 16            | 5             | 1             | 3             |
| <b>Licences subsequently issued</b>                           | 1             | 2             | 2*            | 1*            | 0             | 1             | 0             | 3*            | 1             |               |
| <i>* Licence issued with special conditions</i>               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Licences refused</b>                                       | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             |
| <b>Licences suspended</b>                                     | 4             | 3             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 1             | 0             | 22            |
| (Licence(s) immediately suspended and subsequently cancelled) |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Licences cancelled</b>                                     | 4             | 3             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 1             | 0             | 2             |
| (Licence(s) immediately suspended and subsequently cancelled) |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Hound Assessor accreditation revoked</b>                   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1             | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Hound registrations cancelled</b>                          |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 17            | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Hound registrations refused</b>                            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1             | 0             | 0             |

Note:

In 2025, GMA provided the ability for Authorised Officers to issue in-field licence suspension notices.

## Wildlife Act 1975 Authorisations issued 2024/25

The following number of authorisations were issued under Section 28A of the *Wildlife Act 1975* to take etc. game during 2024/25.

| Reason  | No. issued      |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>For the purposes of management, conservation, protection or control of game.</b> | 74 <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>For aboriginal cultural purposes</b>   | 0               |
| <b>For the purposes of research or scientific or other study of game.</b>           | 0               |

<sup>2</sup> Includes hunters drawn in ballots to hunt Hog Deer on Blond Bay State Game Reserve, Boole Poole Peninsula and Snake Island.

## Game Bird Farmer Licences issued 2024/25

The following number of Game Bird Farmer Licences were processed during 2024/25.

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Licence applications | - | 0 |
| Licences refused     | - | 0 |
| Licences issued      | - | 0 |
| Licences renewed     | - | 2 |




## Appendix I – GMA Licensing information










### FACT SHEET

# Which Game Licence do I need?



| What do I want to hunt  | Do I need to pass a test or complete mandatory education?  | Licence type required                   |
|---|--|---|
|  <p>Deer Stalking (Sambar, Red, Fallow, Hog*, Rusa and Chital)<br/>(*Hog Deer tags must also be obtained prior to hunting Hog Deer)</p> | No   | Deer (stalking)                         |
|  <p>Deer stalking and Sambar Deer with hounds</p>  | Yes <sup>1</sup><br>Hound Hunting Test   | Deer (stalking and hounds)              |
|  <p>Duck</p>   | Yes <sup>1</sup><br>Waterfowl ID Test<br>Duck Hunting Basics<br>Hunting Essentials   | Duck                                    |
|  <p>Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge and introduced quail</p>   | Yes <sup>1</sup><br>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br>Hunting Essentials   | Stubble Quail and introduced game birds |
|  <p>Duck, Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge and introduced quail</p>   | Yes <sup>1</sup><br>Waterfowl ID Test<br>Duck Hunting Basics<br>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br>Hunting Essentials | Duck and <a href="#">Quail</a>          |

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
|  <p>Duck and deer stalking</p>  | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Waterfowl ID Test<br/>Duck Hunting Basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p>   | <p>Deer (stalking) and Duck</p>   |
|  <p>Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge, introduced quail and deer stalking</p>                                     | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p>  | <p>Deer (stalking) and Stubble Quail and introduced game birds</p>            |
|  <p>Duck, Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge, introduced quail and deer stalking</p>                               | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Waterfowl ID Test<br/>Duck Hunting Basics<br/>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p>                        | <p>Deer (stalking), Duck and Quail</p>  |
|  <p>Duck, deer stalking and Sambar Deer with hounds</p>   | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Hound Hunting Test<br/>Duck Hunting Basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p>  | <p>Deer (stalking and hounds) and Duck</p>                                    |
|  <p>Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge, introduced quail, deer stalking and Sambar Deer with hounds</p>          | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Hound Hunting Test<br/>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p>   | <p>Deer (stalking and hounds) and Stubble Quail and introduced game birds</p> |
|  <p>Duck, Stubble Quail, pheasants, partridge, introduced quail and deer stalking and Sambar Deer with hounds</p> | <p><b>Yes<sup>1</sup></b><br/>Waterfowl ID Test and Hound Hunting Test<br/>Duck Hunting Basics<br/>Stubble Quail and introduced gamebird basics<br/>Hunting Essentials</p> | <p>Deer (stalking and hounds), Duck and Quail</p>                             |
|  <p>Pheasants, partridge, introduced quail on private game bird farms only</p>                                    | <p><b>No</b></p>   | <p>Private Game Bird Reserve Game Licence<sup>2</sup> (no cost)</p>           |

1. Not required for holders of a Non-resident of Australia Game Licence or Junior Provisional Game Licence

2. Valid for 7 days free of charge (apply on-line at [www.gma.vic.gov.au/Licensing/apply-for-a-game-licence](http://www.gma.vic.gov.au/Licensing/apply-for-a-game-licence))

## No fee for juniors

All Game Licences for juniors (~~12-17 year-olds~~) are free. This reduces the financial burden on parents and encourages supervised training and learning in the field. Despite the fact that licences are free, junior hunters still need to obtain a Game Licence to hunt game in Victoria.

## Non-Resident of Australia Licence

This licence permits non-residents of Australia to hunt duck or Sambar Deer with hounds without sitting the relevant test. However, the licence holder must hunt under the direct supervision of an adult who holds a valid licence for the species being hunted.

## Provisional Game Licence for Juniors

This licence permits juniors to hunt duck or Sambar Deer with hounds without sitting the relevant test. This licence holder must hunt under the direct supervision of an adult who holds a valid licence for the species being hunted. This licence is valid for up to one calendar year only

for each species. Juniors who wish to continue game hunting after the provisional licence has expired must apply for a full Junior Game Licence and successfully pass all relevant tests.

## Tests

**Duck:** Anyone wanting to hunt duck for the first time must sit and pass the Waterfowl Identification Test<sup>1</sup>.

**Sambar Deer with hounds:** Anyone wanting to hunt Sambar Deer with hounds for the first time must sit and pass the Hound Hunting Test<sup>1</sup>.

## Online education

All new and renewing Victorian gamebird licence applicants must complete an online education program.

## Further information

For licence application forms, fees and further information on Hog Deer tags, test dates, test locations and bookings, please visit the GMA website at [www.gma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gma.vic.gov.au)

**These requirements are in addition to the requirements under the Firearms Act 1996. A firearms licence or visitor permit will also be required in order to use a firearm to hunt game.**

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## Appendix II – Current and historic Game Licence statistics

**Table 1 – Game Licence statistics – historic (counts as at 30 June each year)**

| <i>(Counts as at 30 June, each year)</i> | Cancelled Duck Season |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 1995                  | 1996          | 1997          | 1998          | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          |
| <b>with DUCK entitlement</b>             | 17,156                | 23,806        | 23,937        | 23,417        | 23,736        | 22,801        | 22,279        | 21,952        | 17,609        |
| <b>with QUAIL entitlement</b>            | 19,163                | 25,396        | 25,367        | 25,556        | 25,876        | 24,875        | 24,302        | 24,010        | 19,491        |
| <b>with DEER entitlement</b>             | 7,708                 | 7,396         | 7,987         | 9,622         | 10,311        | 10,820        | 10,708        | 11,186        | 11,533        |
| <i>Total Game Licences</i>               | <b>23,206</b>         | <b>29,137</b> | <b>29,401</b> | <b>30,514</b> | <b>31,107</b> | <b>30,488</b> | <b>29,786</b> | <b>29,823</b> | <b>25,900</b> |

| <i>(Counts as at 30 June, each year)</i> | Restricted Duck Season |               | Cancelled Duck Season |               | Restricted Duck Season |               | Restricted Duck Season |               |               |
|--|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2004                   | 2005          | 2006                  | 2007          | 2008                   | 2009          | 2010                   | 2011          | 2012          |
| <b>with DUCK entitlement</b>             | 21,715                 | 22,161        | 22,800                | 18,593        | 19,141                 | 18,348        | 21,967                 | 23,835        | 24,539        |
| <b>with QUAIL entitlement</b>            | 23,751                 | 24,272        | 24,922                | 20,693        | 21,357                 | 20,294        | 24,407                 | 26,481        | 27,294        |
| <b>with DEER entitlement</b>             | 12,798                 | 13,335        | 14,553                | 14,710        | 17,755                 | 16,261        | 20,622                 | 22,580        | 23,062        |
| <i>Total Game Licences</i>               | <b>30,592</b>          | <b>31,394</b> | <b>32,832</b>         | <b>29,329</b> | <b>31,541</b>          | <b>30,074</b> | <b>37,008</b>          | <b>40,217</b> | <b>40,893</b> |

| <i>(Counts as at 30 June, each year)</i> | Restricted Duck Season |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|  | 2013                   | 2014          | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          | 2020          | 2021          |  |
| <b>with DUCK entitlement</b>             | 25,160                 | 26,296        | 25,989        | 25,646        | 26,357        | 25,918        | 25,042        | 23,378        | 24,467        |  |
| <b>with QUAIL entitlement</b>            | 27,913                 | 29,143        | 28,890        | 28,545        | 29,441        | 29,182        | 28,717        | 26,936        | 29,070        |  |
| <b>with DEER entitlement</b>             | 25,039                 | 28,305        | 30,506        | 32,306        | 34,402        | 36,776        | 41,415        | 39,163        | 46,604        |  |
| <i>Total Game Licences</i>               | <b>42,583</b>          | <b>45,728</b> | <b>47,007</b> | <b>48,023</b> | <b>50,157</b> | <b>51,770</b> | <b>52,551</b> | <b>51,917</b> | <b>59,846</b> |  |

## Appendix II – Current and historic Game Licence statistics (cont.)

| <i>(Counts as at 30 June, each year)</i> | Restricted Duck Season | Restricted Duck Season | Restricted Duck Season | Restricted Duck Season |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | <b>2022</b>            | <b>2023</b>            | <b>2024</b>            | <b>2025</b>            |
| <b>with DUCK entitlement</b>             | 23,098                 | 22,043                 | 21,664                 | 20,439                 |
| <b>with QUAIL entitlement</b>            | 27,810                 | 26,648                 | 26,071                 | 20,940                 |
| <b>with DEER entitlement</b>             | 46,013                 | 46,312                 | 47,452                 | 46,743                 |
| <i>Total Game Licences</i>               | <b>58,332</b>          | <b>57,897</b>          | <b>58,611</b>          | <b>56,965</b>          |

**Notes:**

Game Licence holders can be endorsed for multiple game species, as a result, total number of Game Licence holders will be less than the sum of all Game Licence entitlements.

## Appendix III – Game Licence distribution by post code (Victoria only)

**Table 2 – All hunters by post code (Victoria only) as at 30 June 2025**

| Postcode | Count |
|----------|-------|
| 3000     | 20    |
| 3002     | 8     |
| 3003     | 8     |
| 3004     | 12    |
| 3006     | 18    |
| 3008     | 18    |
| 3011     | 21    |
| 3012     | 72    |
| 3013     | 58    |
| 3015     | 75    |
| 3016     | 53    |
| 3018     | 111   |
| 3019     | 11    |
| 3020     | 209   |
| 3021     | 308   |
| 3022     | 10    |
| 3023     | 429   |
| 3024     | 127   |
| 3025     | 138   |
| 3026     | 43    |
| 3027     | 19    |
| 3028     | 227   |
| 3029     | 523   |
| 3030     | 552   |
| 3031     | 20    |
| 3032     | 92    |
| 3033     | 136   |
| 3034     | 99    |
| 3036     | 59    |
| 3037     | 561   |
| 3038     | 317   |
| 3039     | 54    |
| 3040     | 149   |
| 3041     | 90    |
| 3042     | 114   |
| 3043     | 121   |
| 3044     | 153   |
| 3046     | 267   |
| 3047     | 138   |
| 3048     | 156   |
| 3049     | 88    |
| 3051     | 9     |
| 3052     | 4     |
| 3053     | 9     |
| 3054     | 5     |
| 3055     | 37    |
| 3056     | 57    |
| 3057     | 29    |
| 3058     | 208   |
| 3059     | 310   |
| 3060     | 120   |
| 3061     | 80    |
| 3063     | 19    |
| 3064     | 814   |
| 3065     | 8     |
| 3066     | 3     |
| 3067     | 11    |
| 3068     | 35    |
| 3070     | 60    |
| 3071     | 72    |
| 3072     | 113   |
| 3073     | 364   |
| 3074     | 171   |
| 3075     | 160   |
| 3076     | 249   |
| 3078     | 36    |
| 3079     | 61    |
| 3081     | 52    |
| 3082     | 252   |
| 3083     | 193   |
| 3084     | 106   |
| 3085     | 66    |
| 3087     | 48    |
| 3088     | 147   |
| 3089     | 110   |
| 3090     | 35    |
| 3091     | 39    |
| 3093     | 24    |
| 3094     | 42    |
| 3095     | 189   |
| 3096     | 18    |
| 3097     | 24    |
| 3099     | 49    |
| 3101     | 43    |
| 3102     | 15    |
| 3103     | 38    |
| 3104     | 65    |
| 3105     | 68    |
| 3106     | 84    |
| 3107     | 70    |
| 3108     | 65    |
| 3109     | 76    |
| 3111     | 53    |
| 3113     | 62    |
| 3114     | 27    |
| 3115     | 50    |
| 3116     | 86    |
| 3121     | 43    |
| 3122     | 27    |
| 3123     | 24    |
| 3124     | 47    |
| 3125     | 37    |
| 3126     | 9     |
| 3127     | 32    |
| 3128     | 32    |
| 3129     | 35    |
| 3130     | 105   |
| 3131     | 46    |
| 3132     | 60    |
| 3133     | 64    |
| 3134     | 149   |
| 3135     | 79    |
| 3136     | 262   |
| 3137     | 144   |
| 3138     | 228   |
| 3139     | 350   |
| 3140     | 182   |
| 3141     | 19    |
| 3142     | 31    |
| 3143     | 19    |
| 3144     | 24    |
| 3145     | 46    |
| 3146     | 78    |
| 3147     | 46    |
| 3148     | 22    |
| 3149     | 94    |
| 3150     | 162   |
| 3151     | 38    |
| 3152     | 112   |
| 3153     | 108   |
| 3154     | 52    |
| 3155     | 127   |
| 3156     | 279   |
| 3158     | 42    |
| 3159     | 25    |
| 3160     | 82    |
| 3161     | 25    |
| 3162     | 21    |
| 3163     | 49    |
| 3165     | 117   |
| 3166     | 108   |
| 3167     | 46    |
| 3168     | 28    |
| 3169     | 77    |
| 3170     | 67    |
| 3171     | 45    |
| 3172     | 59    |
| 3173     | 63    |
| 3174     | 88    |
| 3175     | 211   |
| 3177     | 42    |
| 3178     | 163   |
| 3179     | 20    |
| 3180     | 37    |
| 3181     | 36    |
| 3182     | 17    |
| 3183     | 15    |
| 3184     | 18    |
| 3185     | 18    |
| 3186     | 64    |
| 3187     | 29    |
| 3188     | 43    |
| 3189     | 25    |
| 3190     | 44    |
| 3191     | 26    |
| 3192     | 64    |
| 3193     | 73    |
| 3194     | 41    |
| 3195     | 127   |
| 3196     | 93    |

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|------|-----|
| 3197 | 83  |
| 3198 | 111 |
| 3199 | 273 |
| 3200 | 39  |
| 3201 | 126 |
| 3202 | 13  |
| 3204 | 67  |
| 3205 | 13  |
| 3206 | 25  |
| 3207 | 36  |
| 3211 | 36  |
| 3212 | 194 |
| 3213 | 100 |
| 3214 | 124 |
| 3215 | 148 |
| 3216 | 326 |
| 3217 | 126 |
| 3218 | 60  |
| 3219 | 150 |
| 3220 | 76  |
| 3221 | 20  |
| 3222 | 137 |
| 3223 | 94  |
| 3224 | 161 |
| 3225 | 31  |
| 3226 | 74  |
| 3227 | 42  |
| 3228 | 130 |
| 3230 | 8   |
| 3231 | 9   |
| 3232 | 6   |
| 3233 | 24  |
| 3235 | 7   |
| 3236 | 5   |
| 3237 | 1   |
| 3238 | 7   |
| 3239 | 9   |
| 3240 | 44  |
| 3241 | 54  |
| 3242 | 19  |
| 3243 | 8   |
| 3249 | 109 |
| 3250 | 167 |
| 3251 | 11  |
| 3254 | 13  |
| 3260 | 59  |
| 3264 | 21  |

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| 3265 | 27  |
| 3266 | 53  |
| 3267 | 4   |
| 3268 | 25  |
| 3269 | 5   |
| 3270 | 4   |
| 3271 | 5   |
| 3272 | 31  |
| 3273 | 6   |
| 3274 | 2   |
| 3275 | 6   |
| 3276 | 5   |
| 3277 | 15  |
| 3278 | 3   |
| 3279 | 6   |
| 3280 | 188 |
| 3281 | 26  |
| 3282 | 25  |
| 3283 | 23  |
| 3284 | 31  |
| 3285 | 16  |
| 3286 | 7   |
| 3287 | 7   |
| 3289 | 13  |
| 3292 | 4   |
| 3293 | 15  |
| 3294 | 10  |
| 3300 | 101 |
| 3301 | 10  |
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| 3304 | 41  |
| 3305 | 177 |
| 3309 | 1   |
| 3310 | 4   |
| 3311 | 20  |
| 3312 | 21  |
| 3314 | 8   |
| 3315 | 24  |
| 3317 | 2   |
| 3318 | 25  |
| 3319 | 11  |
| 3321 | 37  |
| 3322 | 1   |
| 3323 | 7   |
| 3324 | 7   |
| 3325 | 6   |

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| 3328 | 49  |
| 3329 | 2   |
| 3330 | 4   |
| 3331 | 118 |
| 3332 | 32  |
| 3333 | 18  |
| 3334 | 9   |
| 3335 | 66  |
| 3336 | 105 |
| 3337 | 349 |
| 3338 | 226 |
| 3340 | 273 |
| 3341 | 36  |
| 3342 | 49  |
| 3345 | 12  |
| 3350 | 278 |
| 3351 | 157 |
| 3352 | 231 |
| 3355 | 60  |
| 3356 | 82  |
| 3357 | 37  |
| 3358 | 25  |
| 3360 | 7   |
| 3361 | 9   |
| 3363 | 36  |
| 3364 | 18  |
| 3370 | 31  |
| 3371 | 12  |
| 3373 | 40  |
| 3374 | 3   |
| 3375 | 2   |
| 3377 | 87  |
| 3378 | 4   |
| 3379 | 17  |
| 3380 | 87  |
| 3381 | 18  |
| 3384 | 12  |
| 3385 | 12  |
| 3387 | 7   |
| 3388 | 7   |
| 3390 | 11  |
| 3391 | 2   |
| 3392 | 7   |
| 3393 | 31  |
| 3395 | 1   |
| 3396 | 10  |
| 3400 | 222 |

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|------|-----|
| 3401 | 169 |
| 3407 | 13  |
| 3409 | 28  |
| 3412 | 12  |
| 3413 | 7   |
| 3414 | 49  |
| 3415 | 1   |
| 3418 | 40  |
| 3419 | 11  |
| 3420 | 1   |
| 3423 | 7   |
| 3424 | 22  |
| 3427 | 68  |
| 3428 | 21  |
| 3429 | 333 |
| 3430 | 20  |
| 3431 | 61  |
| 3432 | 3   |
| 3433 | 4   |
| 3434 | 113 |
| 3435 | 61  |
| 3437 | 162 |
| 3438 | 28  |
| 3440 | 15  |
| 3441 | 14  |
| 3442 | 83  |
| 3444 | 90  |
| 3446 | 15  |
| 3447 | 5   |
| 3448 | 8   |
| 3450 | 22  |
| 3451 | 64  |
| 3453 | 16  |
| 3458 | 19  |
| 3460 | 14  |
| 3461 | 50  |
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| 3463 | 35  |
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| 3469 | 4   |
| 3472 | 25  |
| 3475 | 3   |
| 3477 | 16  |
| 3478 | 36  |
| 3480 | 60  |

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| 3483 | 9   |
| 3485 | 2   |
| 3487 | 3   |
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| 3489 | 1   |
| 3490 | 5   |
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| 3500 | 82  |
| 3501 | 22  |
| 3502 | 1   |
| 3505 | 33  |
| 3509 | 3   |
| 3515 | 37  |
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| 3518 | 33  |
| 3520 | 3   |
| 3521 | 19  |
| 3522 | 8   |
| 3523 | 51  |
| 3525 | 13  |
| 3527 | 6   |
| 3529 | 1   |
| 3531 | 1   |
| 3533 | 8   |
| 3537 | 20  |
| 3540 | 3   |
| 3542 | 2   |
| 3544 | 3   |
| 3546 | 1   |
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| 3551 | 517 |
| 3555 | 155 |
| 3556 | 171 |
| 3557 | 20  |
| 3558 | 21  |
| 3559 | 9   |
| 3561 | 66  |
| 3562 | 3   |
| 3563 | 16  |
| 3564 | 227 |
| 3565 | 1   |

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| 3566 | 21  |
| 3567 | 7   |
| 3568 | 86  |
| 3570 | 16  |
| 3571 | 3   |
| 3572 | 1   |
| 3573 | 2   |
| 3575 | 3   |
| 3576 | 3   |
| 3579 | 135 |
| 3580 | 21  |
| 3581 | 5   |
| 3583 | 4   |
| 3584 | 18  |
| 3585 | 79  |
| 3586 | 11  |
| 3588 | 5   |
| 3589 | 7   |
| 3590 | 5   |
| 3591 | 1   |
| 3595 | 4   |
| 3596 | 1   |
| 3597 | 1   |
| 3599 | 4   |
| 3607 | 5   |
| 3608 | 70  |
| 3610 | 35  |
| 3612 | 71  |
| 3614 | 28  |
| 3616 | 99  |
| 3618 | 11  |
| 3620 | 159 |
| 3621 | 32  |
| 3622 | 11  |
| 3623 | 21  |
| 3624 | 12  |
| 3629 | 137 |
| 3630 | 316 |
| 3631 | 311 |
| 3633 | 16  |
| 3634 | 47  |
| 3635 | 11  |
| 3636 | 82  |
| 3637 | 20  |
| 3638 | 44  |
| 3639 | 10  |
| 3640 | 37  |

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| 3641 | 36  |
| 3644 | 114 |
| 3646 | 13  |
| 3649 | 5   |
| 3658 | 169 |
| 3659 | 23  |
| 3660 | 215 |
| 3662 | 28  |
| 3663 | 11  |
| 3664 | 29  |
| 3665 | 8   |
| 3666 | 119 |
| 3669 | 31  |
| 3670 | 25  |
| 3672 | 209 |
| 3673 | 79  |
| 3675 | 82  |
| 3677 | 364 |
| 3678 | 285 |
| 3682 | 31  |
| 3683 | 53  |
| 3685 | 78  |
| 3687 | 23  |
| 3688 | 53  |
| 3690 | 518 |
| 3691 | 391 |
| 3695 | 30  |
| 3697 | 18  |
| 3698 | 32  |
| 3699 | 27  |
| 3700 | 61  |
| 3701 | 60  |
| 3704 | 1   |
| 3705 | 15  |
| 3707 | 46  |
| 3708 | 3   |
| 3709 | 4   |
| 3711 | 26  |
| 3712 | 11  |
| 3713 | 46  |
| 3714 | 164 |
| 3715 | 24  |
| 3717 | 103 |
| 3718 | 3   |
| 3719 | 23  |
| 3720 | 32  |
| 3722 | 300 |

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| 3723 | 214 |
| 3724 | 1   |
| 3725 | 22  |
| 3726 | 11  |
| 3727 | 15  |
| 3728 | 26  |
| 3730 | 178 |
| 3732 | 16  |
| 3733 | 11  |
| 3735 | 42  |
| 3737 | 174 |
| 3738 | 1   |
| 3739 | 13  |
| 3740 | 47  |
| 3741 | 54  |
| 3744 | 19  |
| 3746 | 19  |
| 3747 | 121 |
| 3749 | 34  |
| 3750 | 152 |
| 3751 | 2   |
| 3752 | 227 |
| 3753 | 83  |
| 3754 | 302 |
| 3755 | 3   |
| 3756 | 248 |
| 3757 | 230 |
| 3758 | 87  |
| 3759 | 21  |
| 3760 | 6   |
| 3761 | 31  |
| 3762 | 2   |
| 3763 | 52  |
| 3764 | 157 |
| 3765 | 69  |
| 3766 | 12  |
| 3767 | 11  |
| 3770 | 78  |
| 3775 | 93  |
| 3777 | 224 |
| 3778 | 15  |
| 3779 | 9   |
| 3781 | 87  |
| 3782 | 116 |
| 3783 | 53  |
| 3786 | 6   |
| 3787 | 8   |

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|-------|-----|
| 3788  | 11  |
| 3789  | 1   |
| 37893 | 1   |
| 3791  | 16  |
| 3792  | 6   |
| 3793  | 48  |
| 3795  | 28  |
| 3796  | 141 |
| 3797  | 100 |
| 3799  | 176 |
| 3802  | 129 |
| 3803  | 41  |
| 3804  | 101 |
| 3805  | 297 |
| 3806  | 249 |
| 3807  | 58  |
| 3808  | 60  |
| 3809  | 90  |
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