



Deer License Application Summary – 2017

East River
West River
Black Hills
Muzzleloader

In 2017, 52,130 deer hunters applied for one or more of the East River, West River, Black Hills and Muzzleloader Deer seasons.

Of these 52,130 deer hunters:

- 35,706 deer hunters applied for 1 deer license in the first drawing for these 4 deer seasons
 - 15,135 (42%) deer hunters did not draw their preferred license in the first drawing
- 16,424 deer hunters applied for more than 1 deer license in the first drawing for these 4 deer seasons.
 - 4,695 (29%) hunters did not draw their preferred license
 - 8,146 hunters drew 1 license
 - 3,583 hunters drew 2 or more licenses
 - 3,318 hunters drew 2 licenses
 - 256 hunters drew 3 licenses
 - 9 hunters drew all 4 licenses
- 7,440 deer hunting licenses were issued to the 3,583 deer hunters that received 2 or more deer licenses:
 - 97 of the license type acquired were still available in the 3rd drawing indicating these were “low-demand” licenses
- If one license for each successful multiple seasons applicant and these 97 licenses are subtracted from 7,440, that leaves:
 - 3,768 deer licenses that were issued to deer hunters as 2nd, 3rd, or 4th licenses in 2017

Therefore, if the license drawing system adopted by the commission would have been in place in 2017, it is likely that most all of these 3,768 licenses would have been issued to one of the 19,830 deer hunters that did not draw a license in the first drawing for any of the 4 deer seasons.