

HUNTING STATISTICS



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Wellington, Colorado - While all hunting accidents are tragic, especially when non-hunting bystanders are involved, the recent ABC News report about a young woman in Pennsylvania being struck by a bullet is an extremely rare type of accident. In 2002, the most recent year for which hunting accident statistics are compiled, there were approximately 20 million hunters afield. They logged 850 total accidents, 15 involving non-hunting bystanders. "Any hunting injury is one too many. Our hearts go out to Ms. Burns and we wish her a speedy recovery. Our 70,000 volunteer hunter education instructors are working hard to train all hunters to be safe and responsible citizens. Incidents like this strengthen our resolve," said Eric Nuse, Executive Vice President of the International Hunter Education Association.

More facts about 2002 hunting incidents with injury:

- . 20,000,000 total hunters
- . 850 total accidents (all types)
 - . 761 non-fatal accidents
 - . 89 fatal accidents
- . 514 two-party accidents
- . 333 self-inflicted accidents (3 unknown)

Hunting accidents have declined by more than 30 percent over a 10-year period.

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IHEA Mission:

To continue the heritage of hunting worldwide by developing safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunters.

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A report regarding youth incidents and adult statistics for 2002 has just been posted on the IHEA website at [http://www.ihea.com/docs/Incident Reports1](http://www.ihea.com/docs/Incident_Reports1). It is listed as 2002 Incident Data and is in PDF format for easy access to all; we hope that you will find this report helpful.