

2006 Participation State-by-State Index

"Sports Participation in 2006: State-by-State" projects sports participation on a state-by-state basis for 33 sports. It provides data on total participation, frequency of participation and total participation days.

This data is used to create the NSGA State-by-State Index.

On the Index, the national average for each sport equals 100. The Index is created by dividing a state's percentage of participants in a particular activity by its percentage of the U.S. population. For example, Florida has 13.2% of the total participants in Salt Water Fishing and 5.4% of the U.S. population. This yields an index of 243, indicating Floridians are more than twice as likely (2.43 times, to be exact) to participate in Salt Water Fishing as the national average.

"Sports Participation in 2006: State-by-State" is based on a sampling of 20,000 U.S. households. Only those sports which project at least six million participants nationally are included in the study.

AL

360 Fishing, Salt Water
304 Softball
264 Water Skiing
256 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
224 Fishing, Fresh Water

AZ

229 Paintball Games
184 Water Skiing
170 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
159 Hiking
131 Mtn Biking - Off Road

AR

600 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
237 Hunting with Firearms
212 Target Shooting
185 Scooter Riding
177 Fishing, Fresh Water

CA

145 Snowboarding
143 Running/Jogging
141 Skateboarding
140 Scooter Riding
124 Tennis

CO

834 Skiing - Alpine
363 Snowboarding
353 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
215 Target Shooting
210 Mtn Biking - Off Road

CT

271 Work-out at Club
236 Volleyball
235 Boating - Motor/Power
199 Golf
175 Snowboarding

DE

235 Snowboarding
227 Work-out at Club
207 Hunting with Firearms
204 Running/Jogging
180 Fishing, Salt Water

FL

376 Fishing, Salt Water
198 Canoeing
135 Swimming
132 Running/Jogging
125 Weightlifting

GA

256 Water Skiing
162 Fishing, Salt Water
143 Tennis
136 Football, Tackle
134 Hunting with Firearms

ID

918 Snowboarding
454 Water Skiing
363 Paintball Games
332 Target Shooting
311 Skateboarding

IL

169 Volleyball
146 Canoeing
145 Baseball
140 Bicycle Riding
137 Golf

IN

144 Basketball
143 Golf
143 Skiing - Alpine
116 Paintball Games
112 Skateboarding

IA

276 Water Skiing
274 Snowboarding
218 Fishing, Fresh Water
190 Skateboarding
177 Hunting with Bow & Arrow

KS

236 Baseball
221 Volleyball
191 Target Shooting
167 Billiards/Pool
160 Tennis

KY

247 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
183 Hunting with Firearms
163 Target Shooting
159 Tennis
156 Football, Tackle

LA

294 Fishing, Salt Water
190 Canoeing
186 Boating - Motor/Power
175 Fishing, Fresh Water
164 Hunting with Firearms

ME

577 Canoeing
347 Snowboarding
265 Paintball Games
239 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
220 Mtn Biking - Off Road

MD

166 Skiing - Alpine
162 Fishing, Salt Water
151 Work-out at Club
128 Football, Tackle
115 Volleyball

MA

316 Canoeing
269 Mtn Biking - Off Road
236 In-line Roller Skating
193 Paintball Games
176 Skiing - Alpine

MI

258 In-line Roller Skating
235 Water Skiing
223 Softball
202 Snowboarding
190 Hunting with Bow & Arrow

MN

368 Skiing - Alpine
236 Boating - Motor/Power
222 Hunting with Firearms
210 Snowboarding
206 In-line Roller Skating

MS

368 Target Shooting
351 Softball
349 Hunting with Firearms
329 Canoeing
244 Football, Tackle

MO

212 Billiards/Pool
195 Softball
190 Water Skiing
177 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
169 Hunting with Firearms

MT

997 Skiing - Alpine
588 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
536 Target Shooting
373 Hiking
297 Camping (Vacation/Overnight)

NE

548 Water Skiing
410 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
378 Target Shooting
300 Paintball Games
268 Skiing - Alpine

NV

322 Water Skiing
320 Snowboarding
318 Paintball Games
280 Scooter Riding
244 Boating - Motor/Power

NH

601 Scooter Riding
322 Hunting with Firearms
290 Canoeing
229 Hiking
219 Soccer

NJ

163 Skiing - Alpine
135 Baseball
134 Scooter Riding
131 Hiking
129 Aerobic Exercising

NM

353 Volleyball
320 Tennis
309 Soccer
272 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
258 Snowboarding

NY

155 Mtn Biking - Off Road
149 Canoeing
144 Soccer
143 Snowboarding
134 Paintball Games

NC

134 Fishing, Salt Water
129 Skateboarding
127 Paintball Games
126 Basketball
125 Soccer

ND

246 Mtn Biking - Off Road
224 Softball
202 Paintball Games
195 Bicycle Riding
162 Hunting with Firearms

OH

126 Golf
119 Billiards/Pool
108 Work-out at Club
105 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
104 Fishing, Fresh Water

OK

338 Tennis
234 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
157 Baseball
156 Hunting with Firearms
149 Aerobic Exercising

OR

448 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
253 Camping (Vacation/Overnight)
252 Hunting with Firearms
252 In-line Roller Skating
221 Skateboarding

PA

147 Hunting with Firearms
121 Bowling
116 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
112 Golf
110 Football, Tackle

RI

376 Scooter Riding
285 Skateboarding
260 Snowboarding
259 Skiing - Alpine
253 Mtn Biking - Off Road

SC

226 Tennis
166 Water Skiing
151 Fishing, Fresh Water
138 Basketball
136 Golf

SD

679 Snowboarding
582 Skiing - Alpine
477 Mtn Biking - Off Road
345 Scooter Riding
269 Hunting with Firearms

TN

183 Fishing, Fresh Water
142 Hunting with Firearms
138 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
137 Canoeing
101 Boating - Motor/Power

TX

142 In-line Roller Skating
125 Football, Tackle
113 Soccer
112 Fishing, Salt Water
109 Weightlifting

UT

388 Target Shooting
382 Soccer
329 Scooter Riding
316 Skiing - Alpine
303 Snowboarding

VT

576 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
262 Golf
261 Hiking
257 Skiing - Alpine
251 Scooter Riding

VA

184 Skiing - Alpine
152 Tennis
134 Canoeing
133 Mtn Biking - Off Road
118 Aerobic Exercising

WA

205 Snowboarding
180 Soccer
178 Camping (Vacation/Overnight)
152 Mtn Biking - Off Road
143 Work-out at Club

WV

227 Hunting with Firearms
177 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
154 Softball
148 Canoeing
143 Target Shooting

WI

306 Hunting with Bow & Arrow
231 Hunting with Firearms
218 Volleyball
185 Fishing, Fresh Water
174 Baseball

WY

722 Snowboarding
674 Target Shooting
337 Backpack/Wilderness Camp
242 Football, Tackle
176 Exercising with Eq