

Indicators of nature-based outdoor recreation participation changes over the last 10 years for U.S. and MN

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Per-capita change in number of participants or visitation, 1996 to 2006</u>	<u>Change in number of participants or visitation, 1996 to 2006</u>
<b><u>U.S.</u></b>		
Fishing participation (age 16+)*	-25%	-15%
Hunting participation (age 16+)*	-21%	-10%
National park visitation**	-19%	-10%
Away from home wildlife-watching participation (age 16+; "away from home" is over one mile from home)*	-15%	-3%
Total wildlife-watching participation (age 16+; includes "away from home" and "around the home")*	-1%	13%
BWCAW use (May-September overnight groups)*****	-27%	-19%
<b><u>MN</u></b>		
Resident anglers licensed in MN (age 16+)***	-16%	-6%
Resident hunters licensed in MN (age 16+)***	-9%	3%
MN State Park visitation, all parks***	-10%	-1%
MN State Park visitation, same parks over period***	-12%	-3%
Away from home wildlife-watching participation (age 16+; "away from home" is over one mile from home)*	<i>(data do not appear reliable for MN, perhaps due to sample size; the MN trends for fishing and hunting from this source do not compare well with the more reliable trends from license certifications, which are the basis of the trends shown in this table for MN anglers and hunters)</i>	
Total wildlife-watching participation (age 16+; includes "away from home" and "around the home")*		
MN use of BWCAW (May-September overnight groups)*****	-27%	-20%
Recreational boating use*****	-15%	(stable to declining)

\* Source: USFWS and U.S. Census Bureau. National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

\*\* Source: National Park Service visitation records ([www2.nature.nps.gov/stats/](http://www2.nature.nps.gov/stats/))

\*\*\* Source: MN DNR data on certified licensed hunters and anglers, and park visitation from Division of Parks and Recreation

\*\*\*\* Source: Data compiled from USFS records of May-September quota group permits.

\*\*\*\*\*Source: MN DNR, based on a series of regional boating studies in various parts of Minnesota.