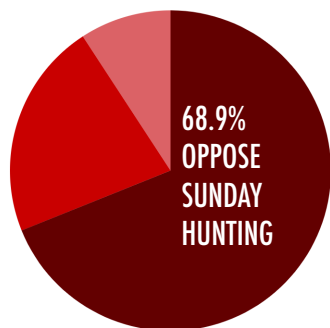
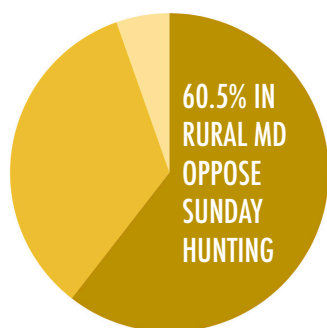


# Why do we oppose Sunday hunting?

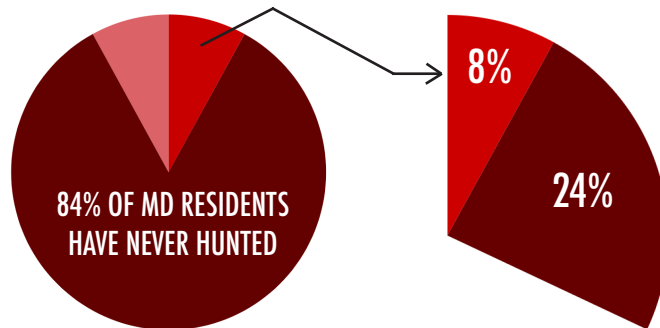
## Most Marylanders DON'T HUNT



A statewide poll in 2018 showed that **68.9%** of all Marylanders **oppose Sunday hunting**, while **only 21.9%** favor it.



Even in rural Maryland, **60.5% of residents oppose** Sunday hunting versus **only 34.1%** who **support** it.



A DNR survey found that: **Only 8%** of the general population has hunted in the last two years. **84%** of the general population has **never hunted**.

By comparison, **24%** of Marylanders **report making frequent or occasional trips to experience wildlife for** photography or other **non-hunting purposes**.

See Deer Hunting Poll; Gonzales Research and Media Services (2018); DNR, Deer Public Opinion Survey (2018); DNR, 2020-2034 Maryland White-Tailed Deer Management Plan (2020).

## Don't We Have Too Many Deer?



**Q: Isn't the deer population out of control in Maryland?**

**A: No.** The deer population is stable or dropping, and it does not exceed the biological carrying capacity of our natural resources.

**Q: Don't we need Sunday hunting to control the deer population?**

**A: No.** DNR uses bag limits to manage the deer population. Adding Sundays will not change the bag limits - it will just spread the kill over seven days instead of six.

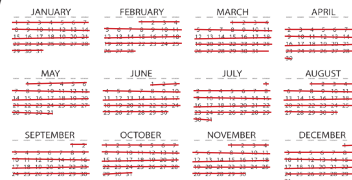
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## What About the Farmers?



**Q: What about farmers? Don't deer cost them thousands of dollars in lost crops?**

**A: No.** Sunday hunting restrictions do not apply to farmers. The state's Deer Management Permit (DMP) program allows crop farmers to hunt deer 365 days a year.



## What About Marylanders Who Work All Week?



**Q: Why aren't you more sympathetic to the "working man" who works all week and only has the weekend to hunt?**

**A:** We are sympathetic to all working Marylanders who have only the weekends to enjoy our natural resources. It is fair to share our natural resources so that a tiny minority does not monopolize both days of the weekend.

**Q: Don't you care about the children of hunters, who can't hunt with their parents because they have school activities all week and on Saturdays?**

**A:** We care about ensuring that the children of all Maryland residents have at least one day of the weekend when they can enjoy our natural resources with their parents. Preserving one weekend day for the children of hunters and one weekend day for the children of all other residents is fair and reasonable.