

This is the fifth statewide recreational fishing survey in Tasmania since 2000/01. The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies conducted a survey to understand recreational fishing participation and catch, especially for scalefish and cephalopods.

Over **2,000** Tasmanian households were contacted in late 2022 to see if they fished recreationally.

Of those, **464** households (representing almost **1,300** people) then provided detailed information about their fishing activities over the following 12-months.

The survey findings allow us to better understand recreational fisheries and the information is used in stock assessments to help sustainably manage Tasmania's fisheries.

This is a snapshot of the 2022 – 23 survey results.




Who's fishing in Tasmania, how often do they go, how and where do they fish, and what's the catch?

In addition to these general fishing surveys, specialised surveys are conducted for rock lobster and abalone. More information can be found on these surveys and the catch of these species at www.utas.edu.au/imas/research/fisheries-and-aquaculture/reports-and-resources.

Catches of key recreational scalefish and cephalopods

Numbers of key fish and cephalopod species caught, kept and released for 2022-23

Species	Weight	Caught	Kept	Released
Sand Flathead 	128 t	1,024,466	381,261	63%
Australian Salmon 	41 t	183,519	92,174	50%
Trout 		171,458	73,081	57%
Other flathead 		58,808	33,482	43%
King George Whiting 	13 t	52,061	25,875	50%
Shark species 		46,958	9,945	79%
Southern Calamari 	29 t	39,146	37,849	3%
Wrasse 	6 t	35,059	5,130	85%
Barracouta 	7 t	31,783	18,732	41%
Gould's squid 	15 t	31,547	29,370	7%
Black Bream 		28,811	8,188	72%
Tuna species 		28,323	12,313	57%
Leatherjacket 	2 t	20,144	3,573	82%
Striped Trumpeter 	39 t	10,122	7,228	29%

Angling for information

2022/23 SURVEY

OF RECREATIONAL FISHING

IN TASMANIA

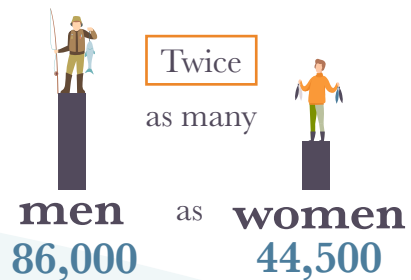


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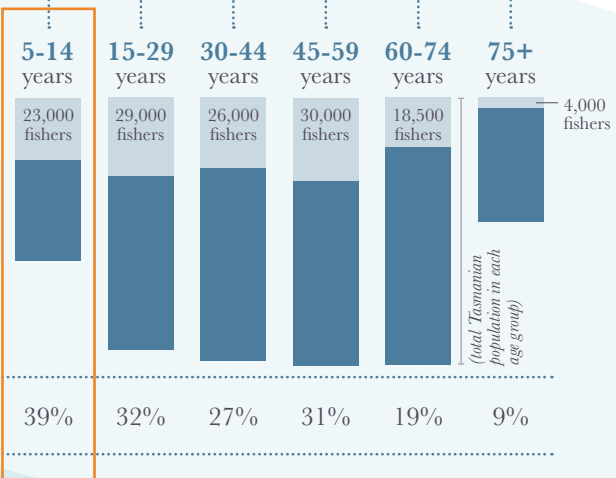
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The fishers



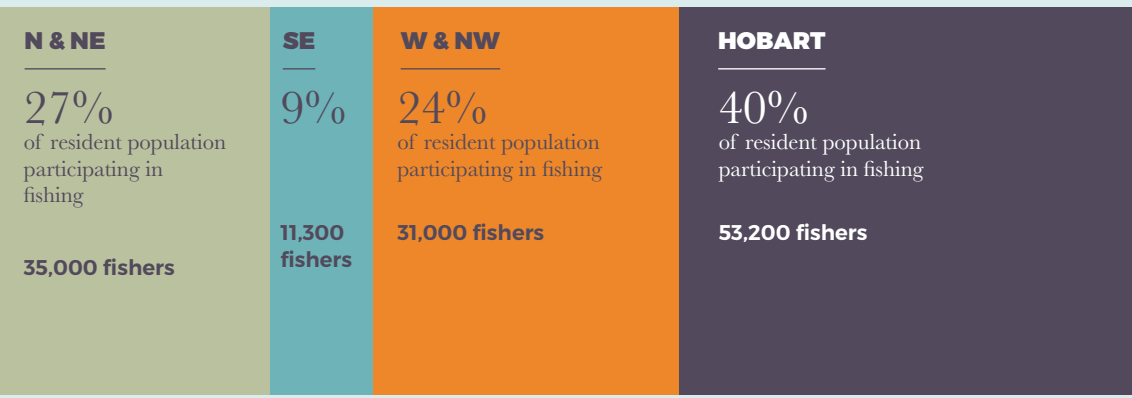
men 86,000 as **women** 44,500



Fishing was **most popular among younger people**, with over one in three participating in the 5-14 years age group. Participation rates declined from 60 years of age.

1 in 4 Tasmanians went fishing at least once in 2022 [130,500 persons]

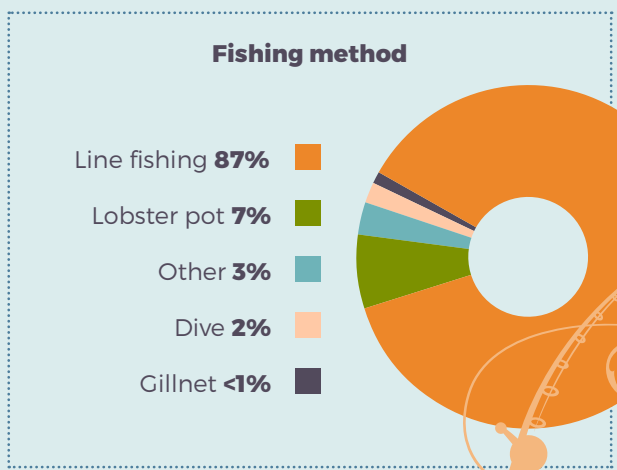
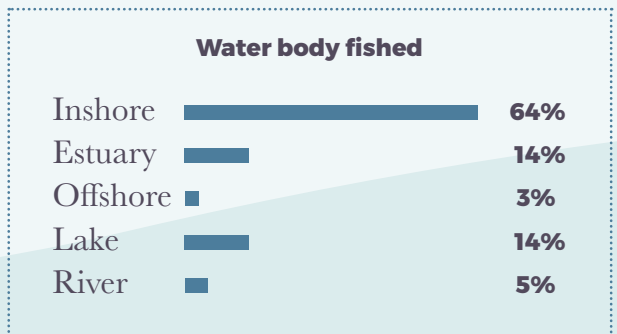
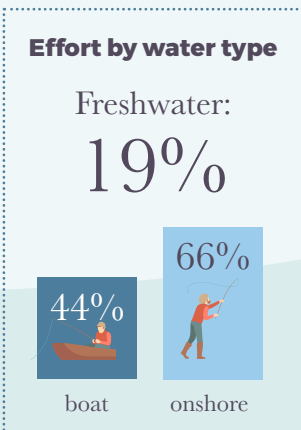
Percentage of Tasmanians in each age group who fished at least once a year:



The effort

During 2022-23 Tasmanians spent the equivalent of almost half a million days fishing. The average number of days fished was: **5 days** per person

25% of fishers accounted for more than half of the total days fished highlighting that a relatively small group of keen fishers contribute significantly to overall recreational catch and effort.



What's the catch?

