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**FLORIDA**

**STATEWIDE**

**PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY**

Survey conducted April 22 through April 24, 2025. 500 voters in Florida participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match statewide voter demographics. Margin of Error is +/-4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.



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Q1A: State officials are considering reopening a recreational bear hunting season in Florida. The last time bear hunting was allowed was in 2015, and over 300 bears were killed in just 2 days before the hunt was shut down.

Do you support or oppose the hunting of Florida's black bears?

Support: 16%

Oppose: 81%

Not sure: 2%

Q1B: State officials are considering reopening a recreational bear hunting season in Florida. The last time bear hunting was allowed was in 2015, and over 300 bears were killed in just 2 days before the hunt was shut down.

Do you support or oppose trophy hunting of Florida's black bears?

Support: 19%

Oppose: 74%

Not sure: 7%

Q2: The last bear hunt also orphaned dozens of cubs, as at least 38 female bears who were nursing cubs were killed by hunters. Knowing this, do you support or oppose opening another hunting season for Florida's black bears?

Support: 16%

Oppose: 81%

Not sure: 3%

Q3: Florida law already allows individuals to kill any bear posing a threat to public safety, pets, or to private property. Knowing this, do you support or oppose opening a recreational hunting season for Florida's black bears?

Support: 18%

Oppose: 78%

Not sure: 5%



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Q4: Officials are considering allowing trophy hunters to use packs of radio-collared hounds to chase bears. Often the hounds are monitored remotely. Once the bear tires from the chase, the hounds either corner the bear on the ground or the bear climbs into a tree. Hunters arrive and shoot the bears at close range.

Do you support or oppose permitting using packs of hounds to chase and kill bears?

Support: 9%  
Oppose: 89%  
Not sure: 2%

Q5: Officials are also considering allowing bear baiting, a practice where trophy hunters use human food lures to accustom bears to feeding at a specific location. Hunters hide behind a blind or elevated platforms and shoot the feeding bears.

Do you support or oppose Florida permitting bear baiting?

Support: 11%  
Oppose: 86%  
Not sure: 3%

Q6: Bears sometimes come into conflict with people. Many states, including Florida, successfully reduce conflicts with people using non-lethal measures such as public education campaigns where trash and bird feeders are made unavailable to bears, or by ticketing people who intentionally or unintentionally feed bears.

Do you support or oppose Florida placing priority on policies that promote effective, non-lethal and more humane methods to reduce conflicts between bears and people?

Support: 81%  
Oppose: 14%  
Not sure: 5%



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Do you support or oppose the hunting of Florida's black bears?

	MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE DMA	ORLANDO- DAYTONA BCH- MELBRN DMA	TAMPA-ST. PETE (SARASOTA) DMA	WEST PALM BEACH-FT. PIERCE DMA	BALANCE
<b>Column %</b>					
<b>Support</b>	15%	11%	16%	17%	24%
<b>Oppose</b>	85%	89%	79%	83%	73%
<b>Not sure</b>	0%	0%	6%	0%	3%

Table 1. Q1A by DMA

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Non-Partisan</b>
<b>Support</b>	24%	6%	13%
<b>Oppose</b>	72%	92%	87%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	2%	0%

Table 2. Q1A by PARTY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Liberal</b>
<b>Support</b>	22%	16%	9%
<b>Oppose</b>	74%	83%	91%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	2%	0%

Table 3. Q1A by IDEOLOGY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Support</b>	9%	26%
<b>Oppose</b>	89%	72%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%

Table 4. Q1A by GENDER



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Q1B: State officials are considering reopening a recreational bear hunting season in Florida. The last time bear hunting was allowed was in 2015, and over 300 bears were killed in just 2 days before the hunt was shut down.

Do you support or oppose trophy hunting of Florida's black bears?

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<b>Column %</b>					
<b>Support</b>	0%	26%	18%	16%	27%
<b>Oppose</b>	92%	70%	73%	84%	62%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	4%	9%	0%	11%

Table 5. Q1B by DMA

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Non-Partisan</b>
<b>Support</b>	23%	11%	21%
<b>Oppose</b>	67%	86%	72%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	3%	7%

Table 6. Q1B by PARTY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Liberal</b>
<b>Support</b>	21%	23%	10%
<b>Oppose</b>	68%	71%	89%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	7%	1%

Table 7. Q1B by IDEOLOGY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Support</b>	15%	24%
<b>Oppose</b>	78%	70%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	7%

Table 8. Q1B by GENDER



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Q2: The last bear hunt also orphaned dozens of cubs, as at least 38 female bears who were nursing cubs were killed by hunters. Knowing this, do you support or oppose opening another hunting season for Florida's black bears?

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<b>Support</b>	8%	16%	15%	13%	23%
<b>Oppose</b>	91%	80%	80%	87%	74%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	5%	5%	0%	3%

Table 9. Q2 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	20%	9%	15%
<b>Oppose</b>	75%	91%	81%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	0%	4%

Table 10. Q2 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	17%	19%	9%
<b>Oppose</b>	77%	80%	90%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	1%	2%

Table 11. Q2 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	9%	23%
<b>Oppose</b>	87%	74%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%

Table 12. Q2 by GENDER



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Q3: Florida law already allows individuals to kill any bear posing a threat to public safety, pets, or to private property. Knowing this, do you support or oppose opening a recreational hunting season for Florida's black bears?

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<b>Support</b>	9%	18%	17%	13%	27%
<b>Oppose</b>	84%	79%	80%	82%	68%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	3%	3%	5%	5%

Table 13. Q3 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	22%	10%	19%
<b>Oppose</b>	72%	87%	76%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	3%	5%

Table 14. Q3 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	19%	21%	10%
<b>Oppose</b>	75%	75%	85%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	4%	5%

Table 15. Q3 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	11%	25%
<b>Oppose</b>	84%	70%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%

Table 16. Q3 by GENDER



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Q4: Officials are considering allowing trophy hunters to use packs of radio-collared hounds to chase bears. Often the hounds are monitored remotely. Once the bear tires from the chase, the hounds either corner the bear on the ground or the bear climbs into a tree. Hunters arrive and shoot the bears at close range.

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<b>Support</b>	4%	8%	11%	7%	13%
<b>Oppose</b>	94%	91%	87%	90%	84%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%

Table 17. Q4 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	11%	3%	12%
<b>Oppose</b>	86%	94%	87%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	1%

Table 18. Q4 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	10%	11%	5%
<b>Oppose</b>	87%	87%	93%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	1%	2%

Table 19. Q4 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	5%	14%
<b>Oppose</b>	92%	84%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	1%

Table 20. Q4 by GENDER





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Q5: Officials are also considering allowing bear baiting, a practice where trophy hunters use human food lures to accustom bears to feeding at a specific location. Hunters hide behind a blind or elevated platforms and shoot the feeding bears.

Do you support or oppose Florida permitting bear baiting?

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<b>Column %</b>					
<b>Support</b>	2%	11%	11%	7%	19%
<b>Oppose</b>	98%	85%	86%	90%	76%
<b>Not sure</b>	0%	4%	3%	3%	5%

Table 21. Q5 by DMA

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Non-Partisan</b>
<b>Support</b>	13%	4%	15%
<b>Oppose</b>	82%	94%	85%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	2%	0%

Table 22. Q5 by PARTY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Liberal</b>
<b>Support</b>	11%	14%	5%
<b>Oppose</b>	83%	84%	95%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	2%	0%

Table 23. Q5 by IDEOLOGY

<b>Column %</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Support</b>	5%	18%
<b>Oppose</b>	92%	80%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%

Table 24. Q5 by GENDER



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Q6: Bears sometimes come into conflict with people. Many states, including Florida, successfully reduce conflicts with people using non-lethal measures such as public education campaigns where trash and bird feeders are made unavailable to bears, or by ticketing people who intentionally or unintentionally feed bears.

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<b>Support</b>	89%	81%	87%	71%	74%
<b>Oppose</b>	10%	15%	9%	19%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	4%	5%	10%	6%

Table 25. Q6 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	78%	87%	79%
<b>Oppose</b>	17%	11%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	2%	9%

Table 26. Q6 by PARTY

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	79%	77%	90%
<b>Oppose</b>	15%	18%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	5%	3%

Table 27. Q6 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	85%	76%
<b>Oppose</b>	11%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	6%

Table 28. Q6 by GENDER



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## DEMOGRAPHICS

	%
<b>MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE DMA</b>	19%
<b>ORLANDO-DAYTONA BCH-MELBRN DMA</b>	21%
<b>TAMPA-ST. PETE (SARASOTA) DMA</b>	24%
<b>WEST PALM BEACH-FT. PIERCE DMA</b>	11%
<b>BALANCE</b>	25%

Table 29. DMA

	%
<b>Republican</b>	49%
<b>Democrat</b>	31%
<b>Non-Partisan</b>	20%

Table 30. PARTY

	%
<b>Conservative</b>	39%
<b>Moderate</b>	36%
<b>Liberal</b>	25%

Table 31. IDEOLOGY

	%
<b>Female</b>	54%
<b>Male</b>	46%

Table 32. GENDER