

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Oakwood West, Brookings County**  
**MBS-Lake-215-000**  
**2021**

**Lake Information**

**Name:** Oakwood West

**County:** Brookings

**OHWM Elevation:** 1,627

**Surface Area:** 1,183 Acres

**Surveys and Investigations**

Survey methods used by gear type, date, and effort.

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 16, 2021	6 net-nights

## **Common Fish Species Present**

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Common Carp

Black Bullhead

Bigmouth Buffalo

Northern Pike

White Sucker

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## Terminology

Catch per unit effort (**CPUE**) refers to the relative abundance of a species. It is defined as the number of fish captured per unit of effort (i.e., number of fish captured per net-night or number of fish captured per hour electrofishing). In this report CPUE is typically given for only stock-length fish (see length categories table for stock lengths).

A statewide effort to help make netting efforts comparable to all waters sampled across the state, occurred in 2017, with a switch to American Fisheries Society gill nets. Past gill netting efforts were completed with different style/types of nets and are not comparable side by side.

- **AFS std gill net** – 80 ft experimental gill net containing eight panels (10 ft each) of varying monofilament meshes of 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25 and 2.50 inches.
- **std experimental gill net for non-Missouri River waters** - 150 ft experimental gill net containing six panels (25 ft each) of varying monofilament meshes of 0.5, 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00 inches.
- **std experimental gill net for Missouri River reservoirs** – 300 ft experimental gill net containing six panels (50 ft each) of varying multifilament meshes of 0.5, 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00 inches.

$$CPUE = \frac{\text{number of fish}}{\text{effort}}$$

Population size structure is quantified using the indices proportional size distribution of quality-length fish (**PSD**) and proportional size distribution of preferred-length fish (**PSD-P**). These indices indicate the proportion of stock-length fish that are equal to or greater than a given length. Minimum lengths for stock, quality and preferred length fish are given in the length categories table.

$$PSD = \left( \frac{\text{number of fish} \geq \text{quality length}}{\text{number of fish} \geq \text{stock length}} \right) \times 100$$

$$PSD - P = \left( \frac{\text{number of fish} \geq \text{preferred length}}{\text{number of fish} \geq \text{stock length}} \right) \times 100$$

Relative weight (**Wr**) is used to quantify fish plumpness. Relative weight is the ratio of what a fish weighs (**W**) compared to a length-specific standard weight (**Ws**) multiplied by 100. Relative weight values of 95-105 are commonly cited as optimum values, but values in the 80s are common during summer sampling in South Dakota.

$$Wr = \left( \frac{W}{W_s} \right) \times 100$$

Confidence intervals (CI) are provided for many of the estimates calculated in this report. The confidence interval provides a range in which the true mean is expected to fall. For example, with an 80% CI we are 80% confident that the interval contains the true value.

Length categories include stock (S), quality (Q), preferred (P), memorable (M) and trophy (T). Length categories for most species have been defined based on a percentage of the world record length for that species. Some species mentioned in this report do not have defined length categories. Length categories for species used in this report are provided in the following table. Measurements are the minimum total length for each category and are reported in inches (in) and centimeters (cm).

Species Name	Stock		Quality		Preferred		Memorable		Trophy	
	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)
Black Bullhead	6	15	9	23	12	30	15	38	18	46
Black Crappie	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38
Bluegill	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Brown Trout	8	20	12	30	16	40	20	50	18	46
Channel Catfish	11	28	16	41	24	61	28	71	36	91
Freshwater Drum	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Lake Trout	12	30	20	50	26	65	31	80	39	100
Largemouth Bass	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Muskellunge	20	51	30	76	38	97	42	107	50	127
Northern Pike	14	35	21	53	28	71	34	86	44	112
Pumpkinseed	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Rainbow Trout	10	25	16	40	20	50	26	65	31	80
Rudd	6	15	10	25	12	30	15	38	19	48
Sauger	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Smallmouth Bass	7	18	11	28	14	35	17	43	20	51
Walleye	10	25	15	38	20	51	25	63	30	76
White Bass	6	15	9	23	12	30	15	38	18	46
White Crappie	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38
Yellow Bullhead	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	14	36
Yellow Perch	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38

## Catch Summary of Stock Length Fish

Catch per unit effort (CPUE), proportional size distribution (PSD), proportional size distribution of preferred length fish (PSD-P), and relative weight (Wr) for species sampled in survey with 80% confidence interval (CI-80).

\* **Methods/Species that ignore stock length**

Gear	Species	Sample Size (n)	Abundance		Stock Density Indices			Condition		
			CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	20	3.3	2.2	0		0			
	Black Bullhead	73	11.8	4.9	1		0			
	Common Carp	85	12.5	6.3	0		0			
	Northern Pike	6	1.0	0.8	100		17		78	5
	Walleye	48	4.2	2.2	92		28	14	93	2
	White Sucker	3	0.5	0.5	100		100			
	Yellow Perch	55	9.2	4.8	71	9	11	7	89	2

## 10-Year Catch Per Unit Effort by Gear and Species

Catch per unit effort (CPUE) and average (Avg) of species across 10 years using different gear types.

\* Methods/Species that ignore stock length

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo						0.3	1.0	0.7	0.0	3.3	1.06
	Black Bullhead						7.0	11.5	1.8	2.3	11.8	6.88
	Common Carp						1.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	12.5	2.90
	Northern Pike						1.3	0.3	0.5	2.7	1.0	1.16
	Walleye						16.5	25.0	0.3	5.3	4.2	10.26
	White Sucker						1.7	1.2	4.3	2.3	0.5	2.00
	Yellow Perch						16.3	35.2	12.3	8.3	9.2	16.26
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	1.6										1.60
	Black Bullhead	157.0										157.0 0
	Common Carp	8.7										8.70
	Green Sunfish	0.0										0.00
	Northern Pike	2.6										2.60
	Walleye	1.7										1.70
	White Sucker	9.5										9.50
	Yellow Bullhead	15.2										15.20
Yellow Perch	20.8										20.80	
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	4.7		1.7	1.0	0.0						1.85
	Black Bullhead	27.0		43.7	8.7	6.3						21.43
	Common Carp	5.3		2.0	0.3	0.3						1.98
	Green Sunfish	0.3		0.0	0.0	0.0						0.08
	Northern Pike	10.0		6.0	7.7	2.3						6.50
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0						0.00
	Walleye	20.3		16.3	31.3	33.3						25.30
	White Sucker	12.3		4.0	4.0	1.3						5.40
	Yellow Bullhead	0.0		0.3	0.0	0.0						0.08
	Yellow Perch	272.0		59.3	37.3	101.3						117.4 8

## 10-Year Size Structure and Condition Statistics by Gear and Species

Species proportional size distribution (PSD), proportional size distribution of preferred length fish (PSD-P), and relative weight (Wr) collected by different gear types across 10 years.

Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD						100	67	0	0	0
		PSD-P						0	17	0	0	0
	Black Bullhead	PSD						24	61	0	14	1
		PSD-P						12	13	0	0	0
	Common Carp	PSD						90	100		0	0
		PSD-P						10	100		0	0
	Northern Pike	PSD						100	100	33	88	100
		PSD-P						63	50	33	0	17
		Wr						84	75	100	97	78
	Walleye	PSD						97	41	100	53	92
		PSD-P						20	22	50	13	28
		Wr						96	89	109	95	93
	White Sucker	PSD						100	100	92	93	100
		PSD-P						80	100	73	71	100
	Yellow Perch	PSD						57	41	53	24	71
		PSD-P						28	9	4	4	11
		Wr						95	96	110	96	89
	frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	56								
PSD-P			25									
Wr			93									
Black Bullhead		PSD	46									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	81									
Common Carp		PSD	46									
		PSD-P	29									
		Wr	98									
Northern Pike		PSD	77									
		PSD-P	19									
		Wr	91									
Walleye		PSD	35									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	94									
White Sucker	PSD	86										

Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
frame net (std 3/4 in)	White Sucker	PSD-P	76									
		Wr	91									
	Yellow Perch	PSD	33									
		PSD-P	3									
		Wr	85									
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	0		80	67						
		PSD-P	0		20	0						
		Wr	103									
	Black Bullhead	PSD	41		39	62	68					
		PSD-P	0		1	0	53					
		Wr	101									
	Common Carp	PSD	13		83	0	100					
		PSD-P	0		17	0	100					
		Wr	102									
	Northern Pike	PSD	70		67	91	86					
		PSD-P	13		28	35	14					
		Wr	90		95	87	89					
	Walleye	PSD	39		61	26	92					
		PSD-P	8		8	5	0					
		Wr	95		98	87	91					
	White Sucker	PSD	35		67	92	100					
		PSD-P	16		25	33	100					
		Wr	85									
	Yellow Perch	PSD	57		29	56	49					
		PSD-P	8		5	14	18					
		Wr	94		102	97	97					



## **Fish Condition**

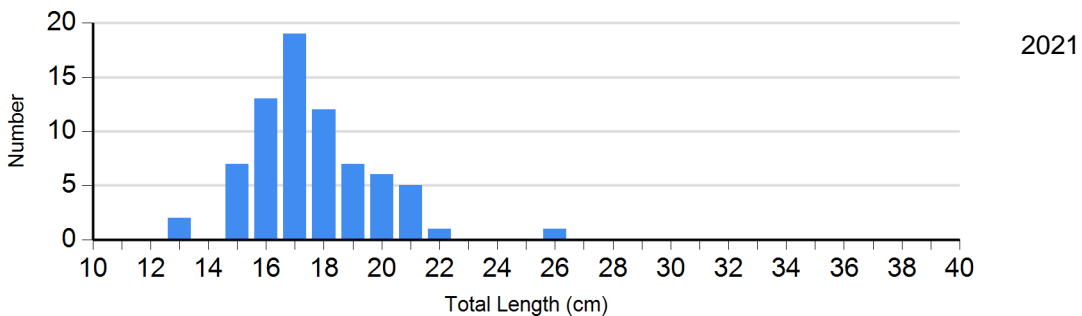
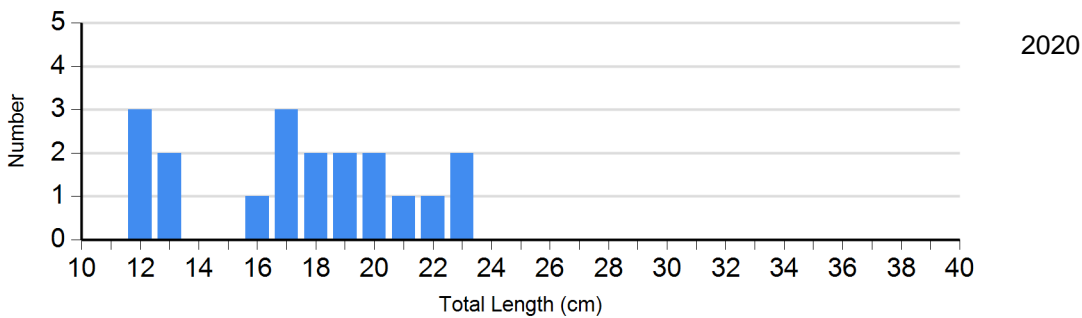
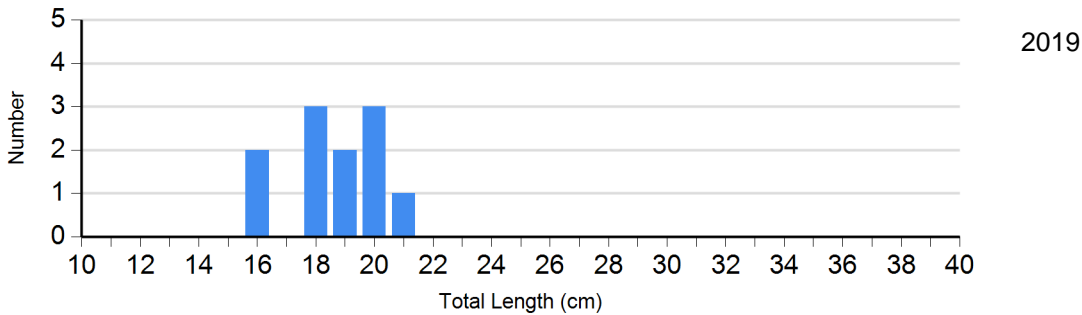
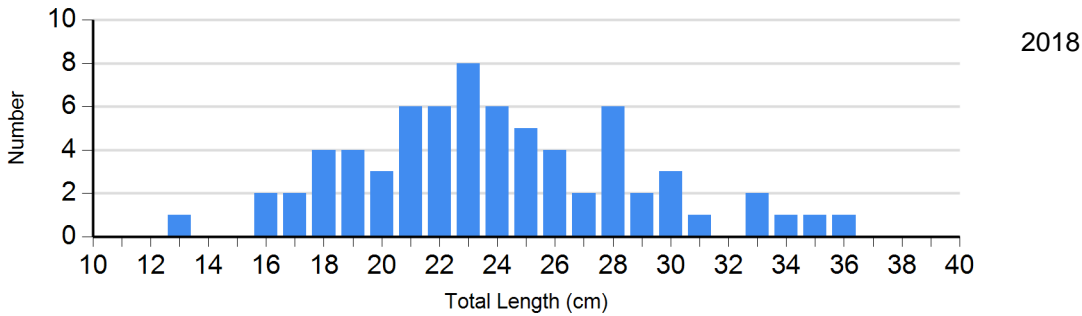
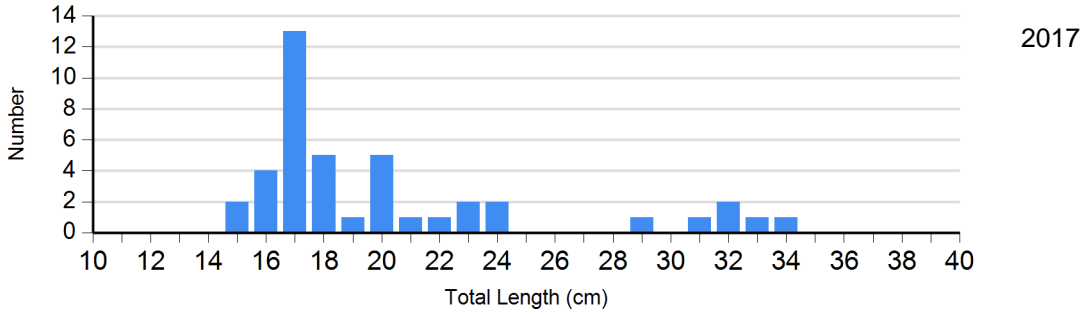
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2017	0		3	90 (4.6)	2	81 (5.1)	3	81 (1.8)
	2018	0		1	74	1	75	0	
	2019	2	103 (5.9)	0		1	95	0	
	2020	2	101 (0.0)	14	97 (1.0)	0		0	
	2021	0		5	81 (3.5)	1	66	0	
Walleye Gill Net	2017	3	98	76	96 (0.5)	19	96 (1.7)	1	
	2018	88	85 (0.5)	29	93 (1.1)	33	93 (0.8)	0	
	2019	0		1	105	1	112	0	
	2020	15	98 (2.0)	13	93 (1.8)	4	95 (1.6)	0	
	2021	2	97 (1.2)	16	93 (2.3)	7	92 (4.2)	0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2017	42	94 (1.5)	29	100 (2.0)	27	92 (1.0)	0	
	2018	124	98 (0.8)	67	96 (1.1)	20	93 (1.3)	0	
	2019	35	118 (2.4)	36	104 (1.2)	3	104	0	
	2020	38	96 (1.4)	10	95 (1.8)	2	100 (0.6)	0	
	2021	16	83 (4.3)	33	91 (2.0)	6	96 (3.3)	0	

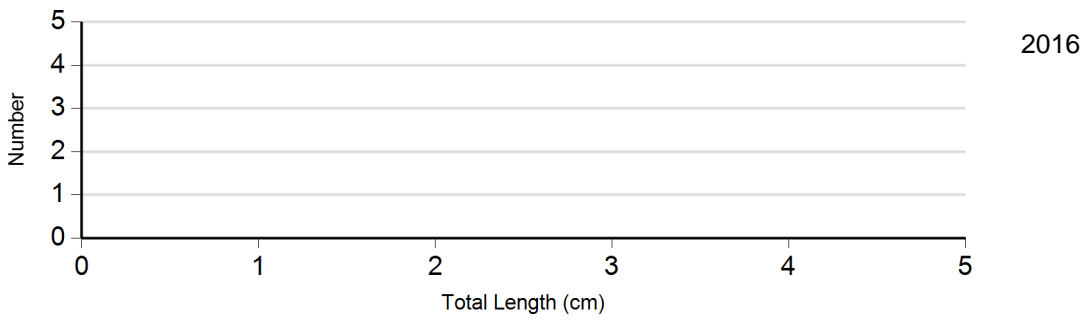
# Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

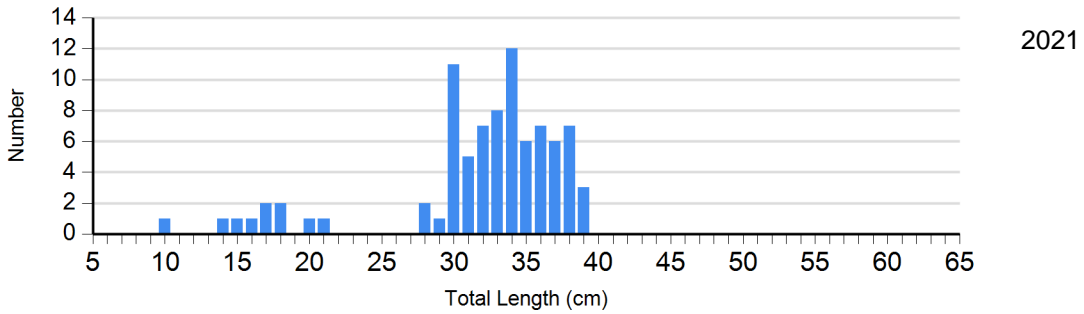
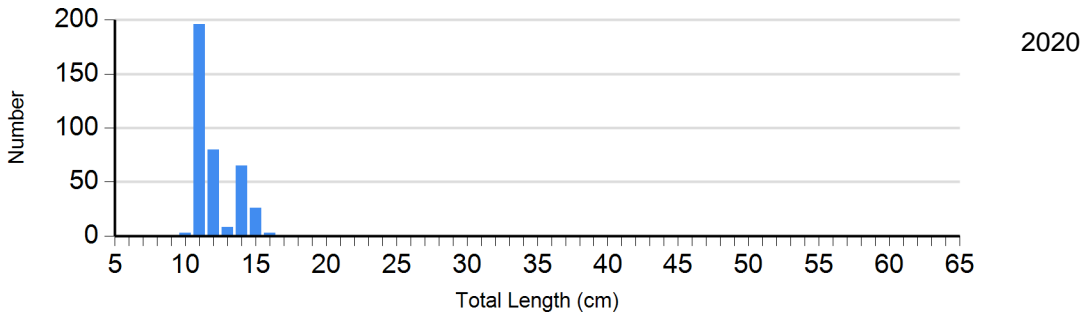
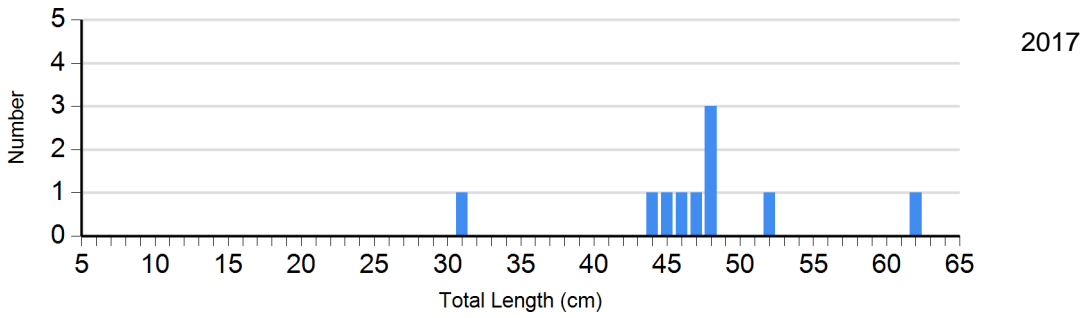
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Gear: AFS std gill net



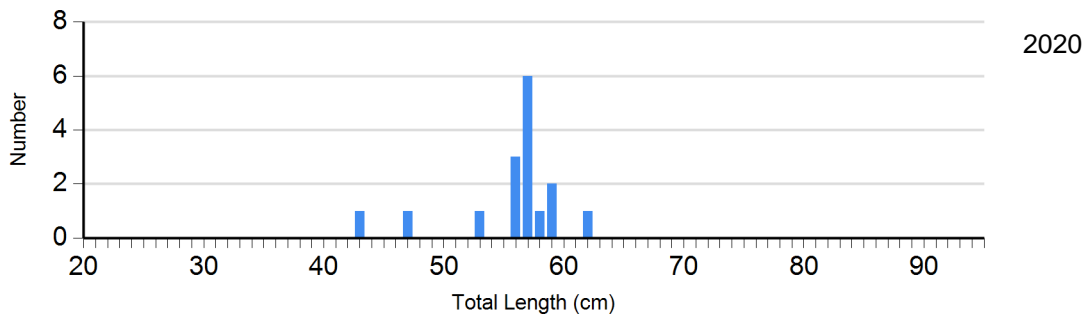
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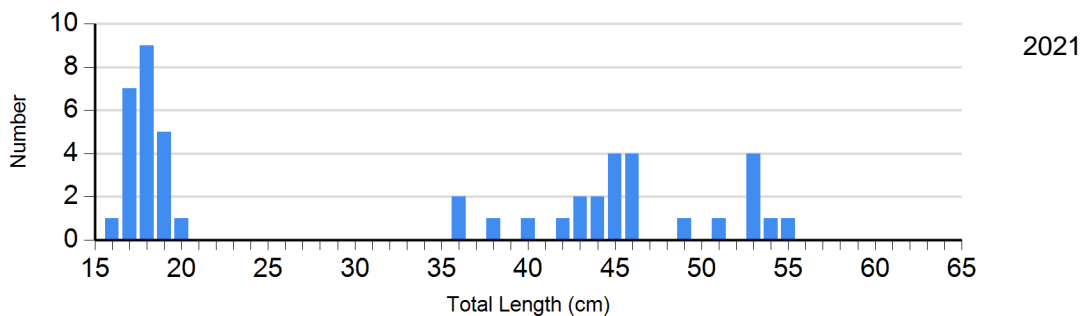
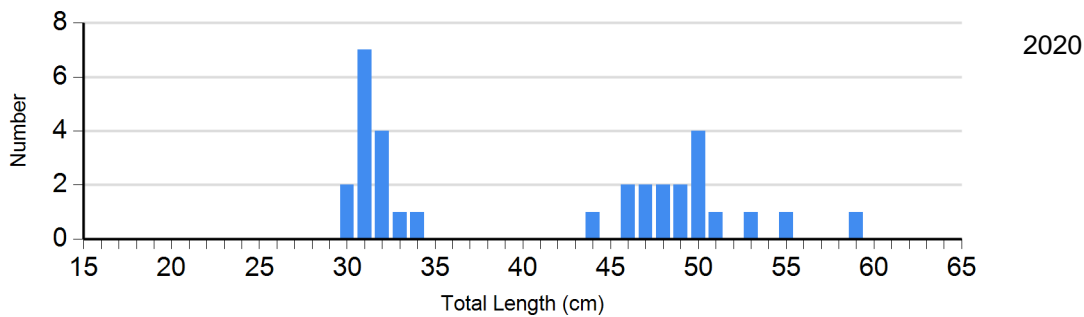
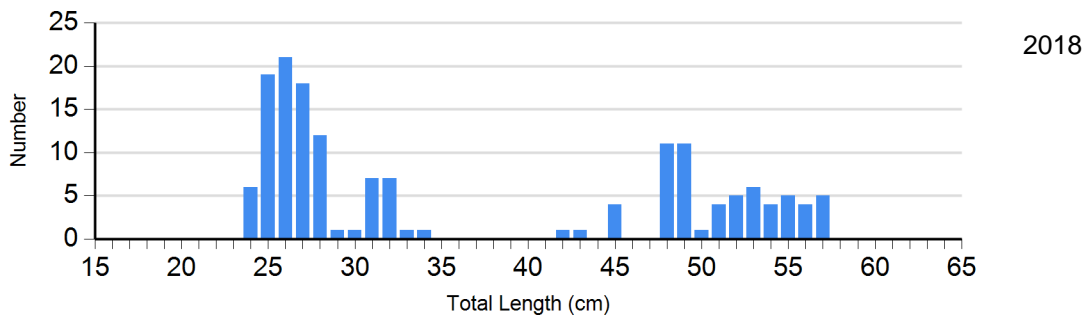
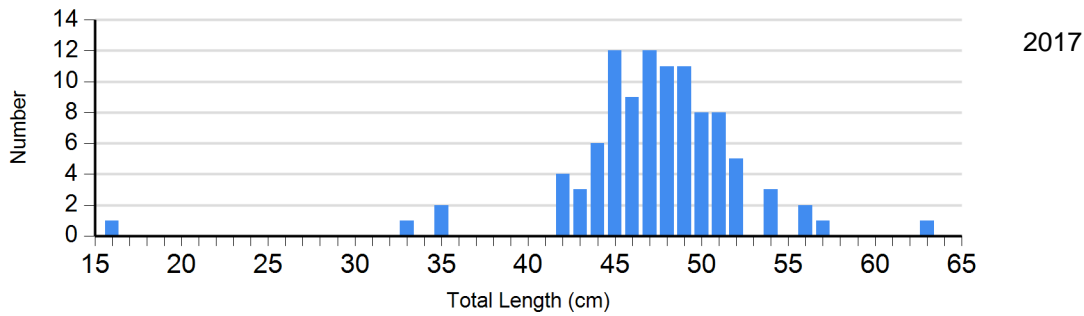
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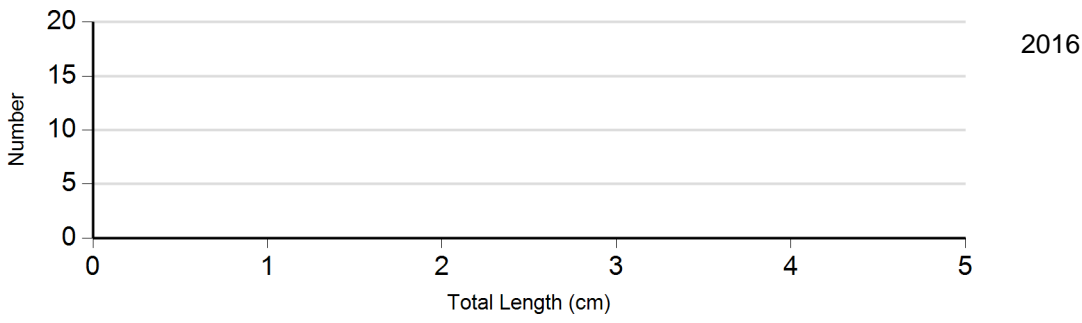
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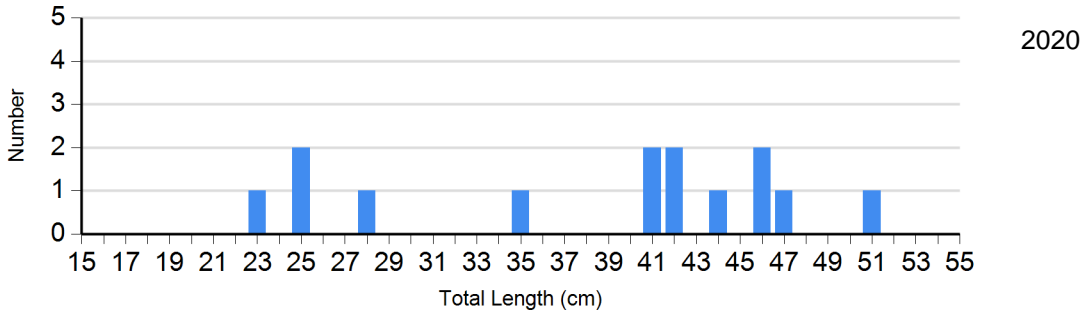
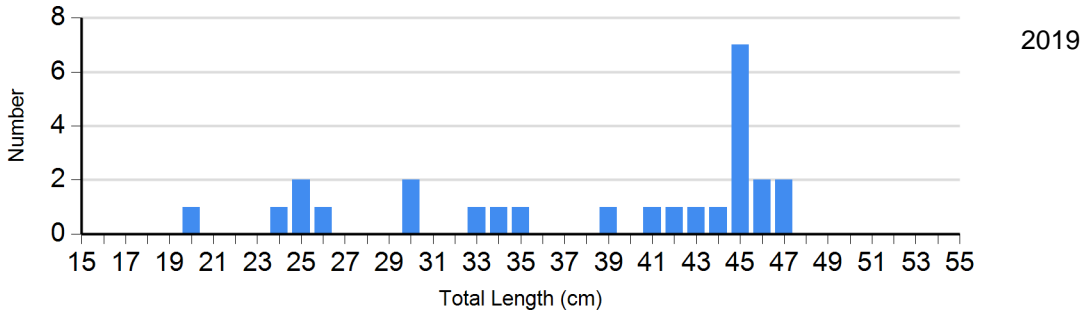
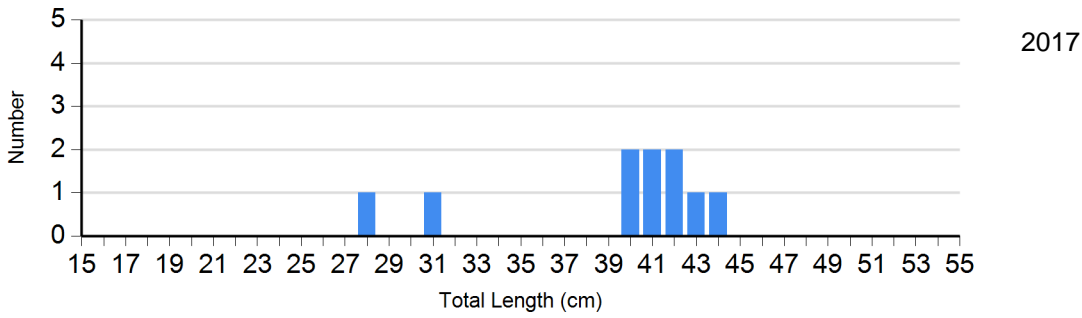
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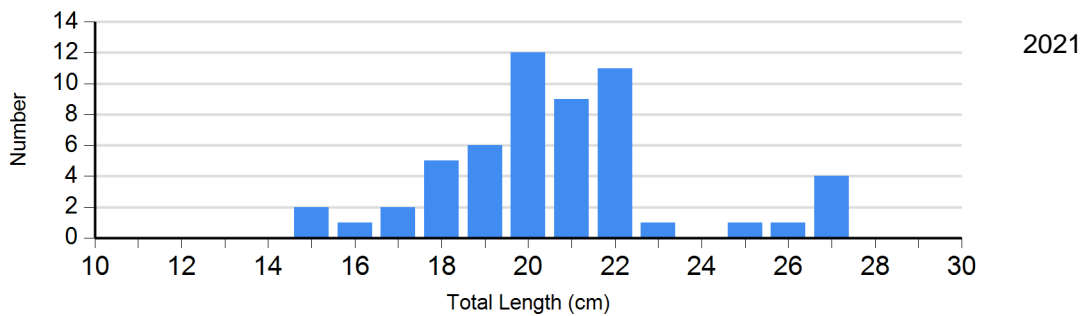
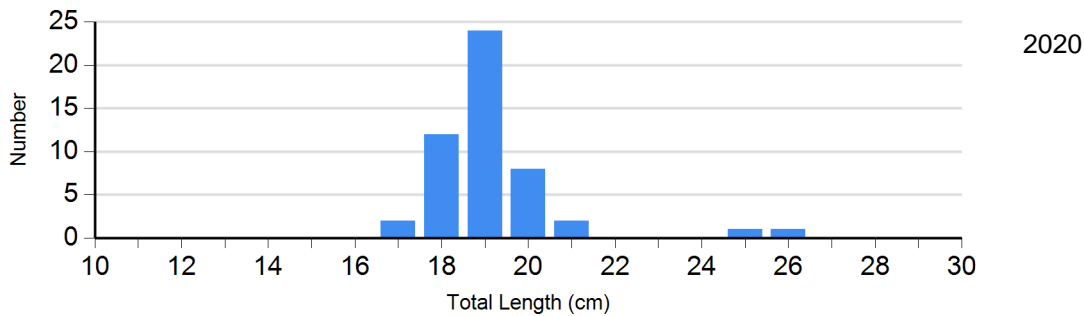
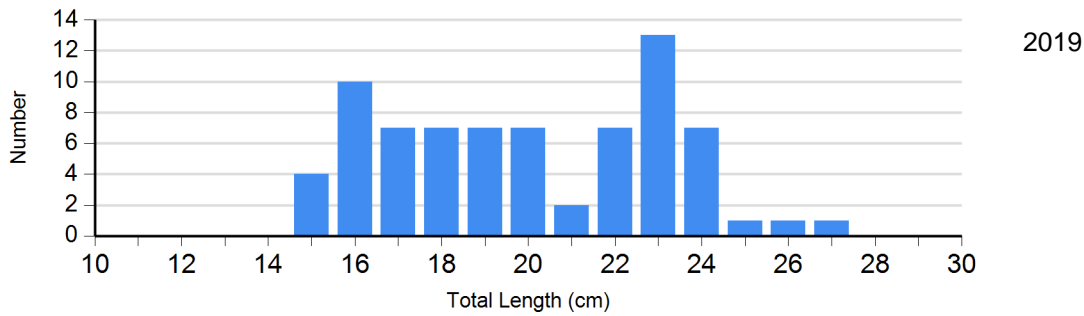
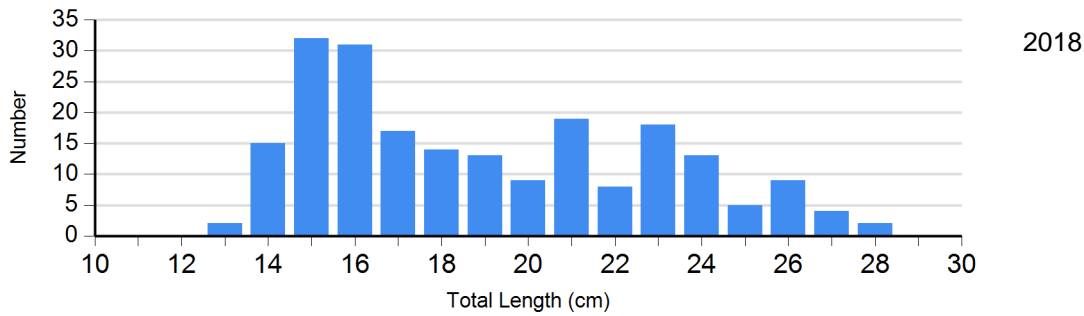
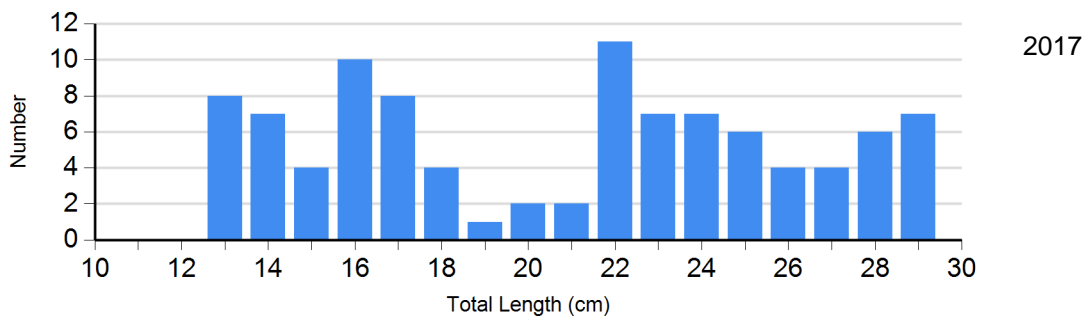
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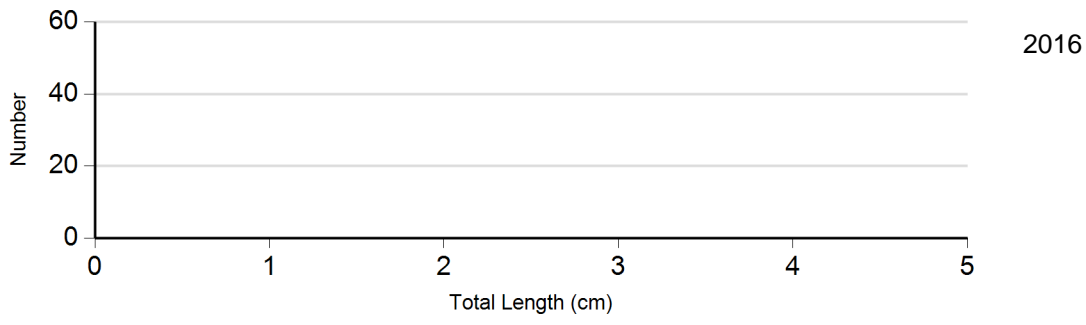
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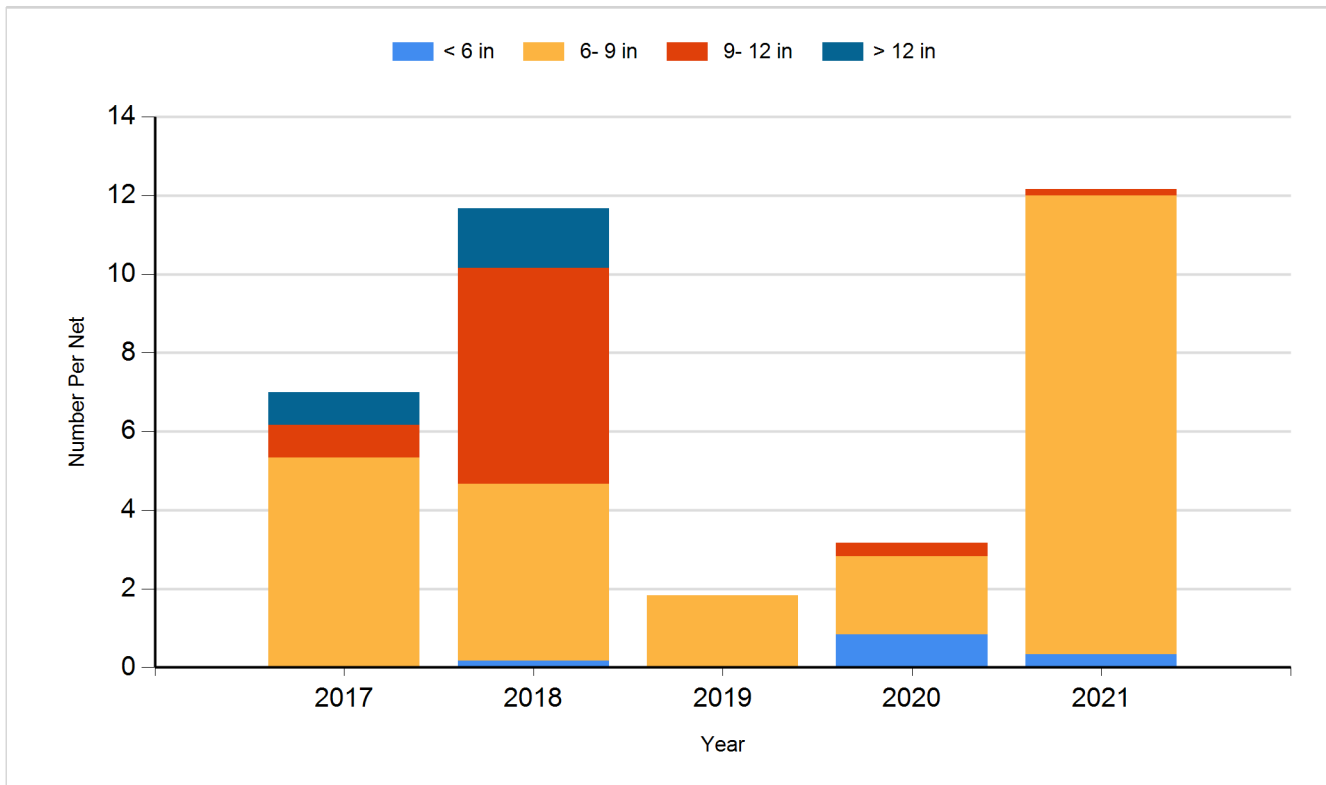
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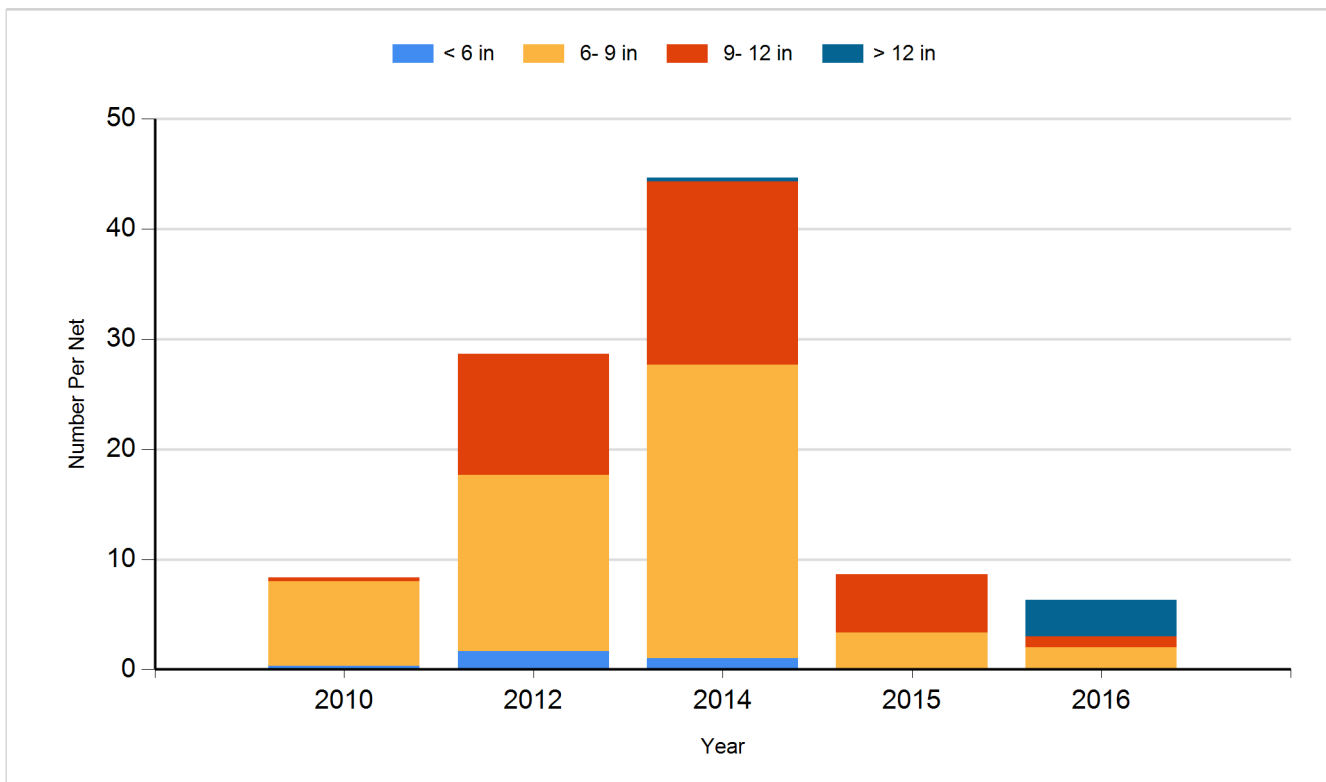
## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

Size distribution per net by color for species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead  
Gear: AFS std gill net

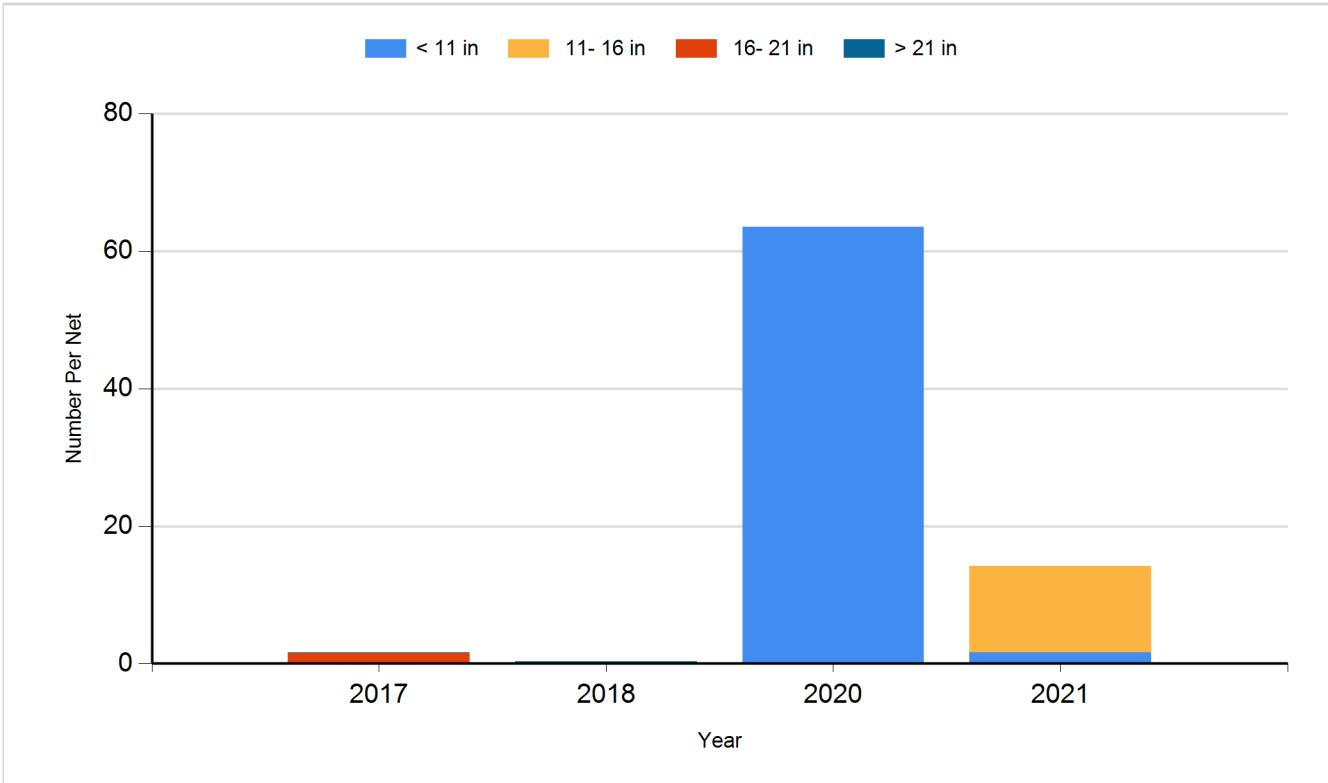


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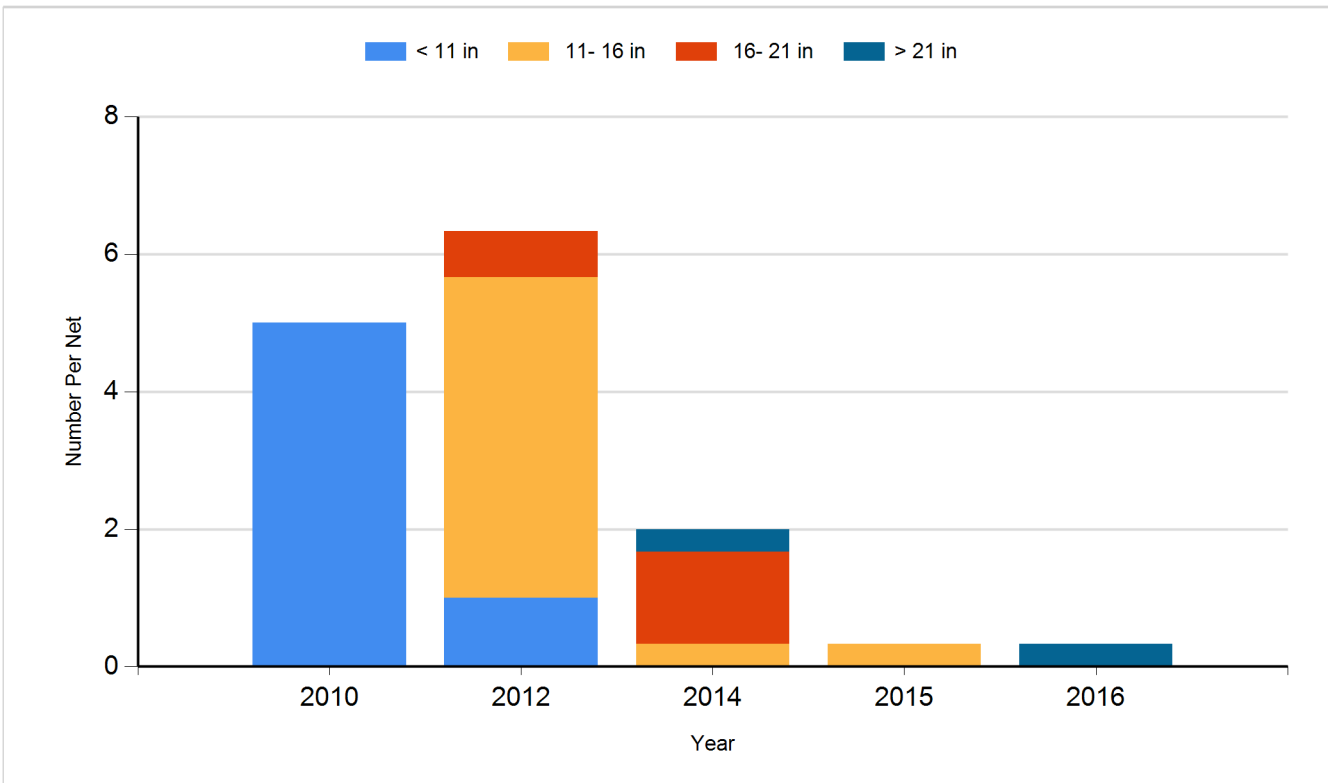




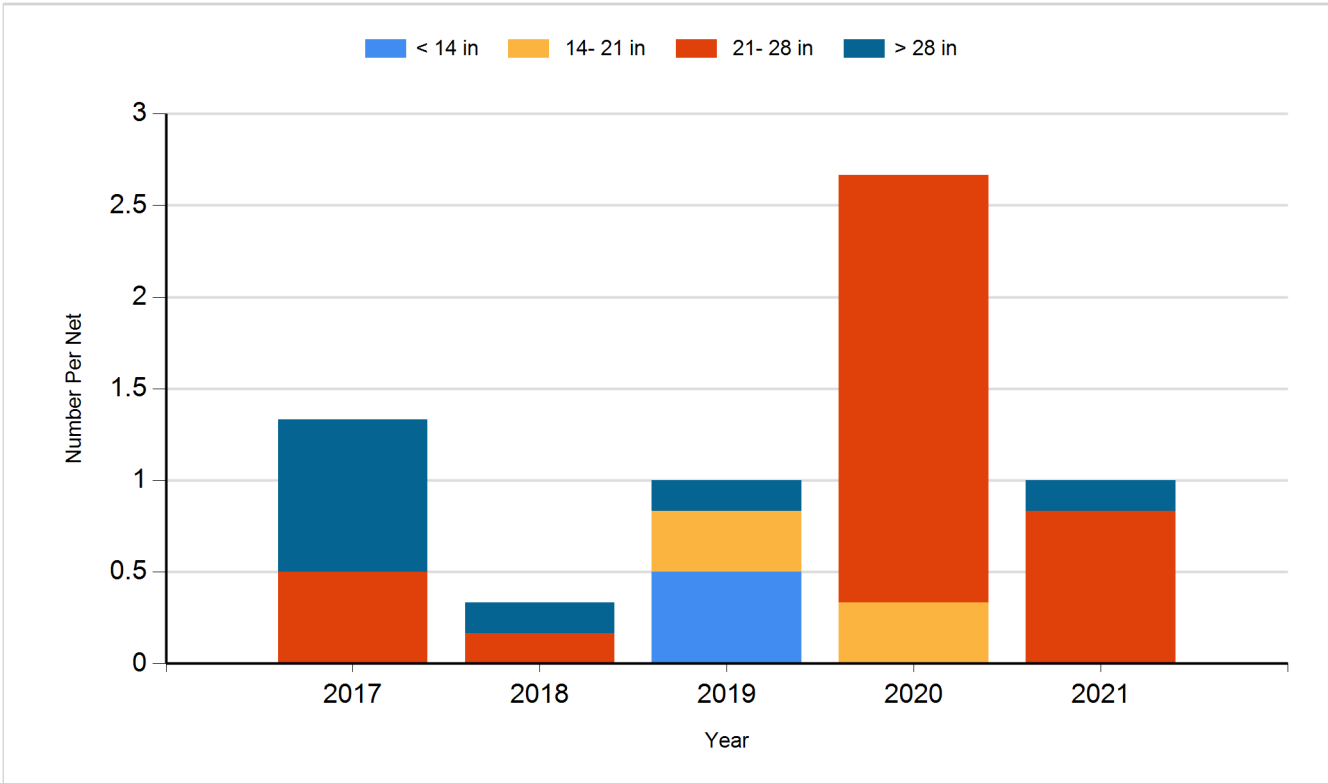
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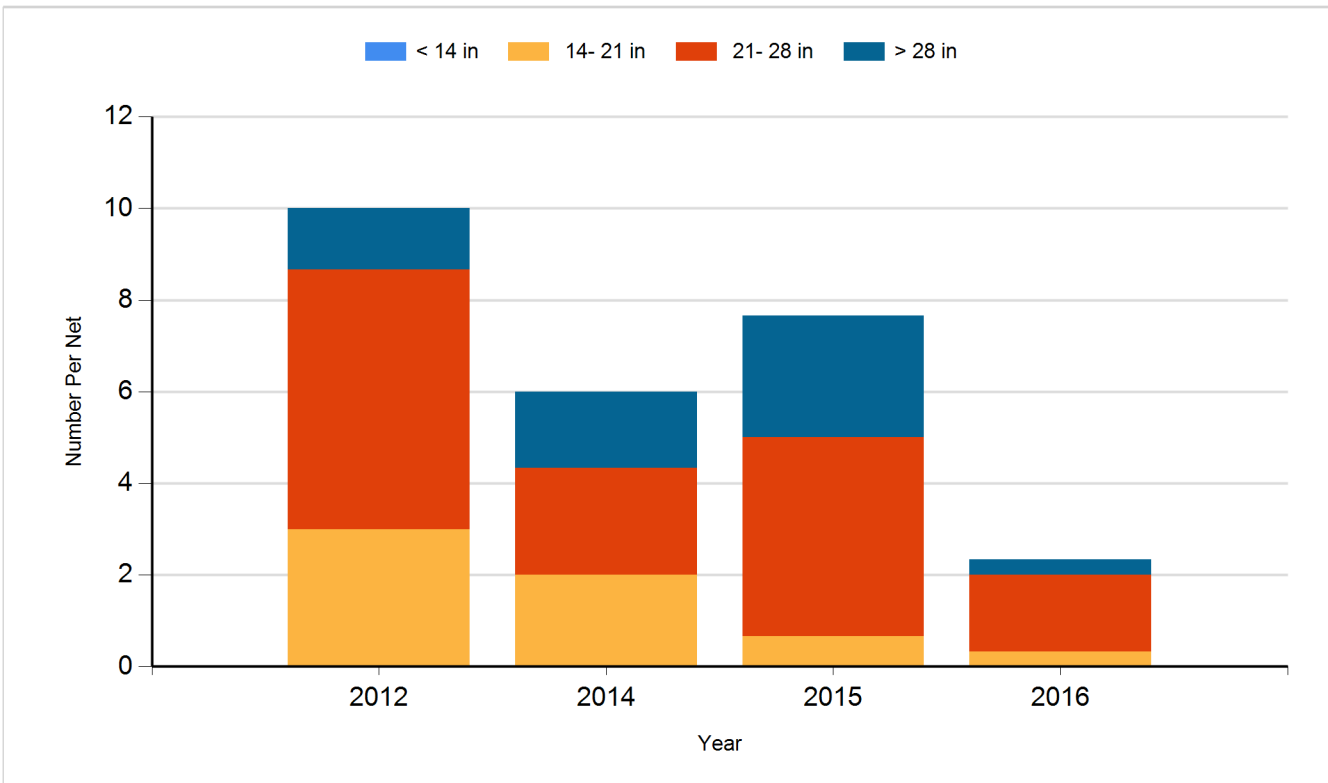
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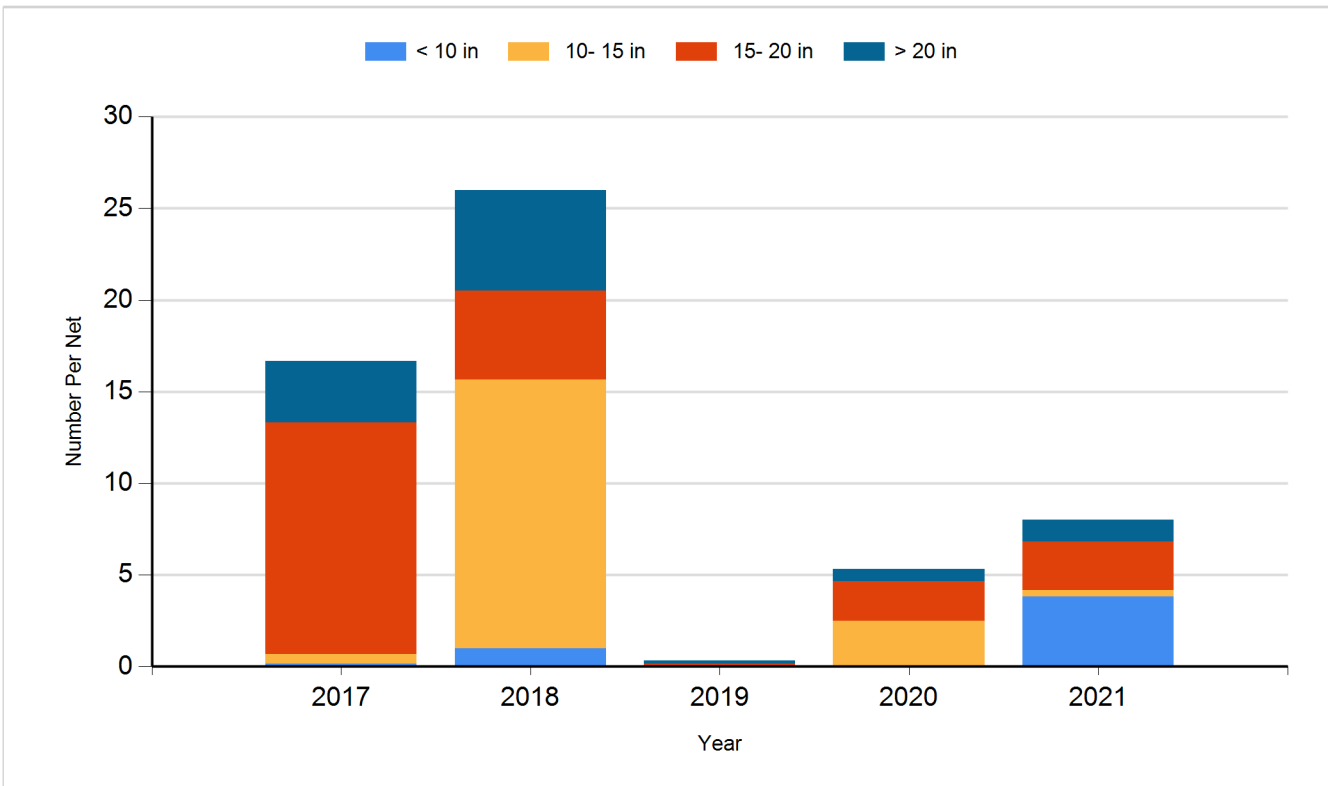
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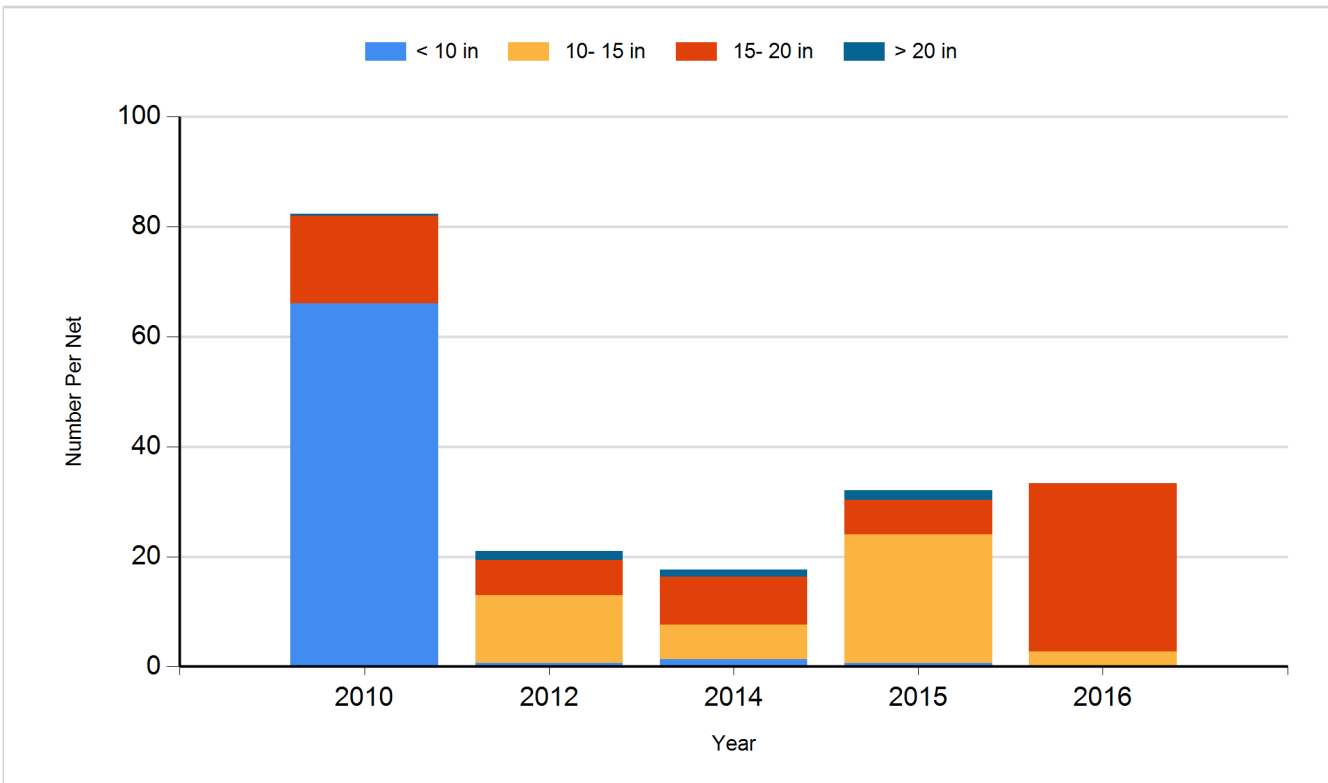
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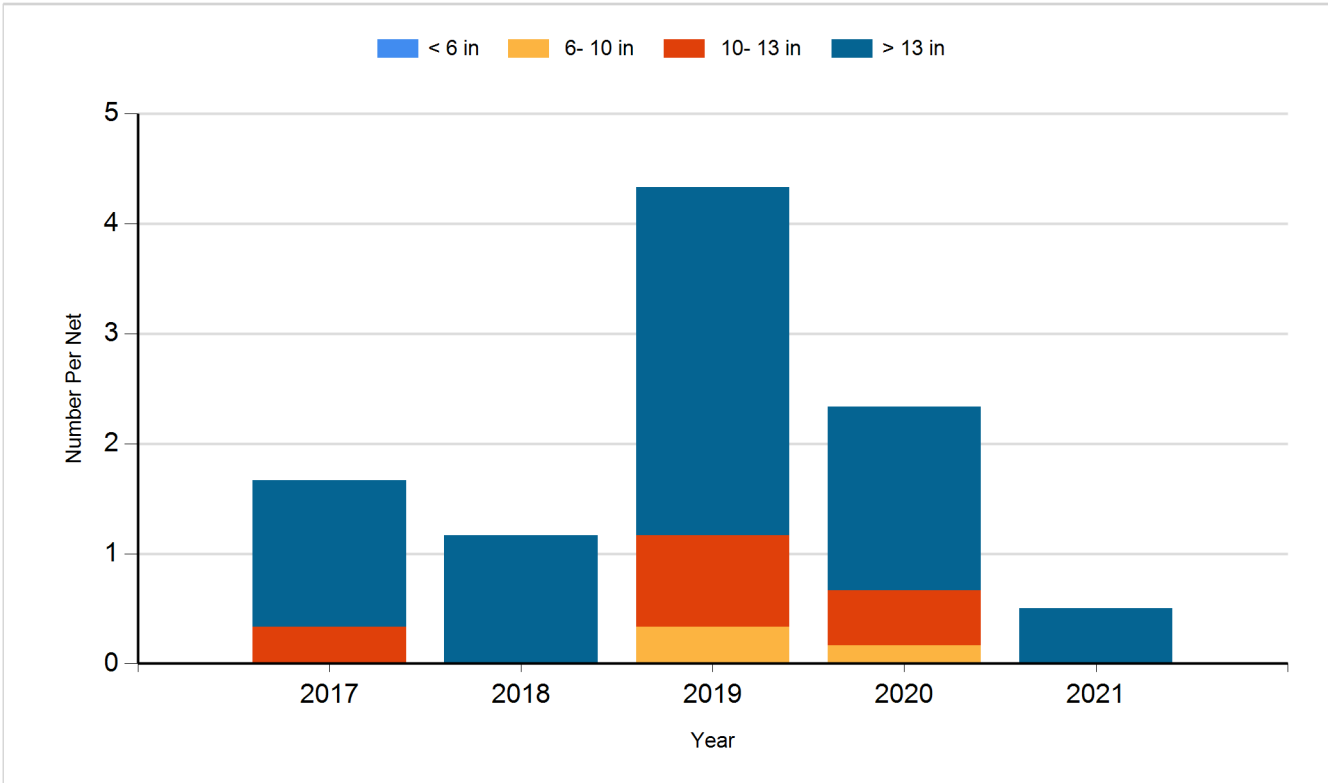
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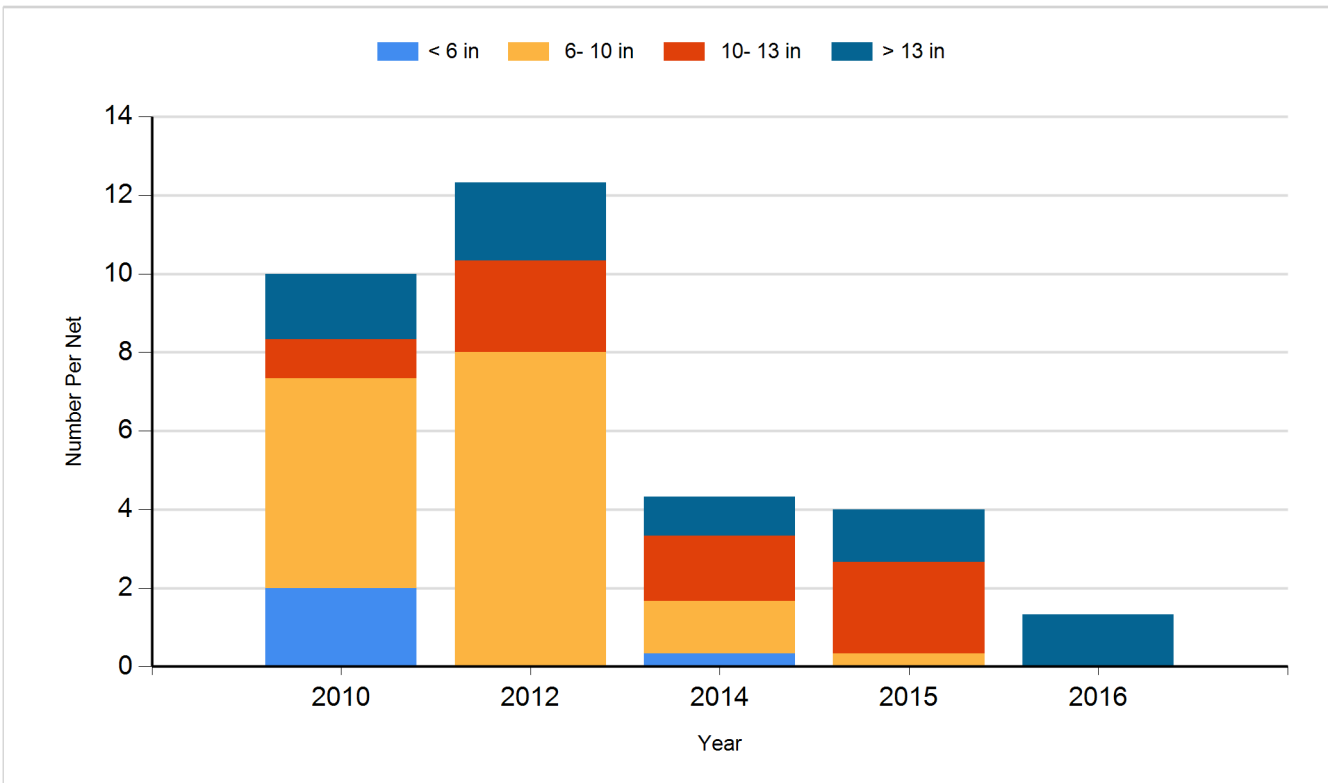
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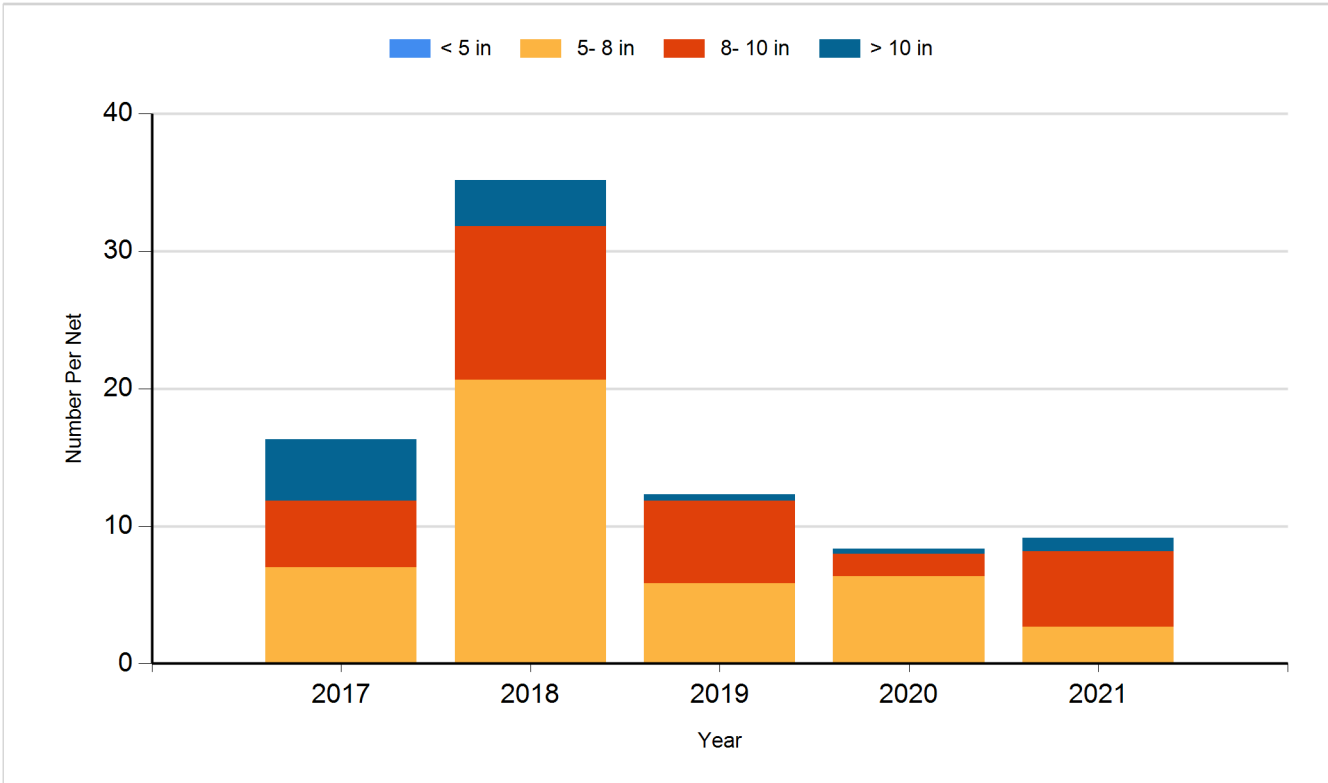
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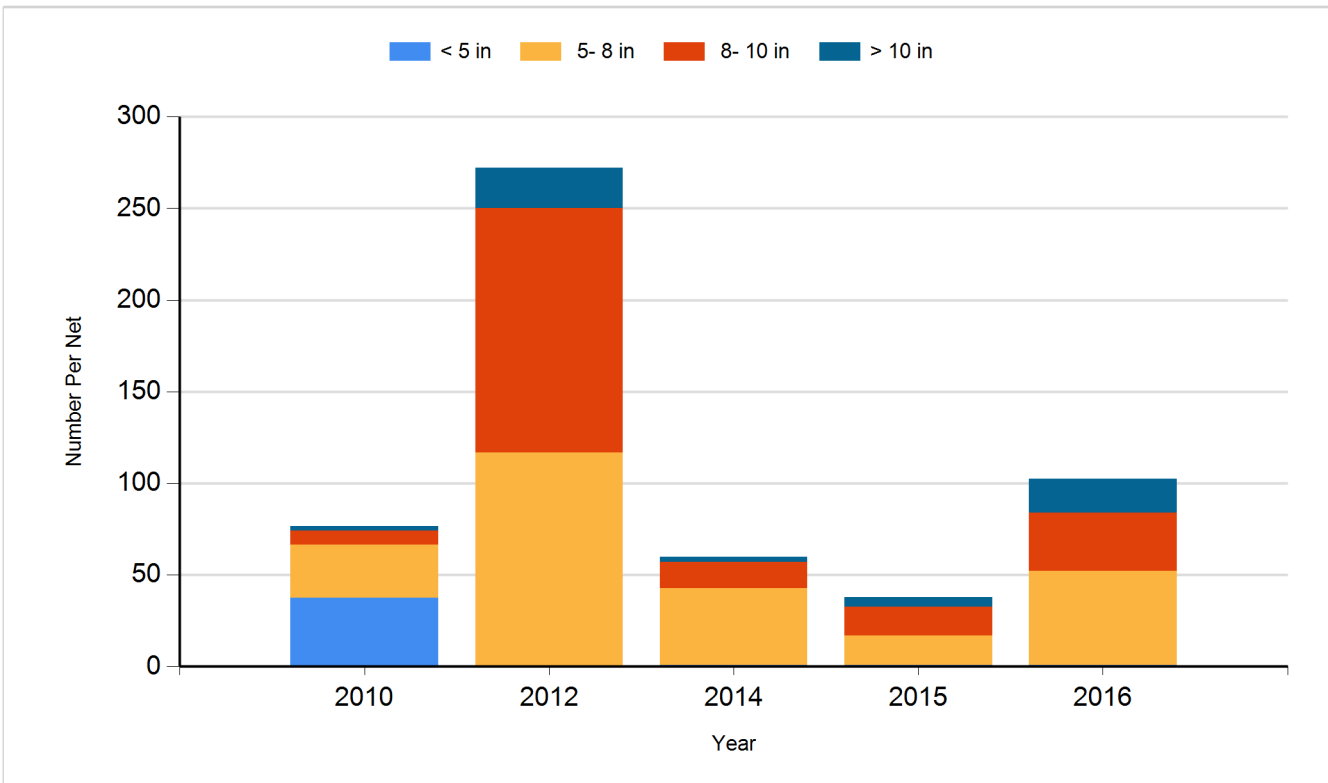
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## **Fish Stocking**

Number of fish stocked by year, species, and size.

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000
2012	Walleye	Fry	450,000
2012	Walleye	Juvenile	1,350
2014	Walleye	Fry	600,000
2017	Walleye	Fry	1,200,000
2019	Walleye	Fry	1,077,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	2,200,000