

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Saugeye

Black Bullhead

Bigmouth Buffalo

White Sucker

Northern Pike

Common Carp

Black Crappie

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	13	1.8	1.9	100		36			
	Black Bullhead	26	4.3	2.5	81		0			
	Black Crappie	2	0.3	0.3	100		50	98	11	
	Common Carp	3	0.5	0.5	100		67			
	Northern Pike	5	0.8	0.2	60		0	81	7	
	Saugeye	45	7.5	2.2	93		40	11	88	1
	White Sucker	9	1.5	0.3	100		100			
	Yellow Perch	6	1.0	0.5	100		33	103	3	

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						0.0	5.5	1.2		1.8	2.13
	Black Bullhead						1.0	2.8	0.5		4.3	2.15
	Black Crappie						0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.08
	Common Carp						0.2	2.3	1.0		0.5	1.00
	Northern Pike						2.0	0.8	1.5		0.8	1.28
	Saugeye						0.7	0.5	4.0		7.5	3.18
	Walleye						2.0	8.7	3.2		0.0	3.48
	White Sucker						1.7	1.5	0.7		1.5	1.35
	Yellow Perch						5.0	2.8	0.7		1.0	2.38
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo		6.6									6.60
	Black Bullhead		10.8									10.80
	Bluegill		0.4									0.40
	Common Carp		1.2									1.20
	Northern Pike		1.4									1.40
	Walleye		3.4									3.40
	White Bass		1.2									1.20
	White Crappie		0.6									0.60
	White Sucker		0.2									0.20
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						0.00
	Black Bullhead		1.0	7.7	9.3	0.0						4.50
	Common Carp		0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3						0.40
	Northern Pike		3.0	1.0	1.3	2.3						1.90
	Orangespotted Sunfish		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						0.00
	Saugeye		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						0.00
	Walleye		5.3	0.0	0.0	6.3						2.90
	White Sucker		2.7	4.0	1.0	4.0						2.93
	Yellow Perch		1.3	5.0	7.0	40.3						13.40

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								12	100		100	
		PSD-P									3	0		36
	Black Bullhead	PSD								0	18	100		81
		PSD-P								0	0	33		0
	Black Crappie	PSD												100
		PSD-P												50
		Wr												98
	Common Carp	PSD								100	79	100		100
		PSD-P								100	7	50		67
	Northern Pike	PSD								92	80	56		60
		PSD-P								8	20	33		0
		Wr								88	100	88		81
	Saugeye	PSD								0	100	63		93
		PSD-P								0	0	25		40
		Wr								99	93	93		88
	Walleye	PSD								17	96	100		
		PSD-P								0	0	32		
		Wr								89	93	92		
	White Sucker	PSD								100	100	100		100
		PSD-P								80	78	75		100
	Yellow Perch	PSD								67	94	25		100
PSD-P									50	12	25		33	
Wr									111	99	108		103	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD		97										
		PSD-P		67										
		Wr		119										
	Black Bullhead	PSD		48										
		PSD-P		0										
		Wr		88										
	Common Carp	PSD		100										
		PSD-P		50										
		Wr		89										
	Northern Pike	PSD		86										

Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Northern Pike	PSD-P		0								
		Wr		88								
	Walleye	PSD		41								
		PSD-P		12								
		Wr		100								
	White Sucker	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		100								
		Wr		97								
	std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD		0	0						
PSD-P				0	0							
Black Bullhead		PSD		0	26	4						
		PSD-P		0	0	0						
		Wr		111								
Common Carp		PSD		100	100	0	100					
		PSD-P		100	100	0	100					
		Wr		80								
Northern Pike		PSD		89	0	50	86					
		PSD-P		33	0	0	29					
		Wr		97	94	77	84					
Saugeye		PSD					0					
		PSD-P					0					
Walleye		PSD		31		0	0					
		PSD-P		6		0	0					
		Wr		94			96					
White Sucker		PSD		88	92	100	83					
		PSD-P		88	33	100	58					
		Wr		97								
Yellow Perch		PSD		50	60	43	75					
		PSD-P		0	0	33	8					
	Wr		111	106	105	107						

Length at Capture

Mean length at capture by age across years sampled, sample size (N).

Species: Saugeye

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	24	273 (9)	401 (5)	464 (10)							
2018	3		423 (3)								

Species: Walleye

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	18				455 (2)	487 (15)		628 (1)			
2018	52	298 (1)	411 (12)	409 (5)	452 (34)						

Species: Yellow Perch

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	4	144 (3)		278 (1)							

Fish Condition

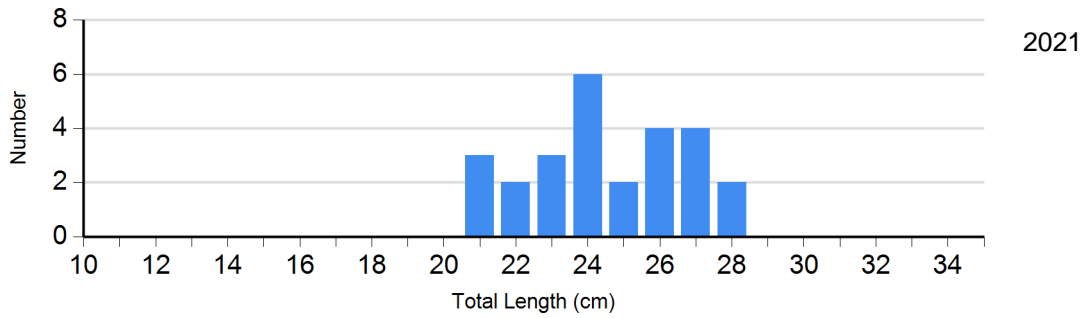
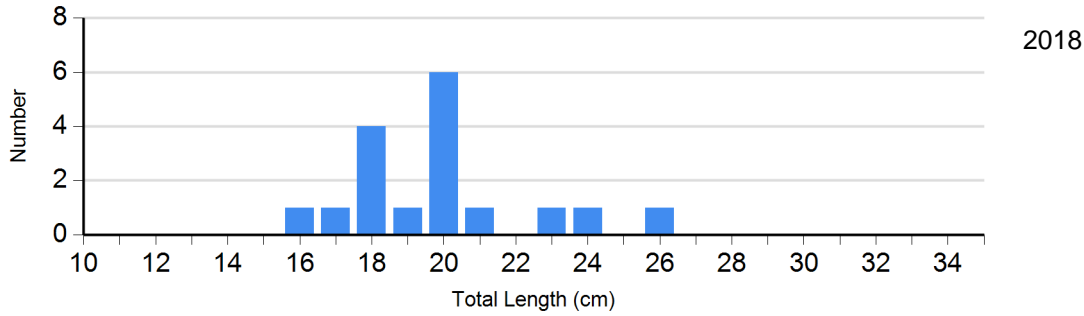
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

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	1	107	10	86 (2.3)	1	93	0	
	2018	1	117	3	95 (3.0)	0		1	
	2019	4	85 (2.2)	2	90 (2.0)	2	93 (17.6)	1	
	2021	2	92 (3.8)	3	73 (3.9)	0		0	
Saugeye Gill Net	2017	4	99 (4.2)	0		0		0	
	2018	0		3	93 (3.6)	0		0	
	2019	9	96 (1.9)	9	98 (2.5)	6	83 (14.4)	0	
	2021	3	89 (4.8)	24	90 (1.0)	12	86 (1.3)	6	87 (2.7)
Walleye Gill Net	2017	10	89 (1.8)	2	90 (2.3)	0		0	
	2018	2	96 (0.2)	50	93 (0.7)	0		0	
	2019	0		13	92 (1.3)	6	93 (2.0)	0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2017	10	106 (3.8)	5	117 (4.6)	14	112 (1.9)	1	100
	2018	1	120	14	97 (1.5)	2	102 (3.6)	0	
	2019	3	116 (4.2)	0		1	84	0	
	2021	0		4	105 (3.7)	2	100 (0.8)	0	

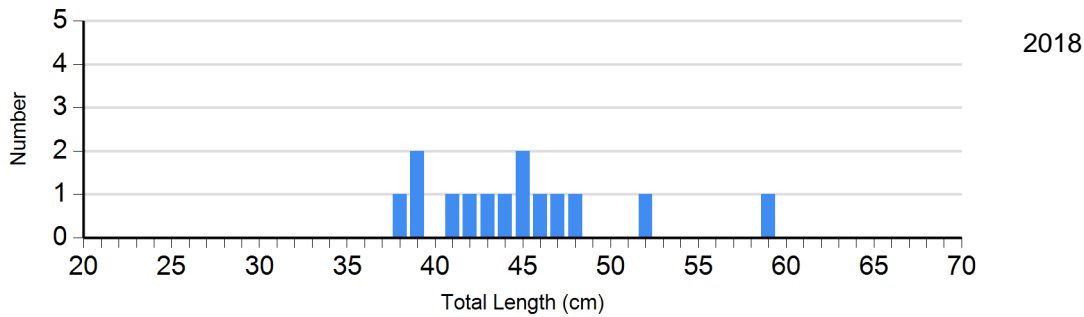
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

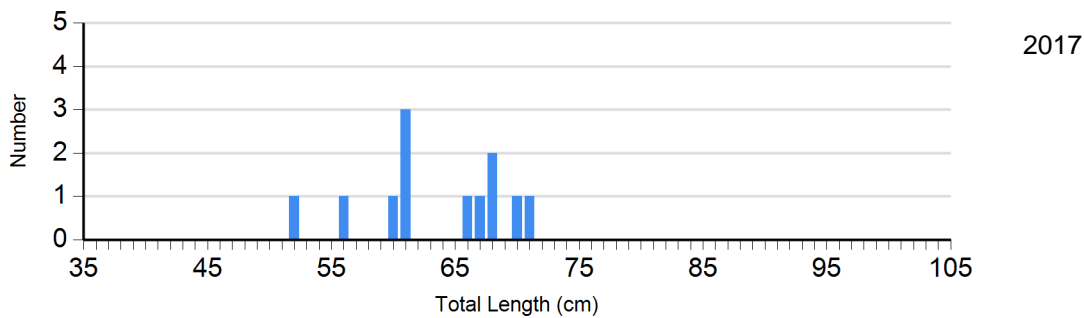
Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



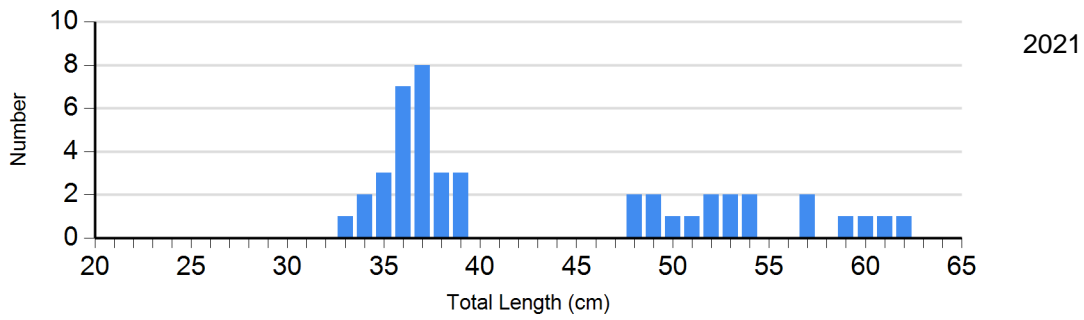
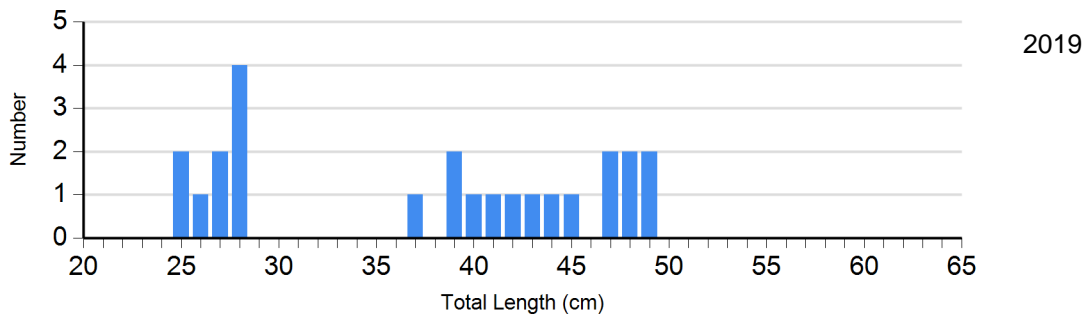
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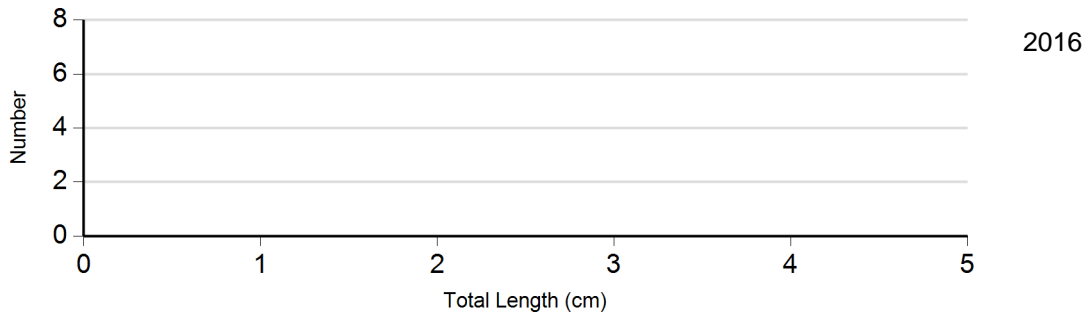
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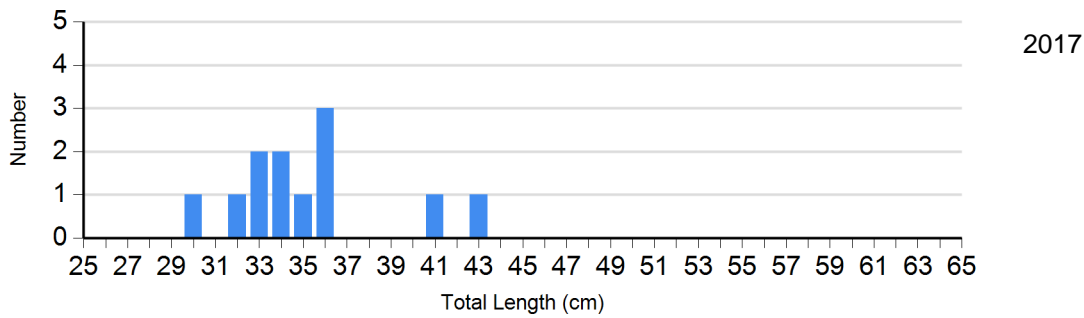
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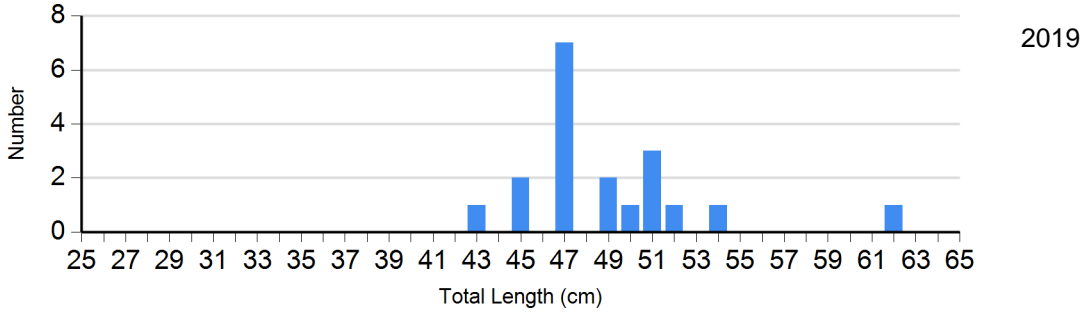
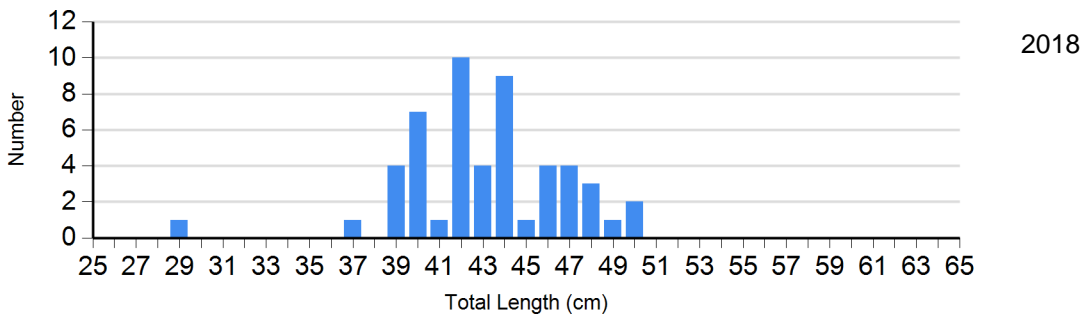


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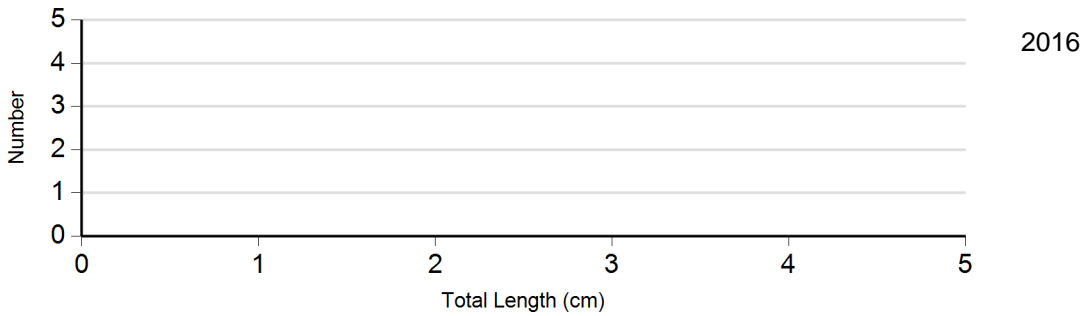


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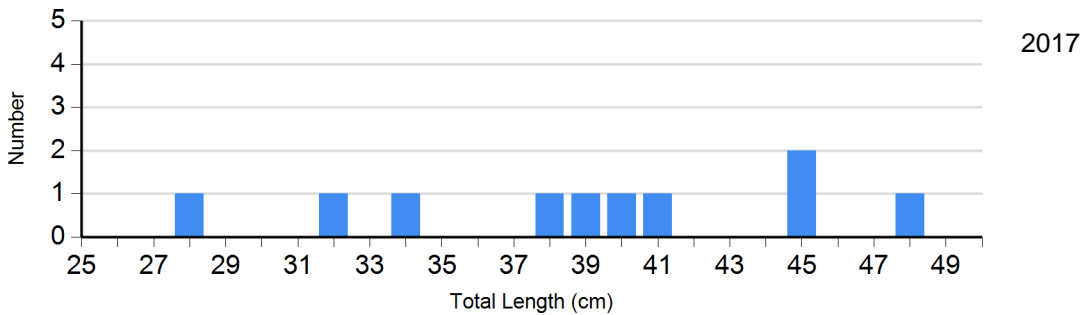




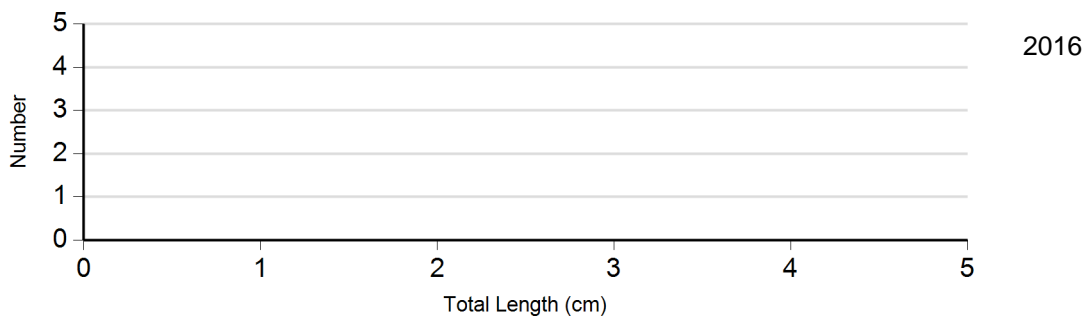
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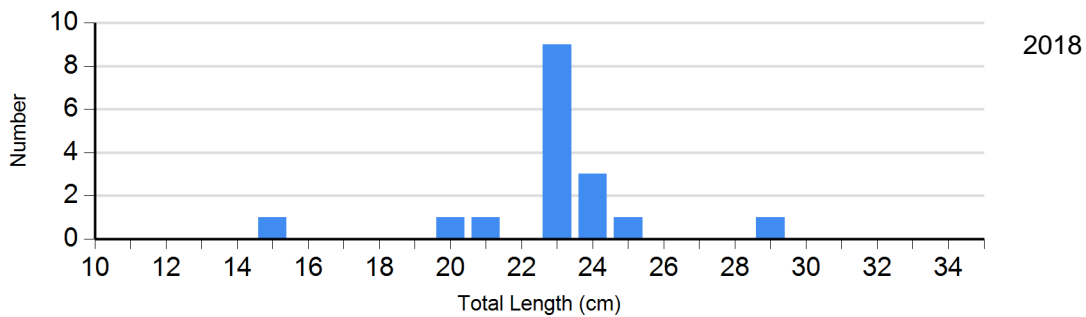
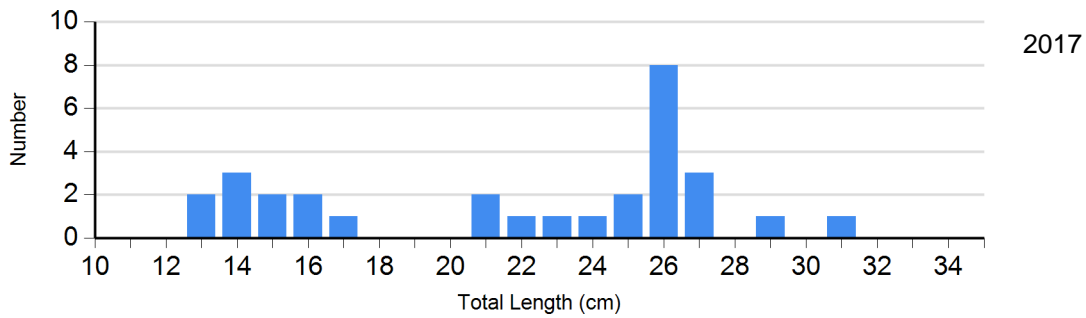
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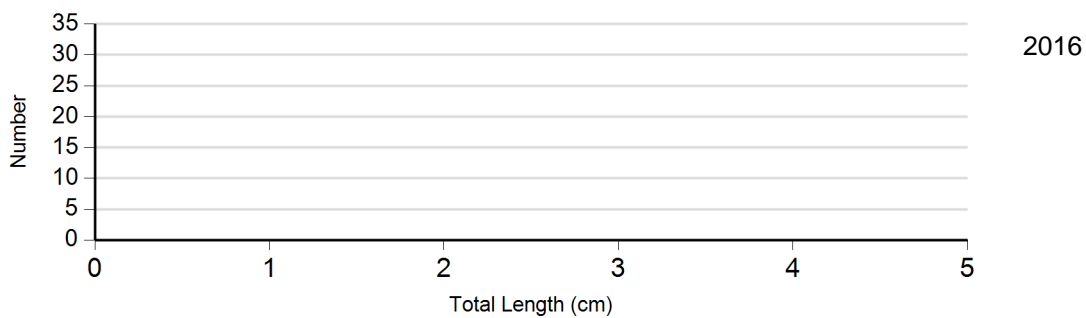
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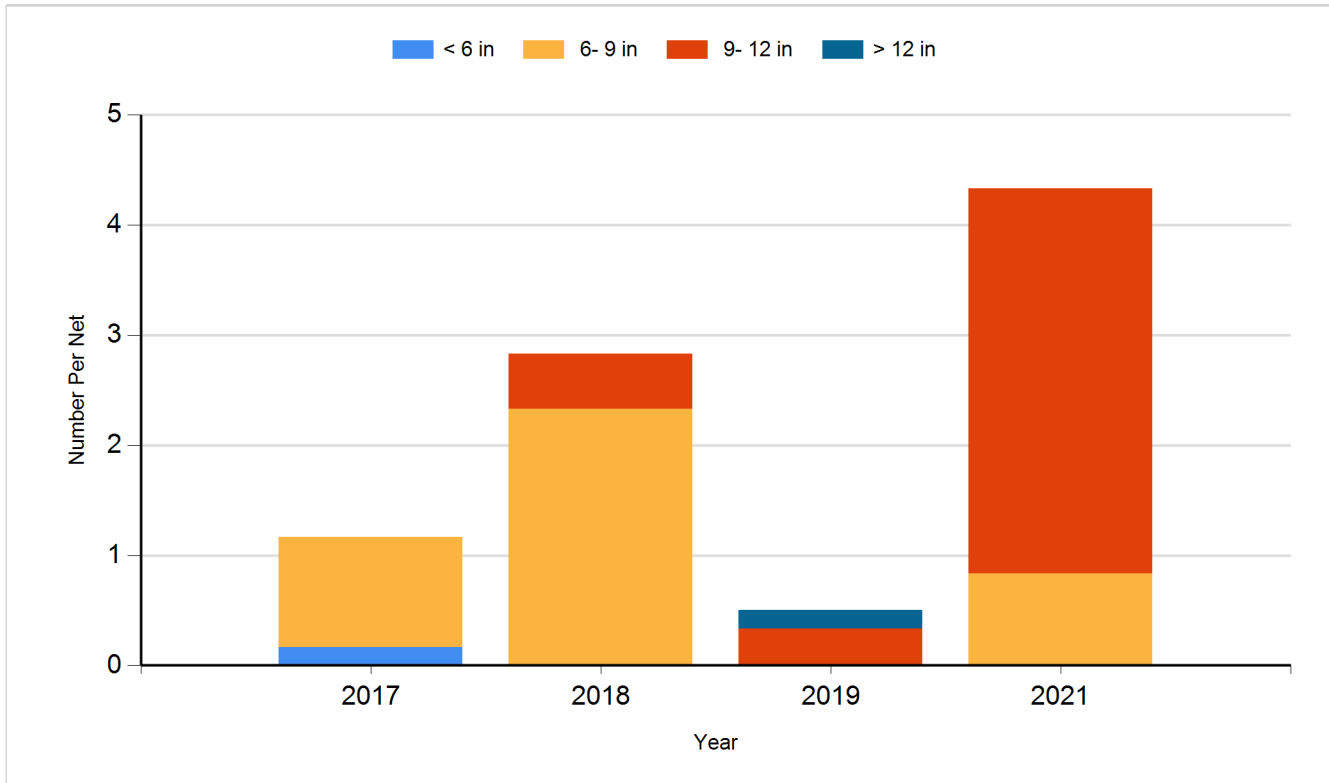
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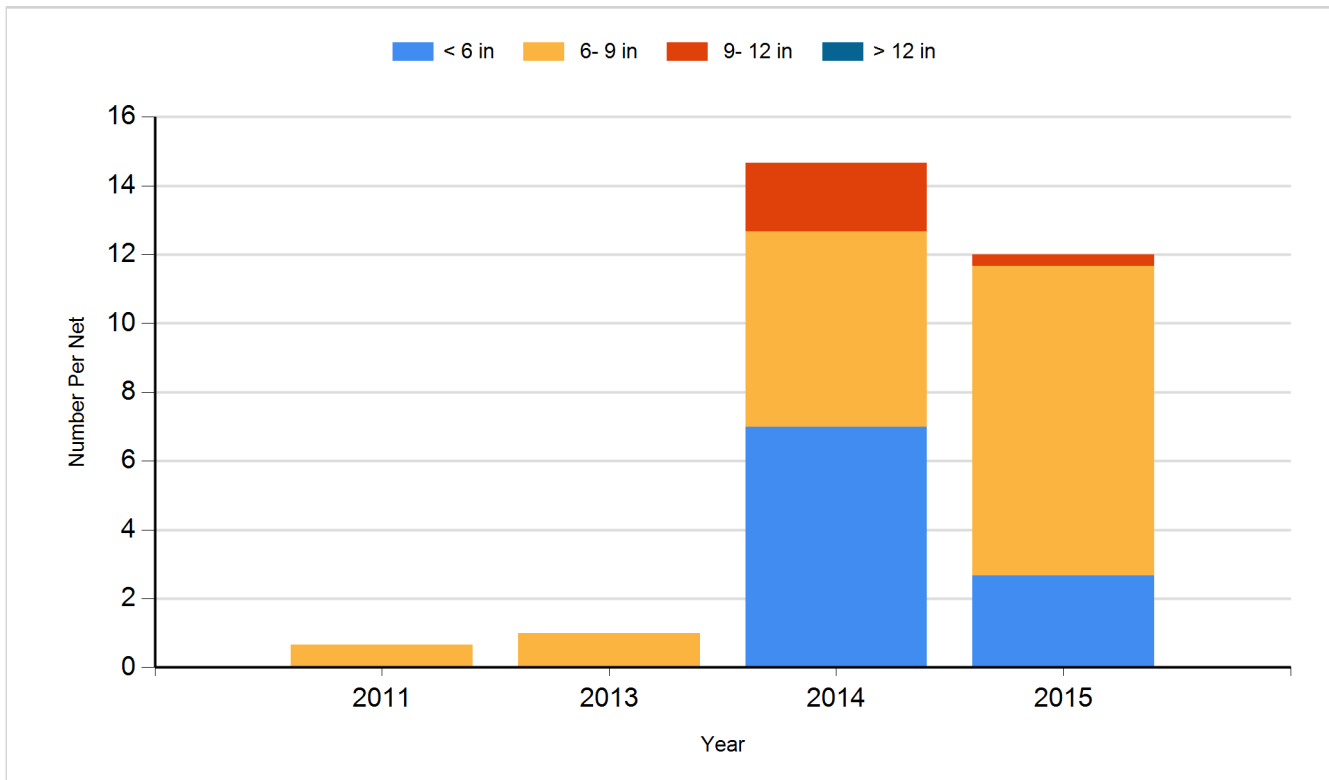
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

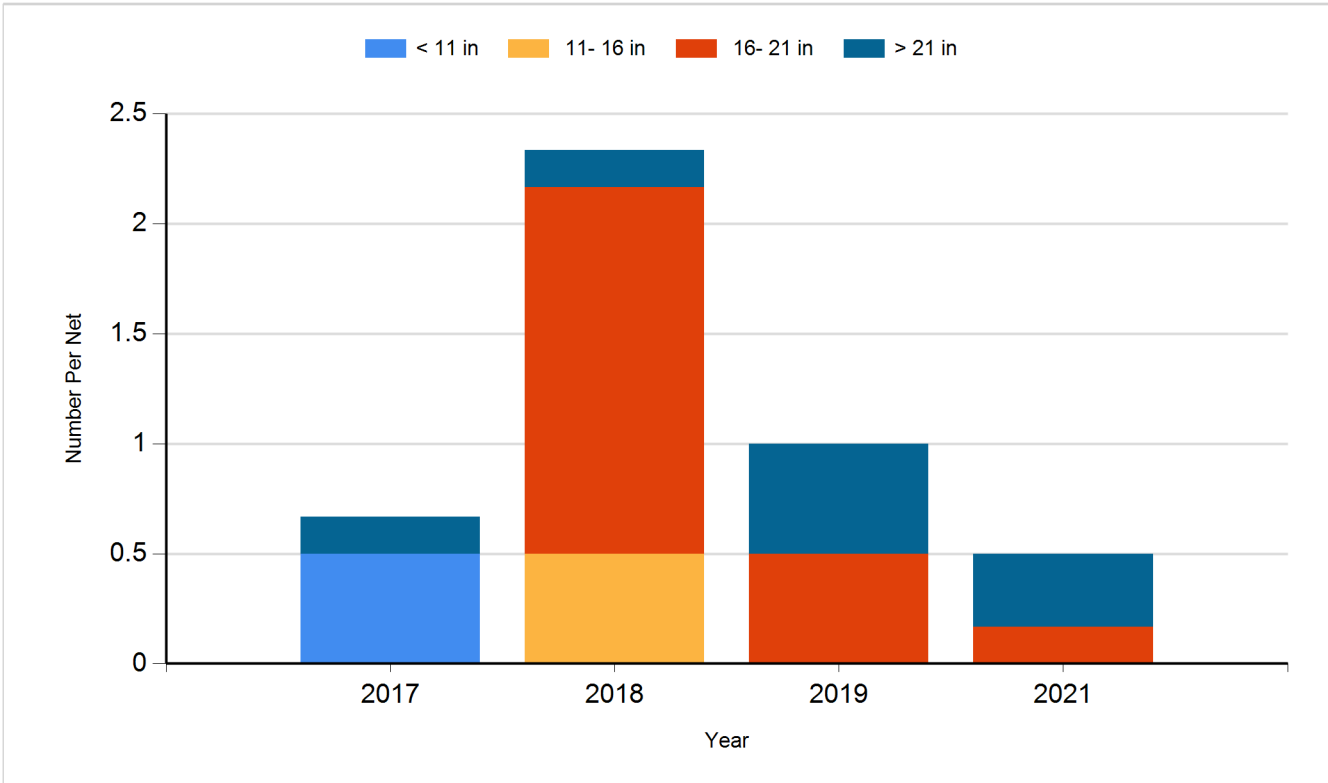
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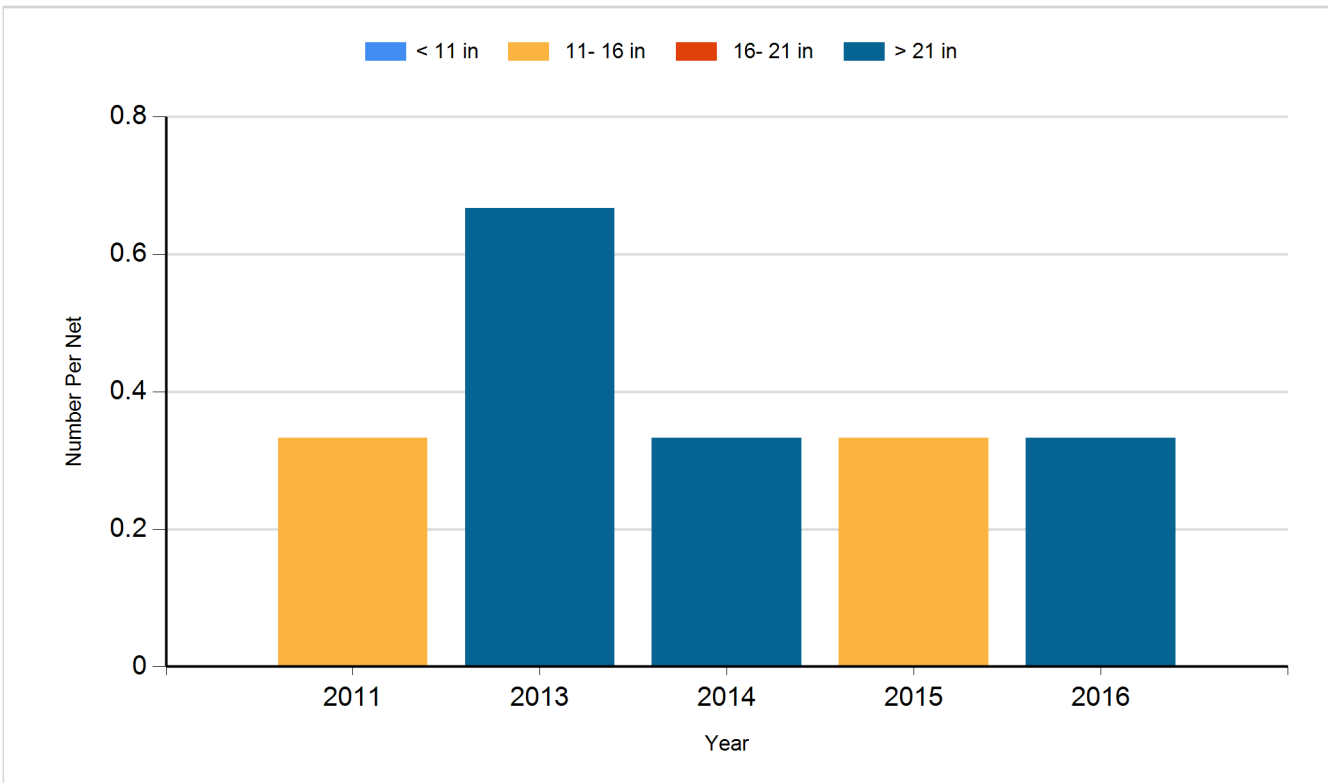
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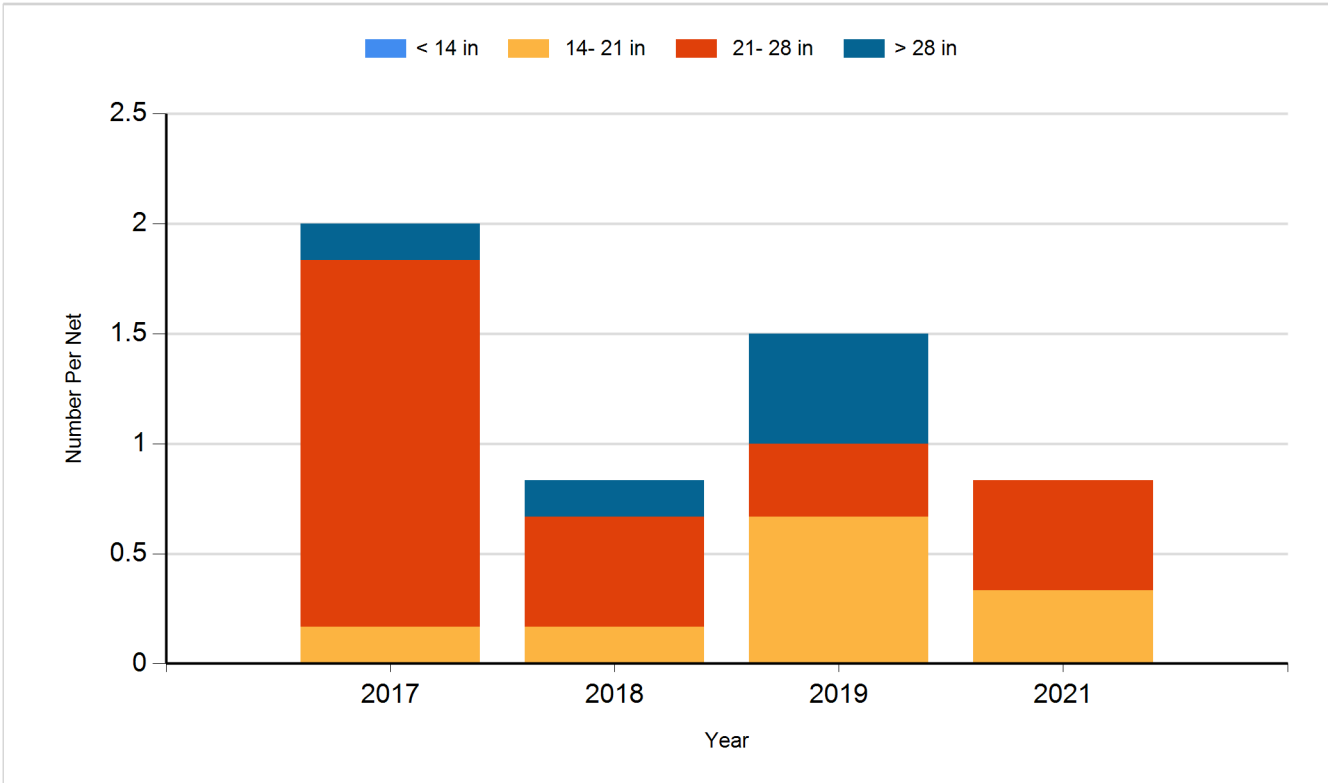
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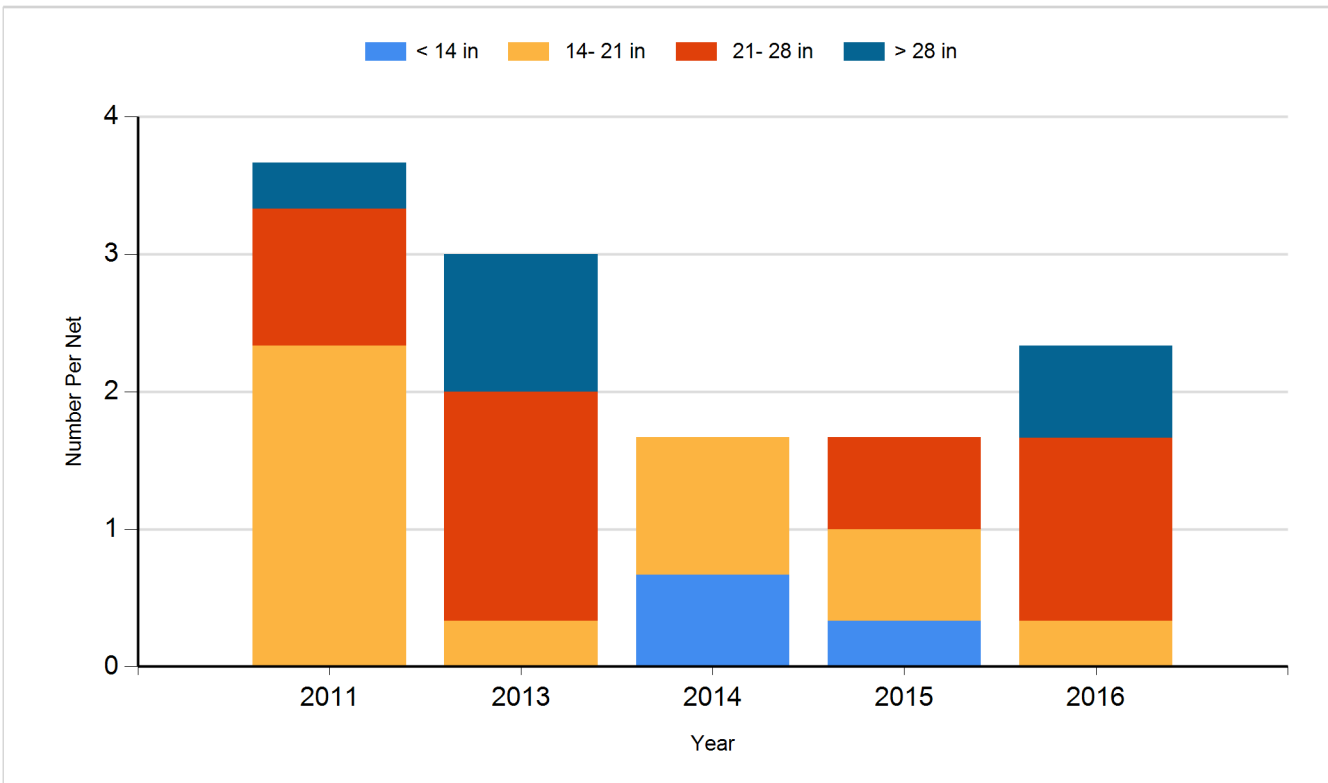
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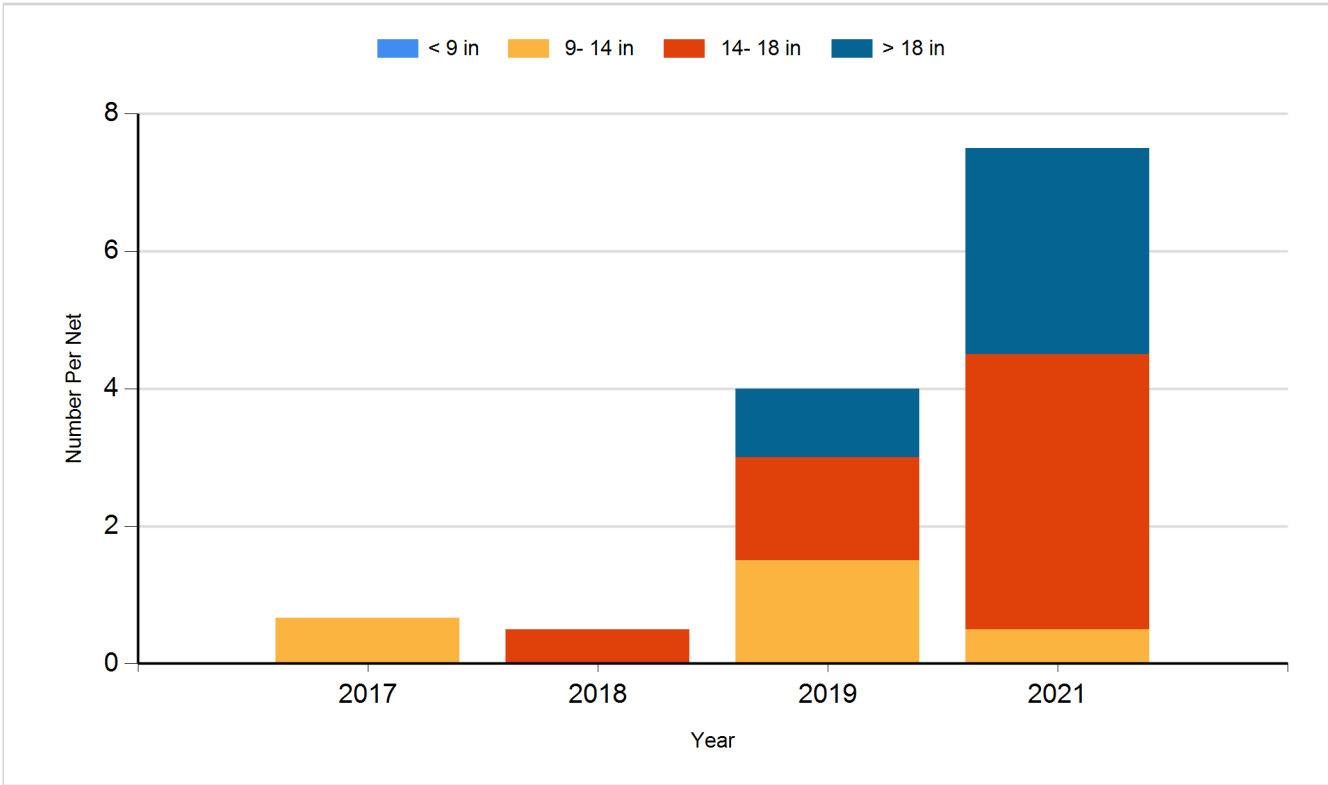
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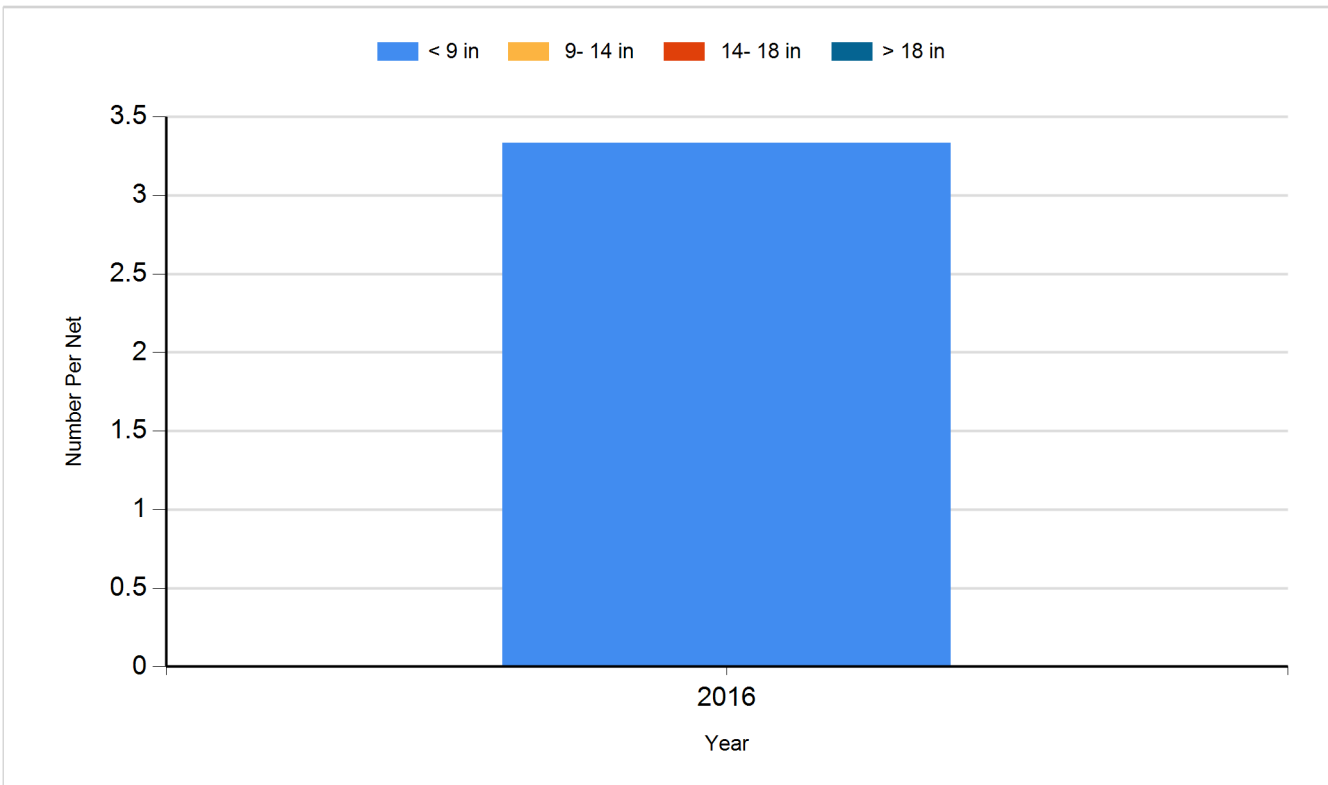
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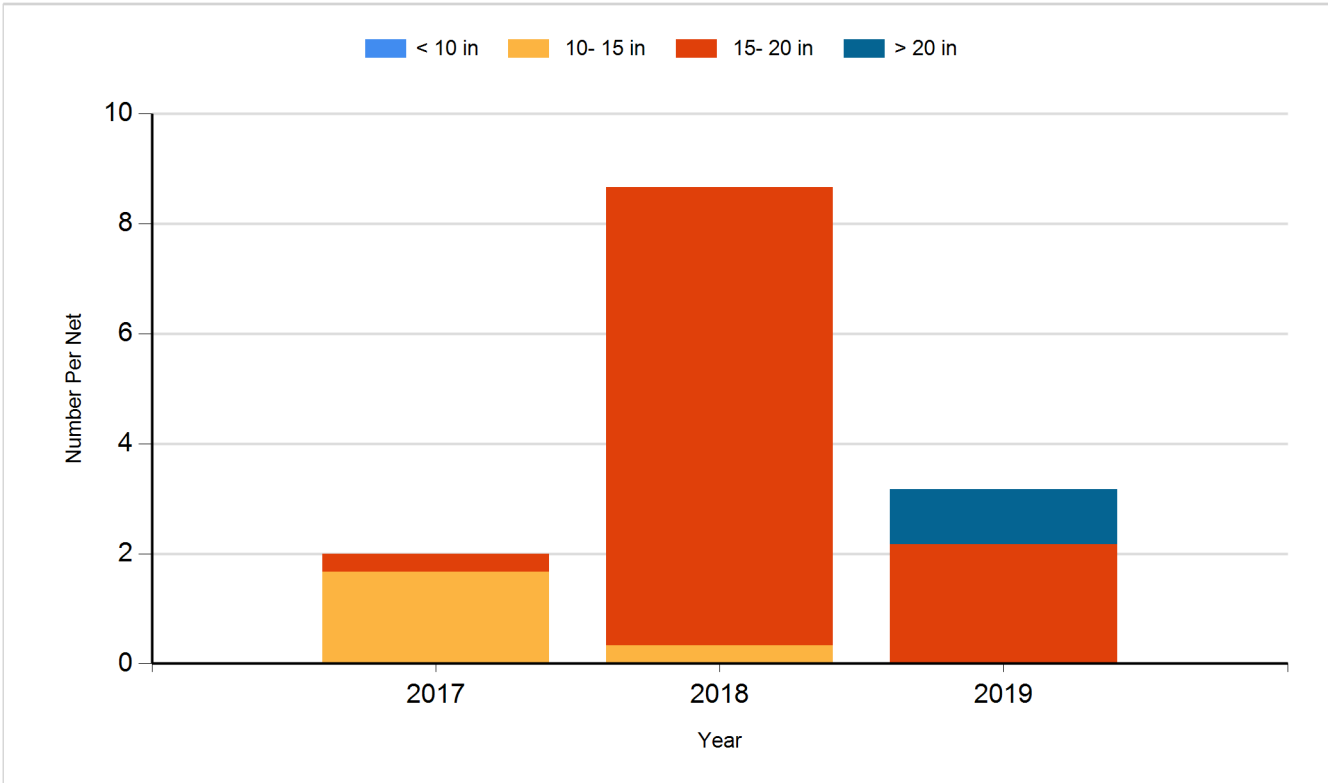
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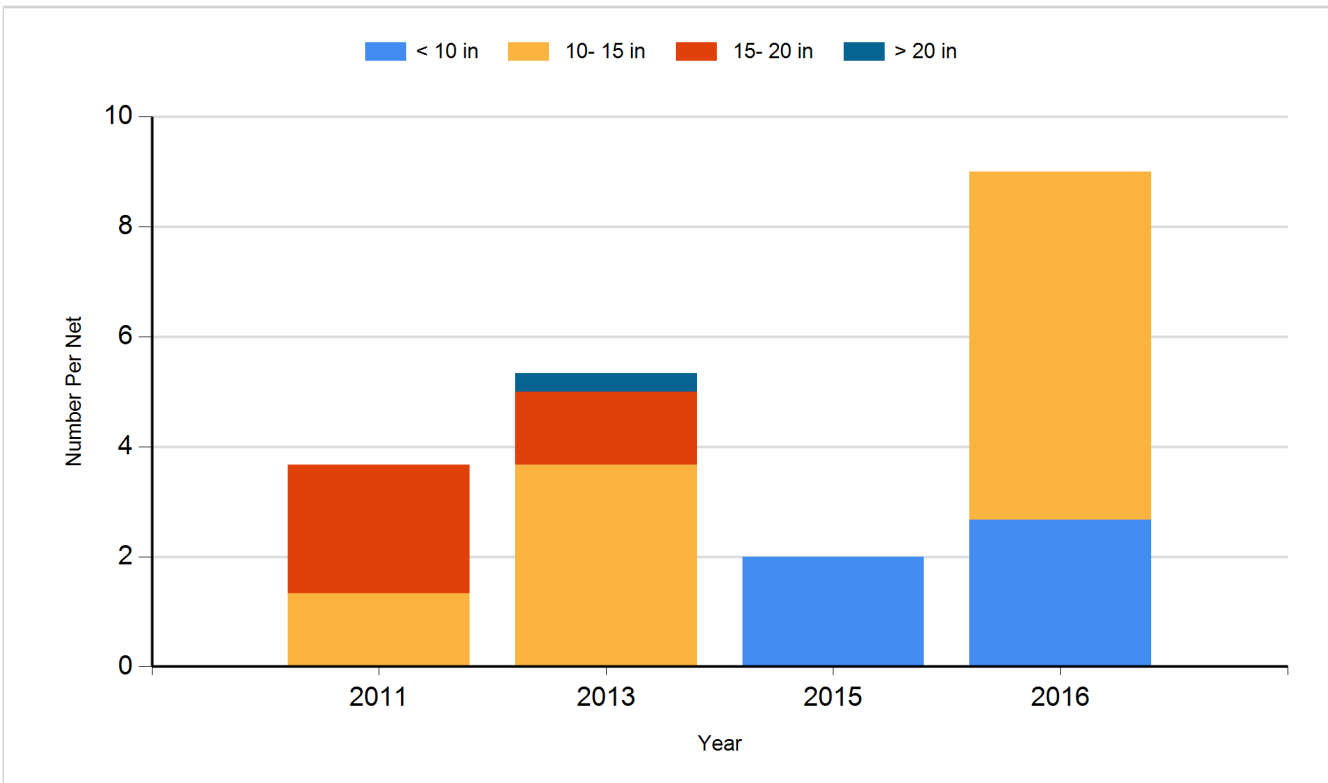
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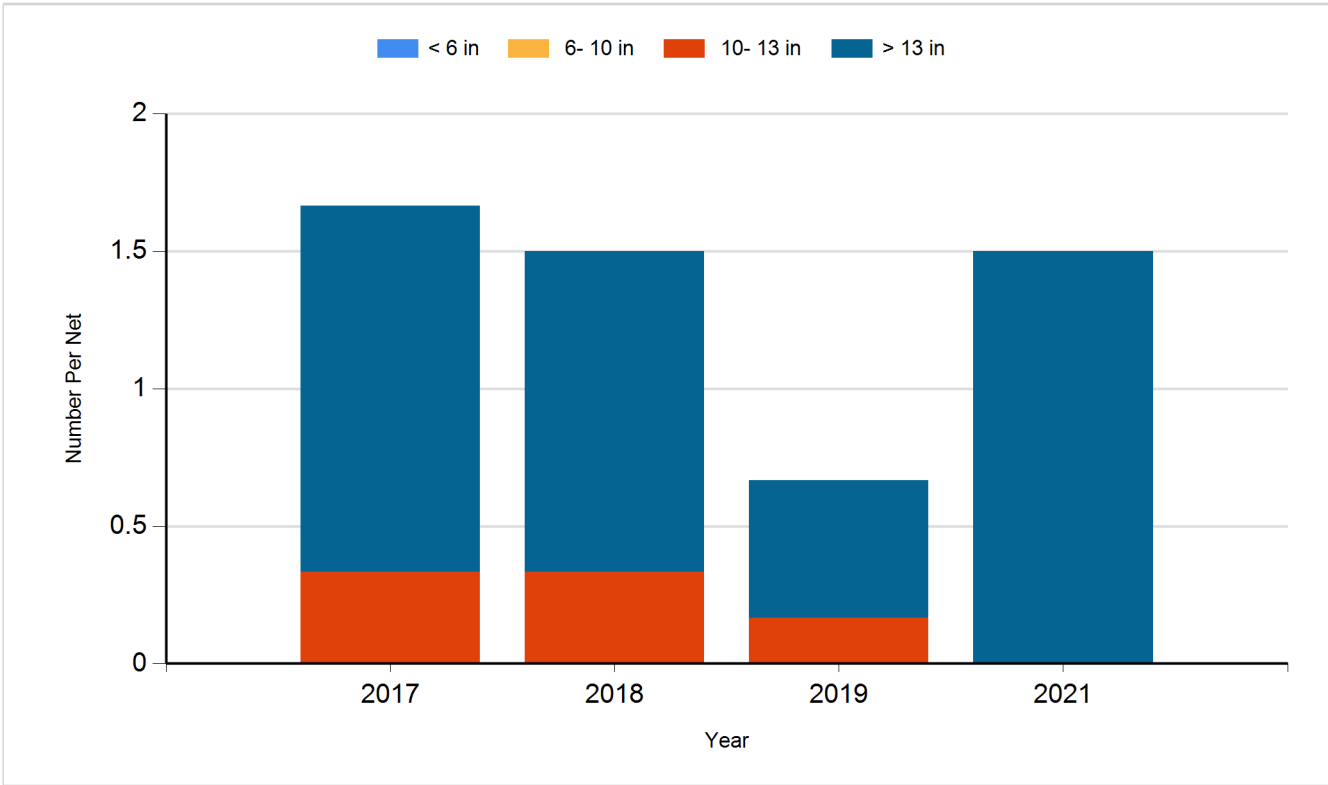
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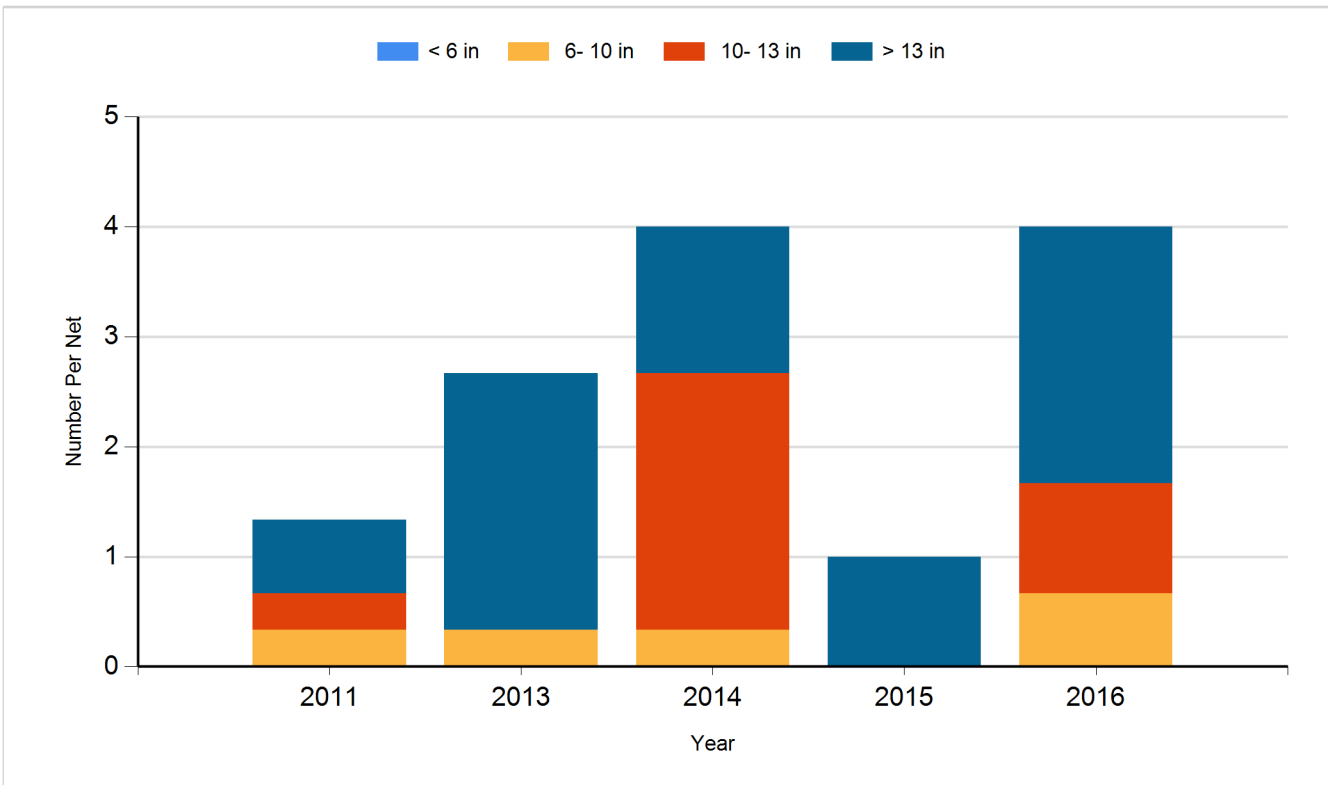
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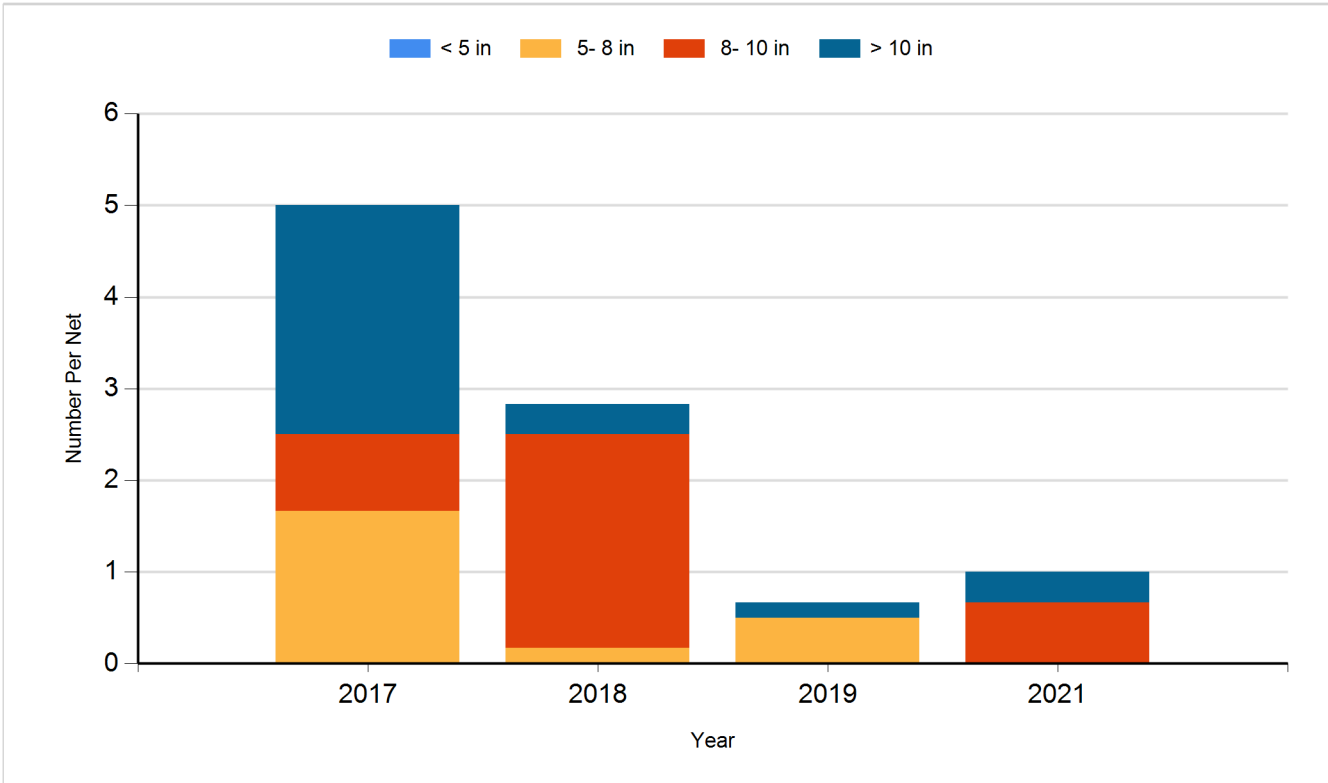
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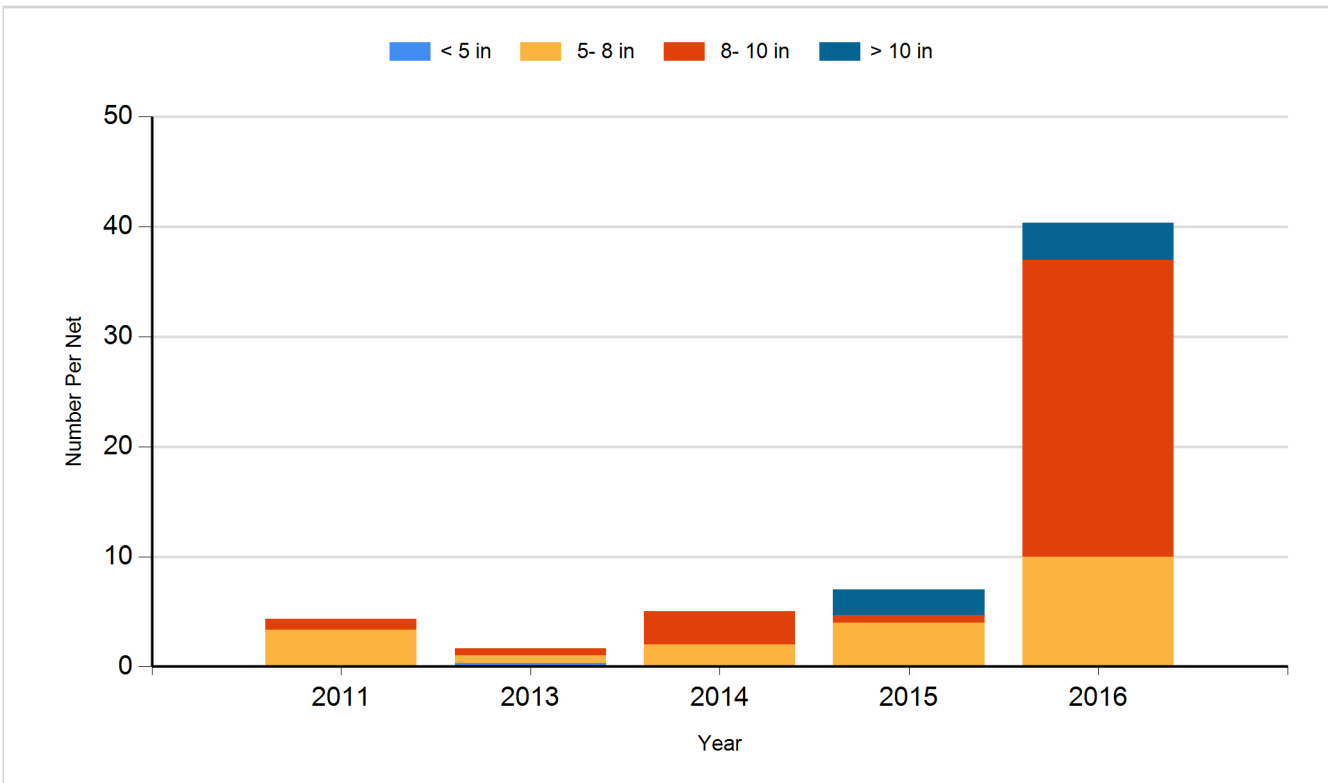
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Gear: std exp gill net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Walleye	Small Fingerling	32,640
2011	Walleye	Large Fingerling	172
2011	Yellow Perch	Adult	2,280
2011	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	145,920
2012	Walleye	Juvenile	1,350
2014	Walleye	Fry	300,000
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	20,480
2016	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	31,030
2018	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	20,550
2019	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	21,120
2021	Saugeye	Fry	400,000
2021	Saugeye	Juvenile	25,830