

**Commercial Fishing Vessel Count by State/Jurisdiction
and Federally-Documented by the U.S. Coast Guard**

State / Jurisdiction	CFV Count 2006*	CFV Count 2007*	CFV Count 2008*
Alabama	988	844	1,007
Alaska	4,976	5,509	5,673
Arizona	1	0	0
Arkansas	160	181	175
Connecticut	262	256	327
Delaware	173	0	176
Florida	10,188	9,917	9,597
Georgia	447	474	533
Hawaii	N/R	N/R	370
Illinois	1,235	1,231	1,200
Louisiana	13,419	12,895	13,174
Maine	6,667	6,508	6,317
Maryland	841	911	941
Massachusetts	2,059	2,006	2,084
Michigan	302	292	292
Minnesota	50	50	0
Mississippi	0	1,032	1,094
Nevada	18	0	0
New Jersey	523	0	0
New York	735	719	718
North Carolina	6,207	6,079	6,012
Ohio	8	7	11
Oklahoma	171	170	151
Oregon	354	335	329
Pennsylvania	0	1	4
Rhode Island	630	630	630
South Carolina	1,227	1,233	1,204
Texas	2,253	2,130	1,864
Virginia	1,392	1,336	1,304
Washington	1,231	1,190	1,190
American Samoa	76	76	13
Guam	20	18	14
Northern Mariana Islands	28	26	27
Puerto Rico	1,943	1,507	831
US Virgin Islands	N/R	N/R	323
“Un-Documented” Totals	58,584	57,563	57,585
Commercial Fishing and Processing Vessels In-Service with Valid USCG Certificate of Documentation (MISLE)	21,996	20,535	20,231
Total Number of Commercial Fishing Vessels in the U.S. from State and USCG Reports	80,580	78,098	77,816
Adjusted for known vessels in California (+1,087) and Hawaii (+380 in 2006-2007)	82,047	79,565	78,903

Notes:

* Number of commercial fishing vessels as reported to the USCG by the individual State or Jurisdiction responsible for vessel registrations. They register vessels in different ways so the count may not accurately reflect the number of vessels that actually hold permits for taking and landing fish. For example: CA Dept. of Fish & Game reports 1,087 fishing vessels; AK DF&G reports only 2,367 with permits. Also, it is known that NH, NJ, and WI have registered commercial fishing vessels. Otherwise, States not listed in the table reported no commercial fishing vessels. Some of the vessels counted by the States may be charter fishing vessels.

State/Jurisdiction vessel counts are based on 2006, 2007, and 2008 Boating Safety Statistics. DE count for 2007, and NJ counts for 2007 and 2008 are suspect. Documented Vessel count is taken from the USCG's MISLE database in October 2007, June 2008, and September 2009. Some States require documented vessels to also hold state registration, so there is some double counting of vessels reflected in the total number of commercial fishing vessels.

At any given time, a number of vessels may be laid-up or out of service. Also, numerous vessels may only operate as commercial vessels on a part-time basis, transfer their catch allowance to other vessels, or not really be active commercial fishing vessels.