

Texas Knife Facts

Texas Population* 23.9 Million Percent Total U.S. Population 7.81%

Knife Ownership/Use 10.75 Million

Texas Knife Sales**

Total U.S. Knife Sales 2007 \$986.87 Million

Total Texas Knife Sales \$77.074 - \$117.93 Million

**Texas Sales of Folding Knives, Assisted-Openers,
and One-Hand-Openers \$61.66 - \$94.34 Million**

Note: California purchased an estimated \$117.93 Million in sporting knives of all models in 2007. For many U.S. companies, Texas is considered to be the largest market in the U.S., rivaling California (hence the range given above).

Assisted-opening knives and one-hand-opening knives (all models) are estimated at 80 percent of all models of knives sold in U.S.

Economic Impact of Hunting and Fishing***

Texas (2006) \$6.228 Billion

AKTI estimates that 90% of hunters and fishermen carry knives, often the same knives they carry every day. **Out-of-state sportsmen and sportswomen, in particular, are unfairly targeted by knife laws that conflict with knife laws in their home states. The Texas definition of "switchblade" wrongly expanded in the Thomas case conflicts with the federal and all other state definitions.** Hunters and fishermen with discretionary dollars can travel to multiple states where they can bypass Texas, which now makes them de-facto criminals for carrying folding knives, one-hand-opening and assisted-opening knives.

Footnotes:

Texas Population* ... Texas, California and U.S. population statistics are from Wikipedia and are estimated for July 1, 2007.

Texas Knife Sales** ... These are based on the 2007 Report - AKTI State of the Sporting Knife Industry.

Economic Impact of Hunting and Fishing*** ... The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service published its 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation in the fall 2007. The survey is done every 5 years and ranks Texas #1.