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It is estimated that 5,669,000 trout were taken in 1950 from Michigan trout waters. This estimate is based on 169,690 trout stamps plus 20 percent for minors and wives of licensed trout fishermen, times 16.3 days, times 0.61 trout per hour, times 2.8 hours fished per day (the last two figures being derived from the general creel census for 1950).

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