

The blue crab population is divided into different age categories based on size, sex and maturity. The estimated number of crabs in 1000 meters squared, or density, is calculated for each category, giving managers a more detailed picture of the population. The densities of each category are listed in the tables below:

Year	All crabs	All crabs <u>smaller</u> than 2.4 inches	All crabs <u>bigger</u> than 2.4 inches
1990	82.16	47.34	34.82
1991	85.53	36.43	49.11
1992	38.14	10.69	27.44
1993	88.32	51.27	37.05
1994	53.55	30.94	22.61
1995	50.43	30.71	19.72
1996	76.50	51.82	24.68
1997	69.76	52.16	17.59
1998	36.42	16.87	19.54
1999	31.93	22.76	9.17
2000	30.49	13.90	16.59
2001	26.64	15.86	10.76
2002	32.35	19.81	12.54
2003	39.80	17.88	21.91
2004	30.08	15.00	15.09
2005	42.79	25.67	17.12
2006	33.54	20.51	13.04
2007	27.67	11.76	15.91
2008	28.83	16.62	12.20

The different size categories are further investigated by breaking down size categories by sex and maturity:

Year	Mature Females	Females bigger than 2.4 inches (immature and mature) <i>Females that will spawn this year</i>	Males bigger than 2.4 inches	Males bigger than 5 inches
1990	9.01	14.73	20.09	8.84
1991	18.59	24.43	24.67	12.14
1992	15.52	18.26	9.18	4.86
1993	6.21	18.86	18.19	6.21
1994	9.28	12.09	10.52	4.56
1995	4.36	8.62	11.10	4.01
1996	10.07	13.76	10.92	5.30
1997	7.48	10.23	7.36	3.40
1998	8.27	11.25	8.29	3.89
1999	4.73	5.94	3.22	2.01
2000	10.71	12.18	4.41	2.11
2001	4.24	6.20	4.58	1.93
2002	4.40	5.87	6.67	3.82
2003	7.69	11.04	10.87	4.90
2004	8.39	10.14	4.95	2.37
2005	10.19	12.08	5.04	2.66
2006	8.45	9.29	3.74	2.24
2007	8.32	10.15	5.76	2.83
2008	6.74	8.38	3.82	1.76