The catch history of this survey has shown that the number of Atlantic menhaden has only slightly increased over the years. In 2005, trawl tows averaged 7 fish. That number nearly quadrupled in 2008, with tows averaging 26 fish. Of the total number caught, 98.3% were less than 200 mm (8 inches) in length. The largest menhaden caught had a total length of 339 mm (13.6 inches).