



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: COOK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 957 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 234 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 139

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 156

Permits issued/quota 2022-2023 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

No firearm hunting in Cook Co.

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

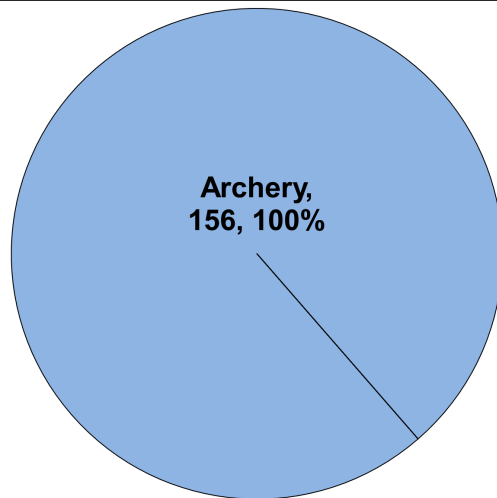
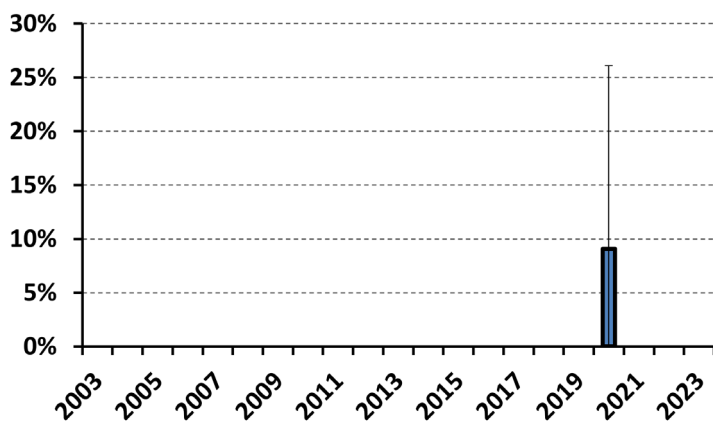
Check Station Location: None. Hunters wishing to have their deer tested should take them to participating vendors or head drop off barrels.

CWD Season in 2023-2024: No. There is firearm hunting in Cook Co.

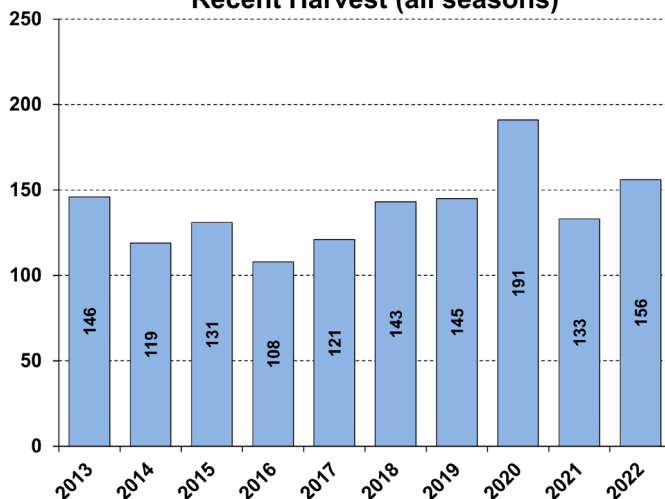
Number tested for CWD in 2022-23: 270

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 1

Special permits: IDNR provides special permits for municipalities to lower localized deer populations. Through these efforts 248 deer were tested for CWD and 1 positives were detected. Only hunter harvested deer shown below.



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	87	81	87	75	62
Crossbow	52	59	101	55	91
Traditional	4	5	3	3	3
Total	143	145	191	133	156

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	42.7	48.0	38.7	42.1	35.9
M - Yearling	27.3	27.0	24.1	25.6	22.4
M - Fawn	5.6	1.4	5.8	4.5	5.1
F - Adult	25.9	21.6	27.7	23.3	28.8
F - Fawn	2.1	2.0	3.7	4.5	7.7

M - Adult = 2.5 and older; F - Adult = 1.5 and older