



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: MASON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 564 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,320 (2004)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 852

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 935

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

Firearm: 600/600 **Muzzle:** 165/165

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2023-2024: No. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: 2012

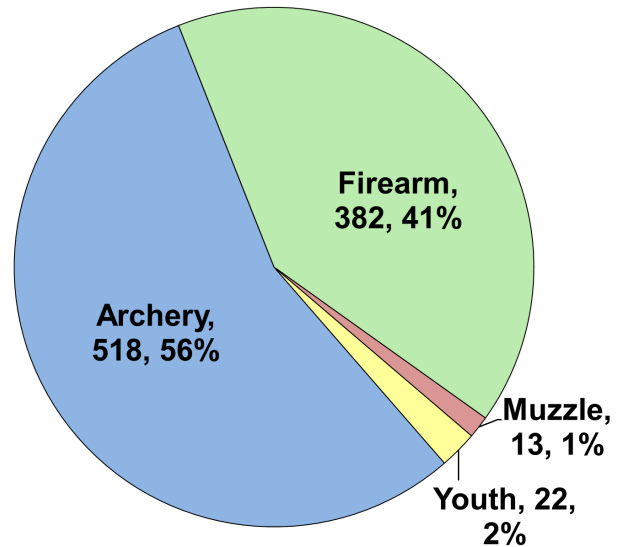
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	235	240	262	220	226
Crossbow	174	249	280	276	288
Traditional	4	8	9	8	4
Total	413	497	551	504	518

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	26.7	30.1	33.0	33.2	33.3
M - Yearling	19.3	19.4	18.5	18.7	18.5
M - Fawn	10.1	8.6	8.3	9.8	8.9
F - Adult	36.7	35.9	34.1	31.4	33.3
F - Fawn	7.9	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.1

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

