



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: SHELBY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 768 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,554 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,124

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 2,550

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

Firearm: 3227/3300 **Muzzle:** 446/550

Late Winter: 59

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2023-2024: Yes. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter: 2007 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	503	591	583	513	510
Crossbow	322	403	449	529	533
Traditional	7	10	8	15	15
Total	832	1004	1040	1057	1058

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	27.1	26.5	28.6	30.0	28.2
M - Yearling	19.4	20.0	18.0	18.1	16.2
M - Fawn	10.8	9.2	9.9	9.2	8.6
F - Adult	35.8	36.5	36.3	35.2	40.3
F - Fawn	8.7	7.7	7.2	7.5	6.7

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

