



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: WILL COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 849 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1976

**Record Harvest:** 1,435 (1995)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 1,101

**Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,018

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

**Firearm:** 1110/1450 **Muzzle:** 240/350

**CWD:** 72

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

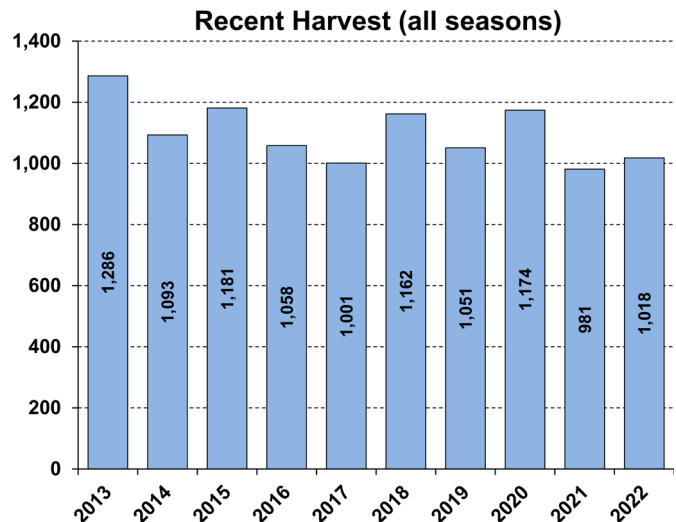
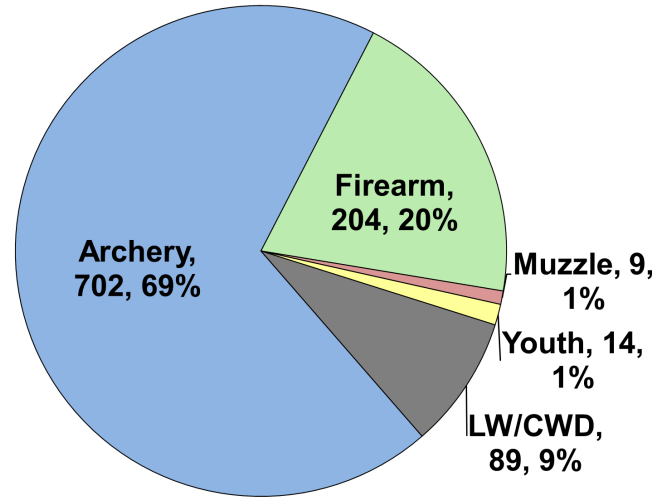
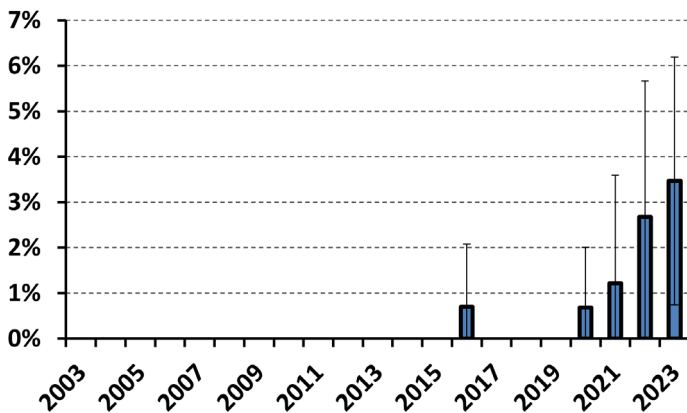
**Check Station Location:** Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

**CWD Season in 2023-2024:** Yes. CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

**Number tested for CWD in 2022-23:** 441

**CWD positive deer in 2022-23:** 13

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 96 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination.



## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	468	378	385	352	316
Crossbow	326	348	433	371	379
Traditional	6	6	7	7	7
Total	800	732	825	730	702

## Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	25.4	31.4	32.3	29.2	31.4
M - Yearling	19.5	24.5	19.9	20.4	19.6
M - Fawn	8.4	7.1	7.9	7.4	8.3
F - Adult	39.6	31.8	34.8	36.3	34.1
F - Fawn	6.6	5.1	5.1	6.6	6.6

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