



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 519 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,480 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 890

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 772

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

Firearm: 1272/3000 **Muzzle:** 183/450

CWD: 35

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

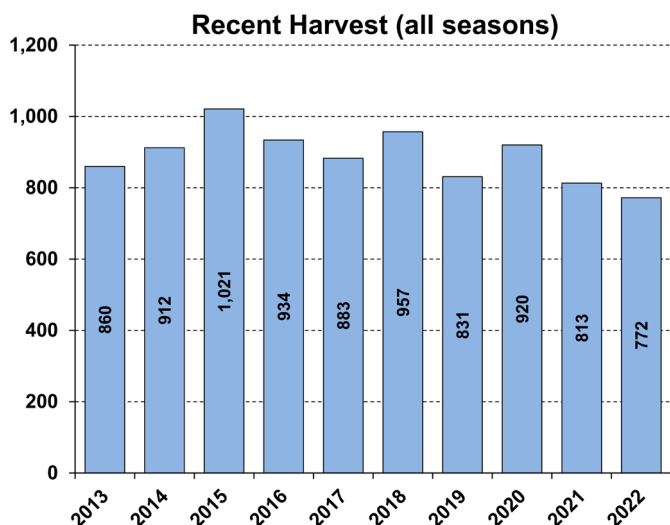
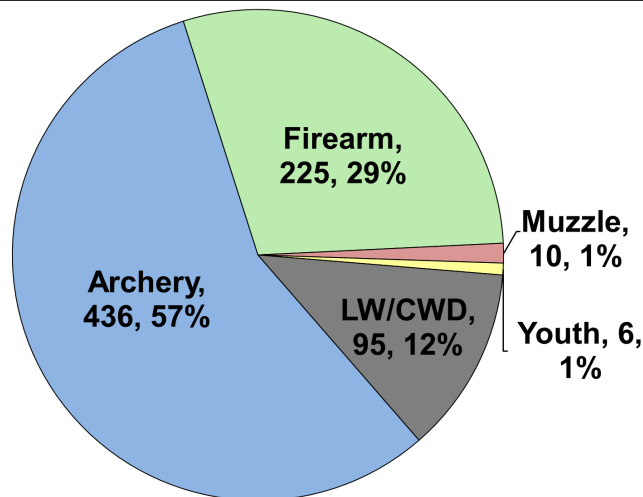
Check Station Location: Rock Cut State Park

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: 271

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 16

IDNR sharpshooting: 66 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	278	263	312	205	219
Crossbow	180	212	242	255	215
Traditional	4	5	5	8	2
Total	462	480	559	468	436

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	24.4	31.0	30.7	31.8	32.1
M - Yearling	24.0	20.7	21.7	22.0	21.4
M - Fawn	7.1	9.9	9.3	9.9	7.9
F - Adult	38.6	33.7	34.2	31.3	34.8
F - Fawn	3.4	4.7	4.0	5.0	3.8

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

