



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: BUREAU COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 874 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1961

**Record Harvest:** 2,873 (2007)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 1,794

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,915

**Permits issued/quota 2023-2024** (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

**Firearm:** 3000/3000 **Muzzle:** 481/500

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

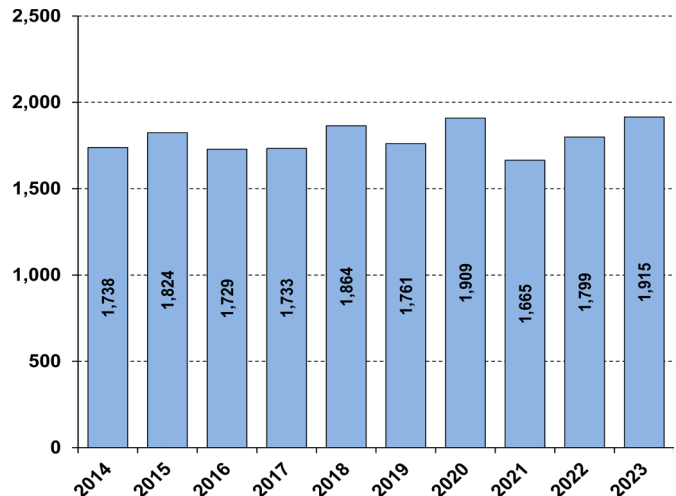
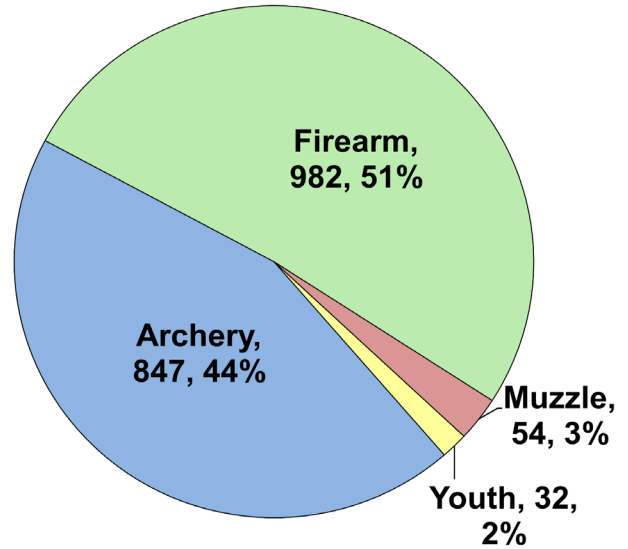
**Check Station Location:** N/A

**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2024-2025:** Yes. CWD was detected in this county in 2023. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

**Last year in Late Winter/CWD:** 2014

**Number tested for CWD in 2023-24:**

**CWD positive deer in 2023-24:** 1



## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	398	429	322	330	374
Crossbow	312	391	380	466	462
Traditional	10	12	9	10	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>847</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	25.8	24.6	27.4	30.4	32.4
M - Yearling	19.8	20.4	19.5	17.5	18.2
M - Fawn	9.6	9.6	9.1	7.6	6.6
F - Adult	38.3	39.5	37.7	38.4	37.4
F - Fawn	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.4

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

