



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 715 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1966

Record Harvest: 1,337 (2011)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,137

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,179

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

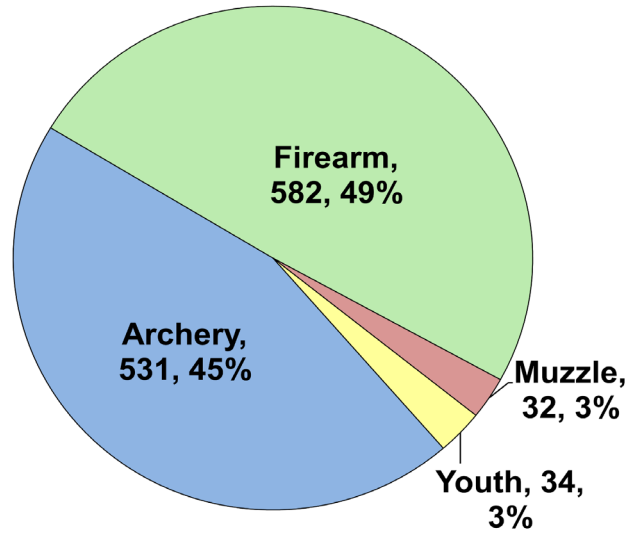
Firearm: 1500/1500 **Muzzle:** 255/270

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

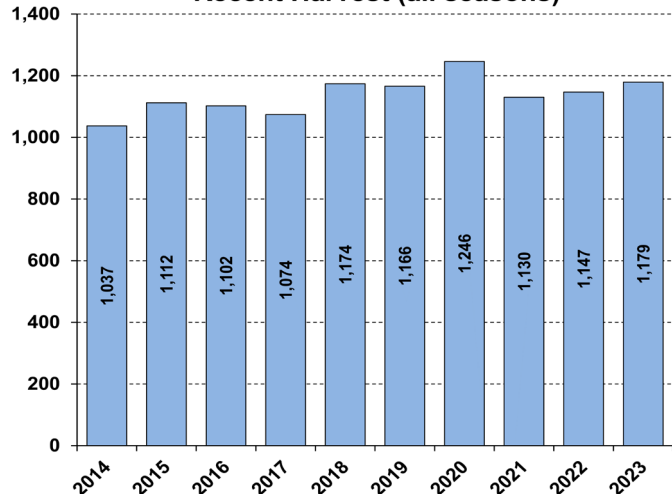
Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2024-2025: 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 Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	245	229	226	230	215
Crossbow	301	341	302	301	314
Traditional	0	7	1	6	2
Total	546	577	529	537	531

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.3	28.3	30.1	29.6	33.8
M - Yearling	20.2	17.5	19.4	18.3	18.0
M - Fawn	7.5	8.1	8.7	8.2	8.1
F - Adult	38.2	40.6	36.3	38.3	36.0
F - Fawn	6.9	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.2

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

