



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: CLAY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 469 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,560 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,968

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,401

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

Firearm: 3453/3500 **Muzzle:** 358/475

Late Winter: 56

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2024-2025: 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: 2005 - Present

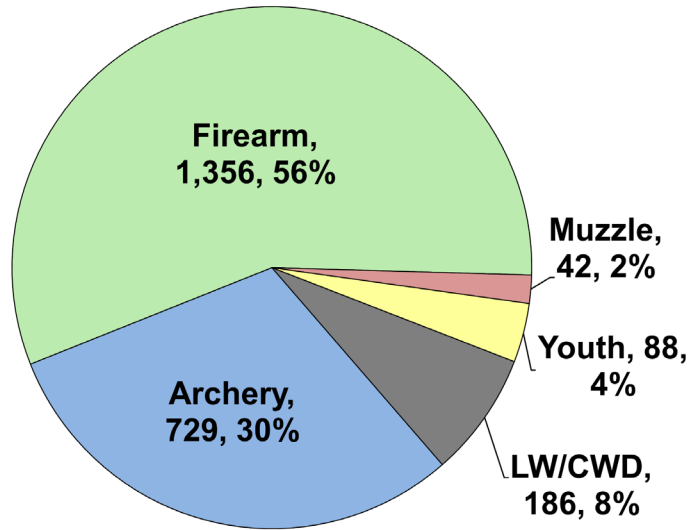
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	394	399	338	316	358
Crossbow	248	344	326	329	355
Traditional	11	9	7	6	16
Total	653	752	671	651	729

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.6	26.8	27.4	26.0	29.9
M - Yearling	17.5	14.5	15.3	15.1	15.2
M - Fawn	9.4	10.7	12.5	11.3	9.8
F - Adult	39.0	39.9	36.0	38.3	36.8
F - Fawn	7.5	8.1	8.8	9.3	8.2

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

