



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: COLES COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 510 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 1,610 (2011)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,332

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,462

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

Firearm: 1750/1750 **Muzzle:** 257/300

Late Winter: 41

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: 2003 - Present

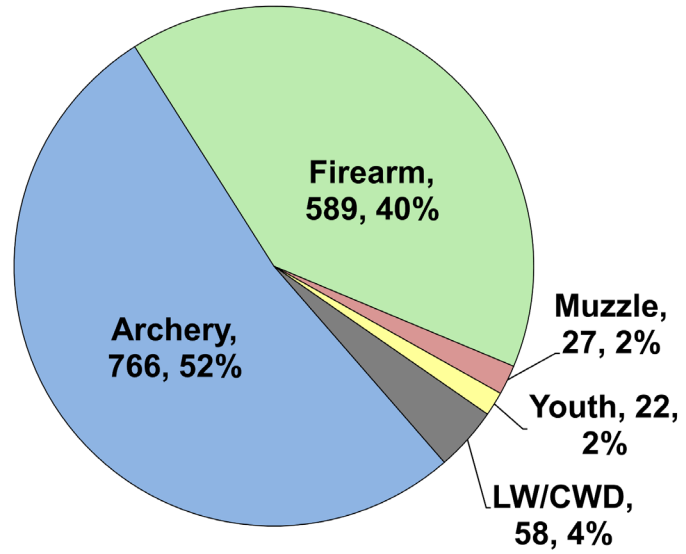
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	433	453	351	373	346
Crossbow	334	373	355	367	412
Traditional	2	1	11	9	8
Total	769	827	717	749	766

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	29.6	30.4	30.1	31.1	28.6
M - Yearling	18.4	18.4	17.5	16.1	18.3
M - Fawn	9.1	9.5	10.9	9.5	8.3
F - Adult	35.9	35.3	34.6	37.3	39.7
F - Fawn	7.1	6.4	6.9	6.0	5.1

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

