



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: COOK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 957 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 234 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 140

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 157

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

No firearm hunting in Cook Co.

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

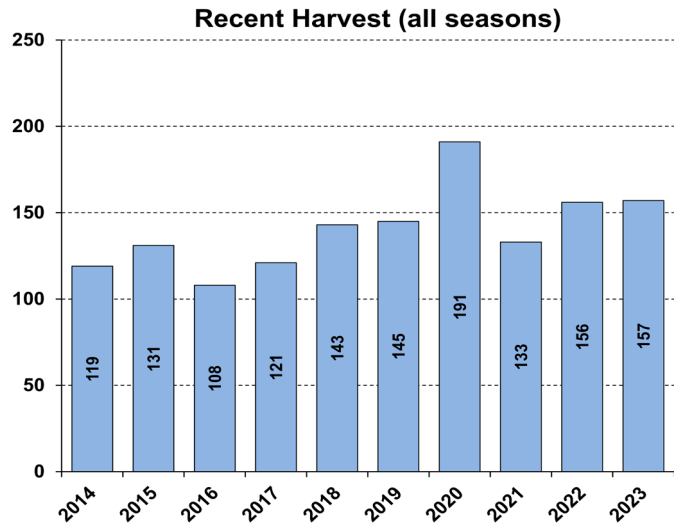
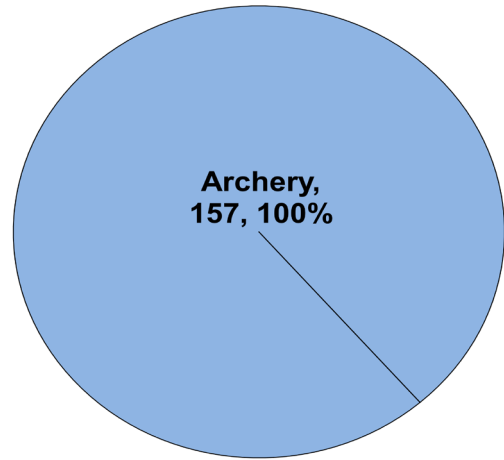
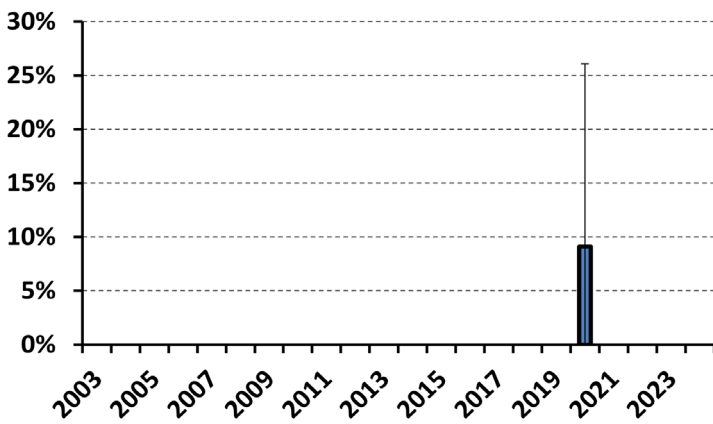
Check Station Location: None. Hunters wishing to have their deer tested should take them to participating vendors or head drop off barrels.

CWD Season in 2024-2025: No. There is firearm hunting in Cook Co.

Number tested for CWD in 2023-24: 399

CWD positive deer in 2023-24: 2

Special permits: IDNR provides special permits for municipalities to lower localized deer populations. Through these efforts 382 deer were tested for CWD and 1 positives were detected. Only hunter harvested deer shown below.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	81	87	75	62	79
Crossbow	59	101	55	91	76
Traditional	5	3	3	3	2
Total	145	191	133	156	157

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	48.0	38.7	42.1	35.9	41.4
M - Yearling	27.0	24.1	25.6	22.4	24.2
M - Fawn	1.4	5.8	4.5	5.1	3.2
F - Adult	21.6	27.7	23.3	28.8	29.3
F - Fawn	2.0	3.7	4.5	7.7	1.9

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