



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: DOUGLAS COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 417 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 501 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 349

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 402

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

Firearm: 375/375 **Muzzle:** 75/75

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: Never

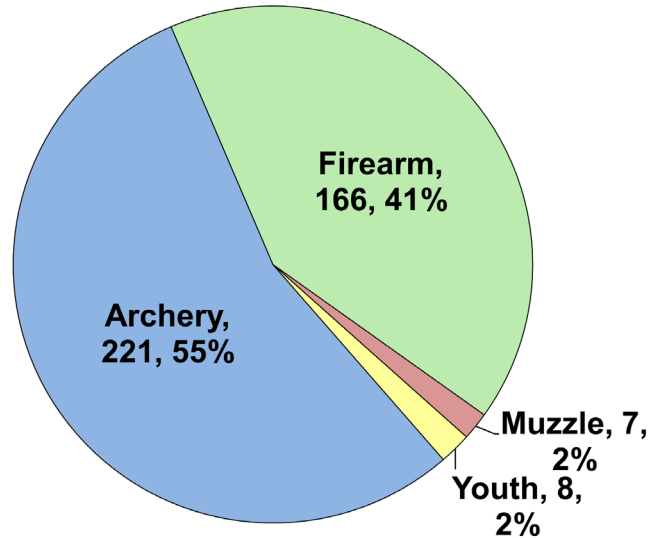
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	80	103	80	69	92
Crossbow	95	120	130	147	125
Traditional	5	3	2	2	4
Total	180	226	212	218	221

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	29.3	30.4	34.0	31.6	31.1
M - Yearling	22.7	21.5	20.8	17.0	19.9
M - Fawn	11.9	8.4	11.6	11.1	10.0
F - Adult	29.9	32.3	28.8	34.6	35.3
F - Fawn	6.3	7.4	4.9	5.7	3.7

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

