



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: FRANKLIN COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 432 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1962

Record Harvest: 2,723 (2019)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,534

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,634

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

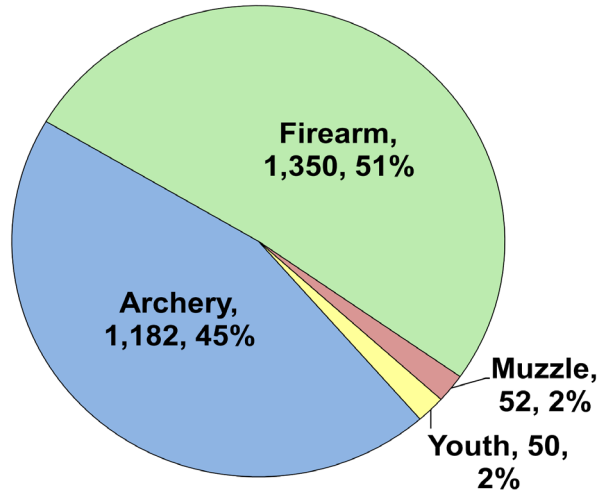
Firearm: 3000/3000 **Muzzle:** 376/400

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

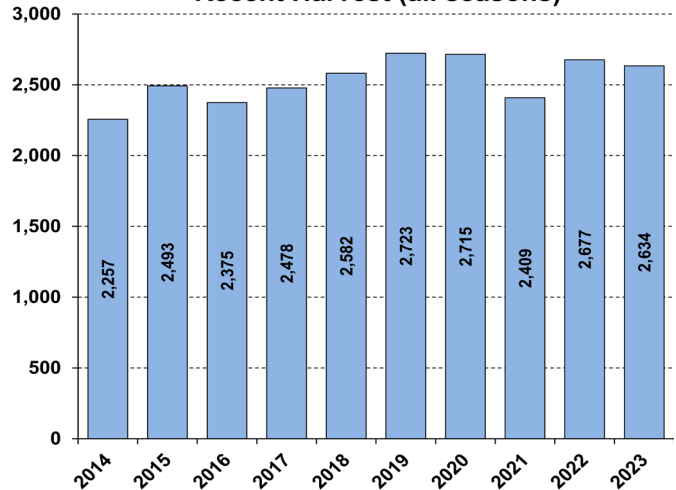
Check Station Location: N/A

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: 2009



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	718	693	534	558	559
Crossbow	512	641	584	604	610
Traditional	10	10	6	15	13
Total	1240	1344	1124	1177	1182

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	25.4	26.4	26.5	25.8	29.3
M - Yearling	16.6	17.3	16.4	16.0	17.4
M - Fawn	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.8	7.1
F - Adult	42.7	42.2	42.2	43.2	40.5
F - Fawn	7.8	6.4	6.9	6.2	5.7

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

