



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: FULTON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 884 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 5,717 (2012)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 4,027

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 3,924

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

Firearm: 5690/6200 **Muzzle:** 772/965

Late Winter: 98

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

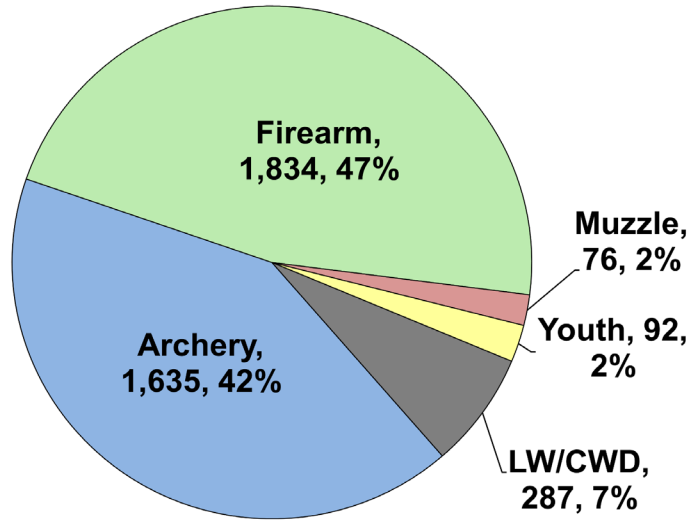
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	1014	871	809	733	782
Crossbow	702	779	744	775	816
Traditional	32	51	33	37	37
Total	1748	1701	1586	1545	1635

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	29.1	29.8	32.3	31.8	31.4
M - Yearling	17.3	13.3	15.1	13.7	15.2
M - Fawn	7.8	8.4	8.0	8.4	8.2
F - Adult	39.7	42.5	37.3	39.5	38.7
F - Fawn	6.2	6.0	7.3	6.6	6.5

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

