



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: HANCOCK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 816 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,661 (2008)

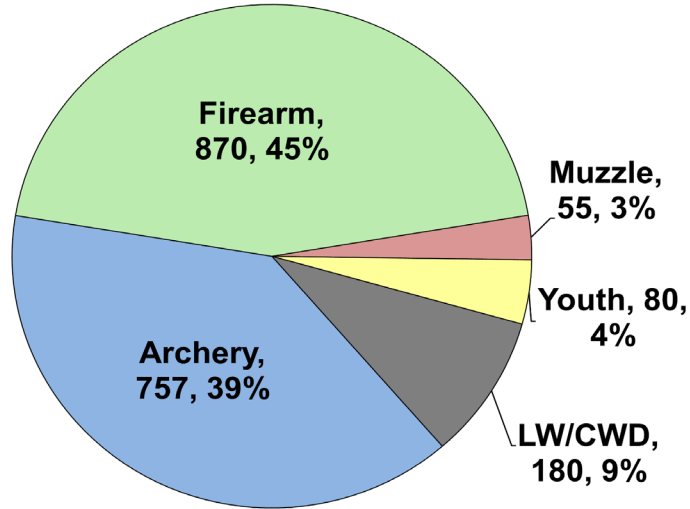
Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,745

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,850

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

Firearm: 4086/4200 **Muzzle:** 578/665

Late Winter: 66



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: 2022 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	503	451	445	407	372
Crossbow	362	399	402	412	372
Traditional	11	13	15	8	13
Total	876	863	862	827	757

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	32.5	33.7	34.9	34.0	37.0
M - Yearling	12.8	11.4	10.7	11.0	10.7
M - Fawn	8.5	8.6	8.1	7.8	8.1
F - Adult	38.0	39.7	38.7	40.5	37.5
F - Fawn	8.2	6.7	7.5	6.7	6.7

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

Recent Harvest (all seasons)

