



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: JEFFERSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 584 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1963

**Record Harvest:** 4,903 (2007)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 3,727

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 4,247

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

**Firearm:** 3200/3200 **Muzzle:** 550/550

**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:** 2014

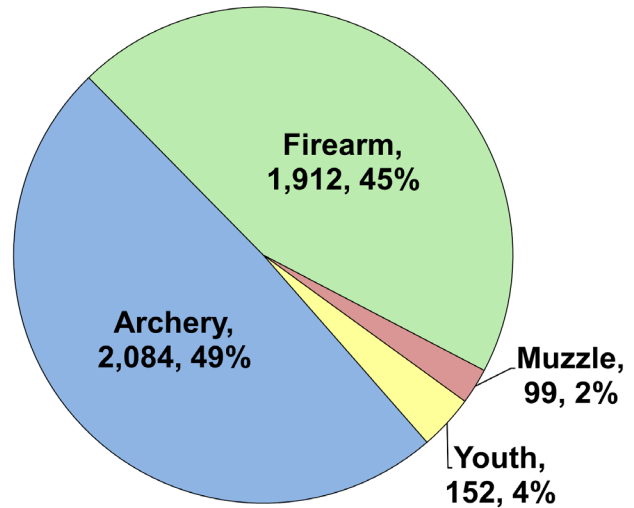
## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	983	970	856	911	978
Crossbow	726	948	970	1003	1088
Traditional	11	23	7	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>2084</b>

## Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.9	29.1	30.6	31.3	34.0
M - Yearling	20.0	16.4	16.4	15.8	17.2
M - Fawn	6.8	8.0	8.1	7.8	6.8
F - Adult	39.7	39.9	38.1	39.0	36.5
F - Fawn	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.1	5.4

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

