



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 681 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1975

**Record Harvest:** 633 (2005)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 553

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 585

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

**Firearm:** 1192/1400 **Muzzle:** 177/325

**CWD:** 60

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

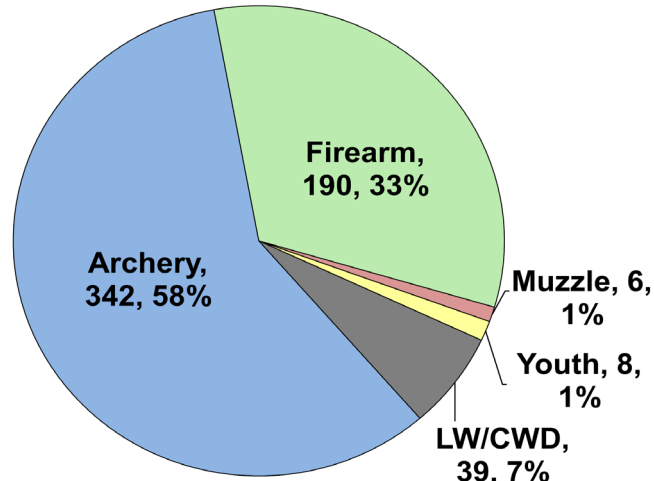
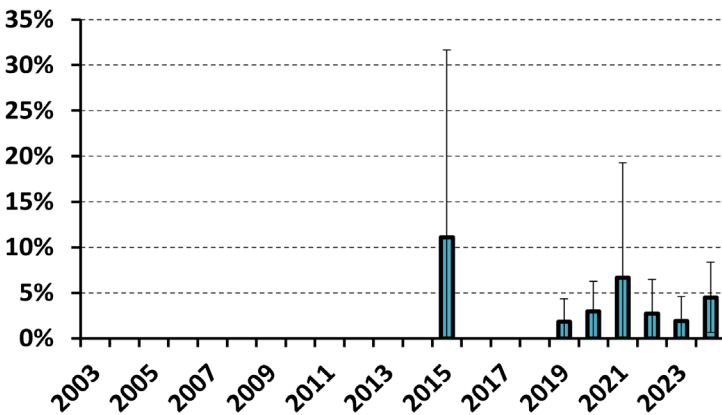
**Check Station Location:** Kankakee River SP Visitor Center

**CWD Season in 2024-2025:** Yes. CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

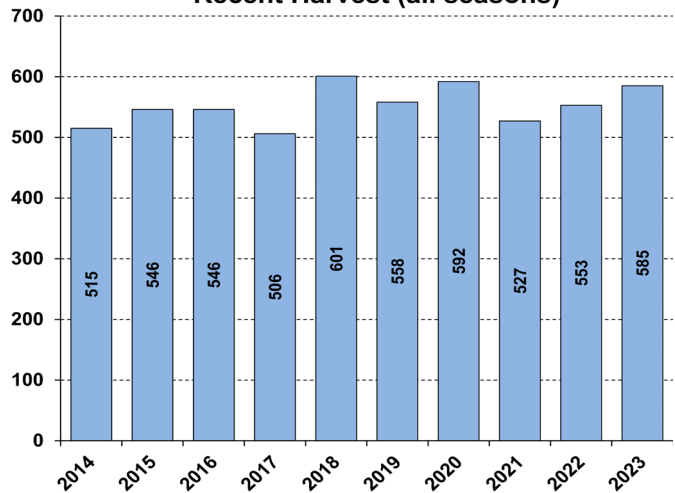
**Number tested for CWD in 2023-24:** 204

**CWD positive deer in 2023-24:** 8

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 93 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination.



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	163	155	114	118	143
Crossbow	140	179	161	186	196
Traditional	2	2	2	7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>342</b>

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.3	23.6	28.5	30.3	33.0
M - Yearling	24.7	22.3	20.9	17.8	20.9
M - Fawn	6.3	9.6	10.5	9.2	7.4
F - Adult	36.6	39.9	35.6	36.2	32.0
F - Fawn	6.1	4.6	4.6	6.5	6.8

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