



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 322 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1966

**Record Harvest:** 403 (2012)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 292

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 278

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

**Firearm:** 409/600 **Muzzle:** 49/225

**CWD:** 25

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

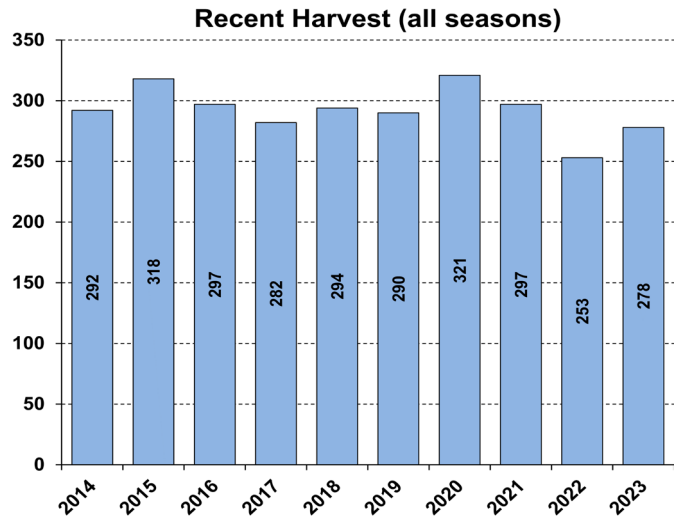
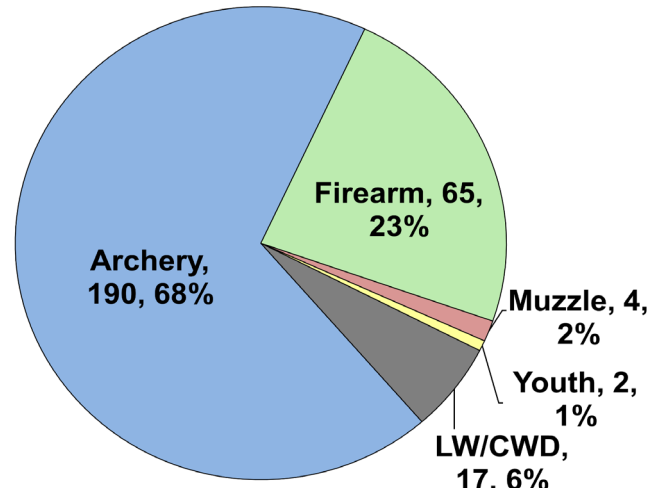
**Check Station Location:** Silver Springs SP

**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:** 80

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

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 18 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 Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	117	125	103	86	96
Crossbow	79	90	91	83	94
Traditional	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>213</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	20.3	24.0	22.2	28.5	30.2
M - Yearling	28.3	18.1	25.6	19.8	23.7
M - Fawn	7.9	9.0	10.1	7.5	7.9
F - Adult	38.3	41.7	38.7	37.5	31.3
F - Fawn	5.2	7.2	3.4	6.7	6.8

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

