



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: KNOX COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 720 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 3,000 (2012)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,359

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,437

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

Firearm: 3495/4150 **Muzzle:** 512/700

Late Winter: 59

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: 2005 - Present

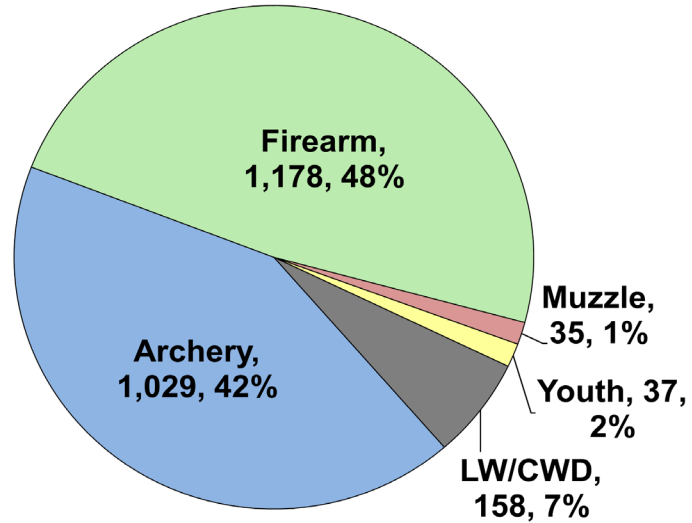
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	506	549	413	390	447
Crossbow	475	528	536	536	559
Traditional	26	28	27	24	0
Total	1007	1105	976	950	1006

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.6	28.6	29.1	30.0	30.4
M - Yearling	17.2	14.4	15.8	14.4	18.3
M - Fawn	7.4	8.8	9.6	7.7	8.4
F - Adult	42.4	42.0	39.1	41.6	38.3
F - Fawn	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	4.6

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

