



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: MACON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 586 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 1,025 (2011)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 772

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 715

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

Firearm: 600/600 **Muzzle:** 182/200

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: Never

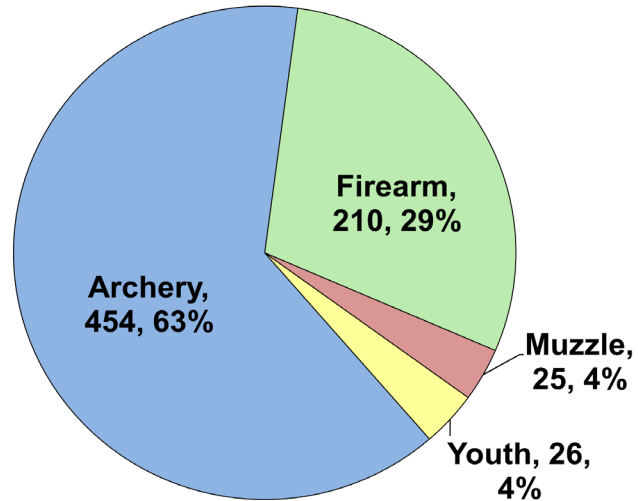
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	251	257	207	189	187
Crossbow	241	303	271	234	263
Traditional	3	8	6	6	4
Total	495	568	484	429	454

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	29.9	28.6	28.9	32.0	31.6
M - Yearling	21.3	21.2	22.2	16.7	19.7
M - Fawn	8.3	8.2	8.0	11.4	7.1
F - Adult	36.0	36.1	36.6	33.6	35.1
F - Fawn	4.5	6.0	4.3	6.3	6.4

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

