



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: MADISON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 741 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1966

Record Harvest: 2,544 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,731

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,875

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

Firearm: 2300/2300 **Muzzle:** 255/310

Late Winter: 70

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	537	572	487	460	497
Crossbow	442	566	561	574	586
Traditional	8	10	8	8	10
Total	987	1148	1056	1042	1093

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	23.3	24.6	28.3	26.0	27.6
M - Yearling	21.9	20.5	19.3	19.3	19.0
M - Fawn	8.3	9.1	9.0	9.9	8.2
F - Adult	40.9	40.4	37.4	40.0	39.7
F - Fawn	5.6	5.3	6.1	4.8	5.4

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

