



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: McDONOUGH COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 591 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1959

Record Harvest: 2,085 (2009)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,522

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,600

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

Firearm: 2171/2200 **Muzzle:** 293/350

Late Winter: 31

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

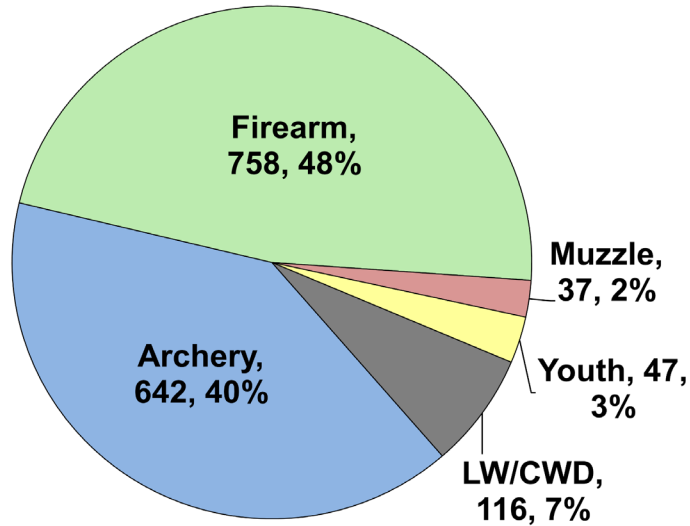
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	342	363	331	331	315
Crossbow	228	281	302	296	323
Traditional	7	6	8	4	4
Total	577	650	641	631	642

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.6	29.3	31.3	28.4	32.3
M - Yearling	15.8	13.6	14.5	13.6	14.7
M - Fawn	9.7	8.5	8.6	8.3	9.5
F - Adult	38.3	41.0	38.1	43.2	37.8
F - Fawn	8.6	7.5	7.5	6.4	5.8

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

