



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 611 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1963

**Record Harvest:** 1,592 (1995)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 974

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,006

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

**Firearm:** 1418/3400 **Muzzle:** 156/550

**CWD:** 44

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

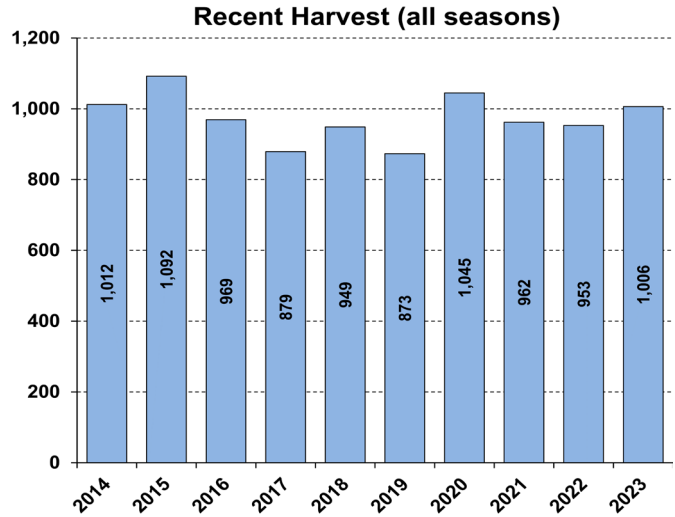
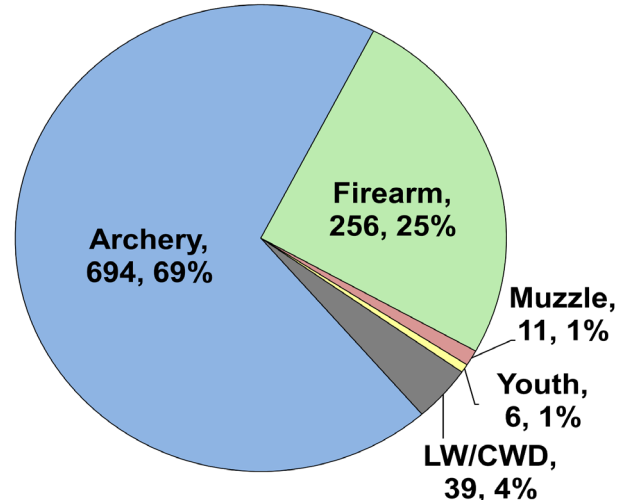
**Check Station Location:** Volo Bog SP

**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:** 524

**CWD positive deer in 2023-24:** 50

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 115 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	376	418	350	362	360
Crossbow	194	233	282	301	322
Traditional	12	11	12	6	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>694</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	34.1	30.7	30.0	31.7	33.9
M - Yearling	25.9	23.3	26.6	24.4	22.5
M - Fawn	8.1	9.2	9.0	7.7	7.1
F - Adult	28.3	31.2	29.6	30.3	30.9
F - Fawn	3.6	5.6	4.7	6.0	5.7

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

