



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: MERCER COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

County Size: 568 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,623 (2006)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,496

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,550

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

Firearm: 2503/2900 **Muzzle:** 393/500

Late Winter: 24

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: 2007 - Present

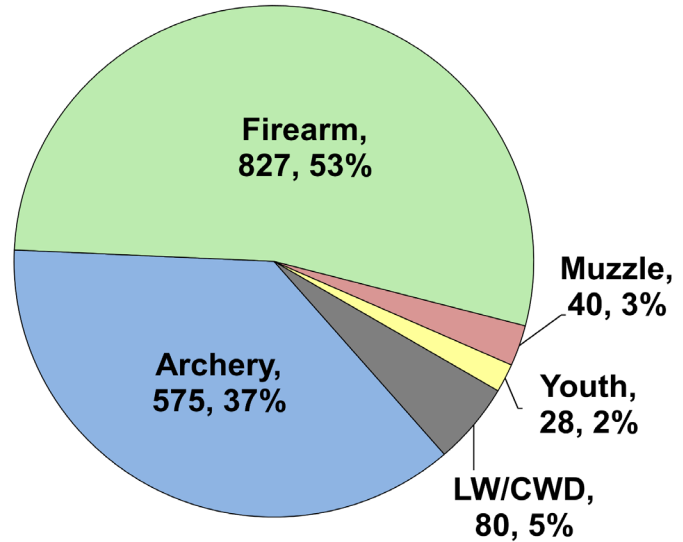
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	256	277	234	228	227
Crossbow	279	344	261	301	344
Traditional	3	3	3	3	4
Total	538	624	498	532	575

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	24.4	29.2	28.9	31.7	31.0
M - Yearling	16.5	16.4	15.5	14.7	16.3
M - Fawn	11.3	10.0	11.0	8.4	9.4
F - Adult	38.4	38.6	38.2	37.2	37.2
F - Fawn	9.4	5.8	6.4	8.1	6.2

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

