



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: POPE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 374 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,230 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,407

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,293

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

Firearm: 4000/4000 **Muzzle:** 389/425

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

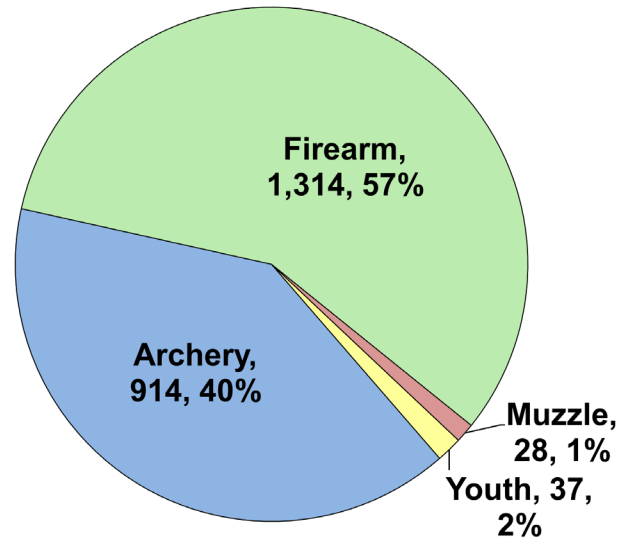
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	499	499	427	454	441
Crossbow	433	531	435	548	464
Traditional	6	12	9	10	9
Total	938	1042	871	1012	914

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.7	27.5	26.3	24.7	28.5
M - Yearling	24.2	23.3	23.2	23.9	25.6
M - Fawn	6.6	7.4	9.8	8.8	8.6
F - Adult	35.0	36.1	34.2	36.1	32.8
F - Fawn	6.5	5.6	6.6	6.4	4.5

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

