



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 362 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1971

**Record Harvest:** 1,852 (2005)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 1,217

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,311

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

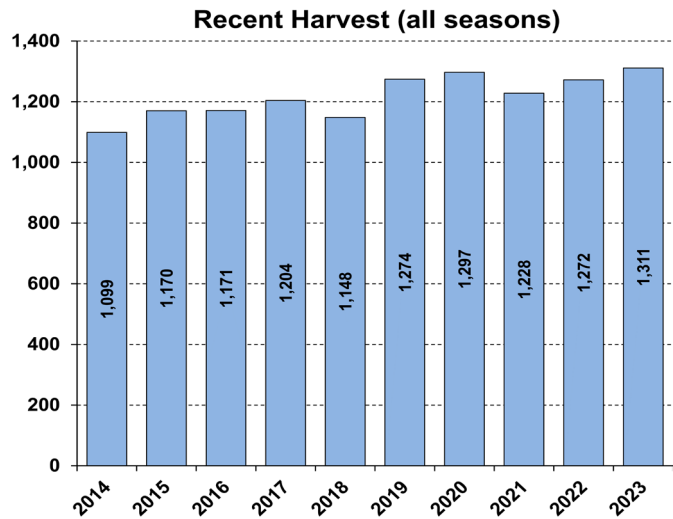
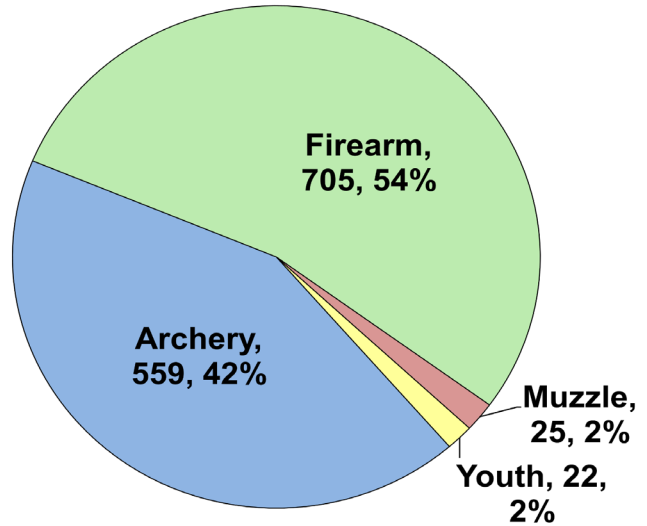
**Firearm:** 1300/1300 **Muzzle:** 138/150

**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:** 2014



## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	307	303	260	258	269
Crossbow	230	262	255	265	286
Traditional	0	5	5	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>559</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.4	27.8	30.8	28.9	32.6
M - Yearling	16.5	17.3	13.2	15.0	15.3
M - Fawn	10.0	9.7	10.9	8.8	8.3
F - Adult	38.5	37.5	35.9	39.0	36.3
F - Fawn	7.6	7.6	9.2	8.3	7.5

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

