



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: SALINE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 387 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,913 (2010)

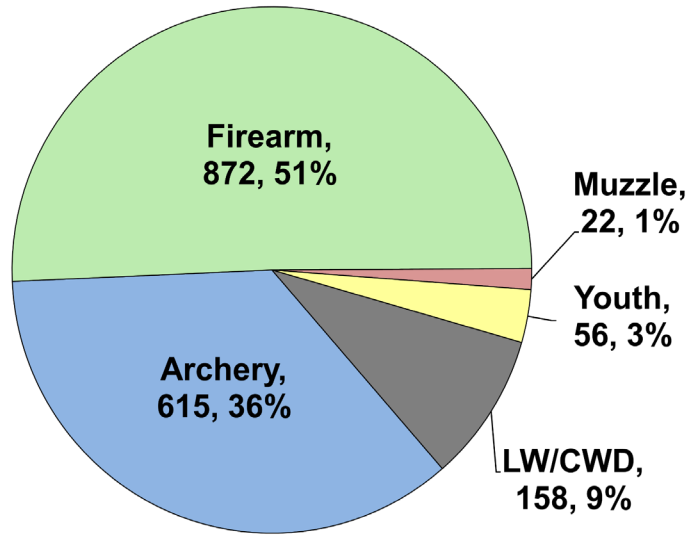
Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,670

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,723

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

Firearm: 2700/2800 **Muzzle:** 271/300

Late Winter: 138



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: 2003 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	334	321	271	299	280
Crossbow	314	400	315	385	326
Traditional	8	13	8	7	9
Total	656	734	594	691	615

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	28.5	27.3	30.7	27.5	29.7
M - Yearling	17.0	17.2	15.4	16.5	17.0
M - Fawn	8.0	6.4	6.9	7.4	6.5
F - Adult	39.9	41.5	40.9	43.3	40.0
F - Fawn	6.6	7.6	6.0	5.2	6.8

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

Recent Harvest (all seasons)

