



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: SHELBY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 768 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,607 (2023)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,212

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,607

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

Firearm: 3300/3300 **Muzzle:** 472/550

Late Winter: 112

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

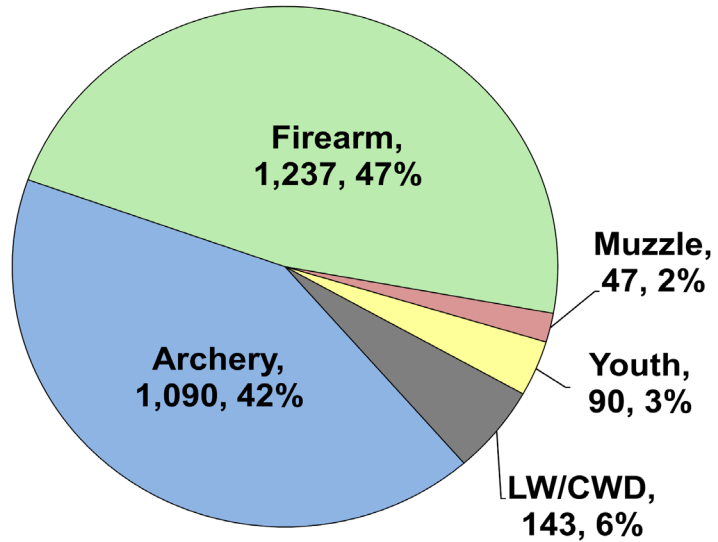
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	591	583	513	510	516
Crossbow	403	449	529	533	559
Traditional	10	8	15	15	15
Total	1004	1040	1057	1058	1090

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.5	28.6	30.0	28.2	31.2
M - Yearling	20.0	18.0	18.1	16.2	17.3
M - Fawn	9.2	9.9	9.2	8.6	8.4
F - Adult	36.5	36.3	35.2	40.3	37.2
F - Fawn	7.7	7.2	7.5	6.7	5.8

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

