



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: STARK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 289 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1962

Record Harvest: 598 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 330

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 361

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

Firearm: 550/550 **Muzzle:** 92/120

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: 2015

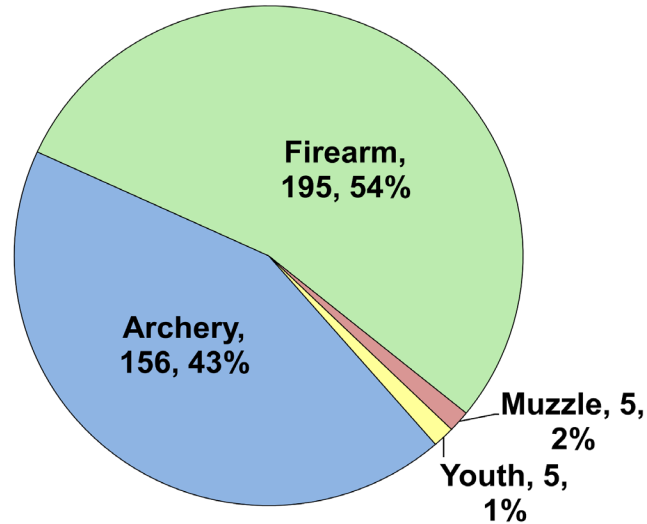
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	69	65	53	47	60
Crossbow	75	80	83	91	93
Traditional	3	0	1	4	3
Total	147	145	137	142	156

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	31.8	32.4	30.5	32.9	29.6
M - Yearling	19.0	12.4	17.8	19.7	26.0
M - Fawn	7.7	10.0	7.0	5.6	8.0
F - Adult	35.4	37.9	38.6	37.6	31.0
F - Fawn	6.1	7.4	6.0	4.1	5.3

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

