



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: UNION COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

County Size: 422 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,213 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,384

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 2,098

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

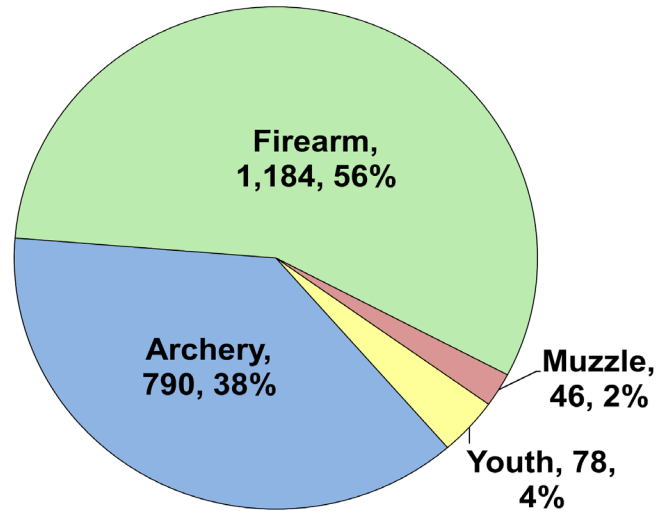
Firearm: 2500/2500 **Muzzle:** 355/355

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

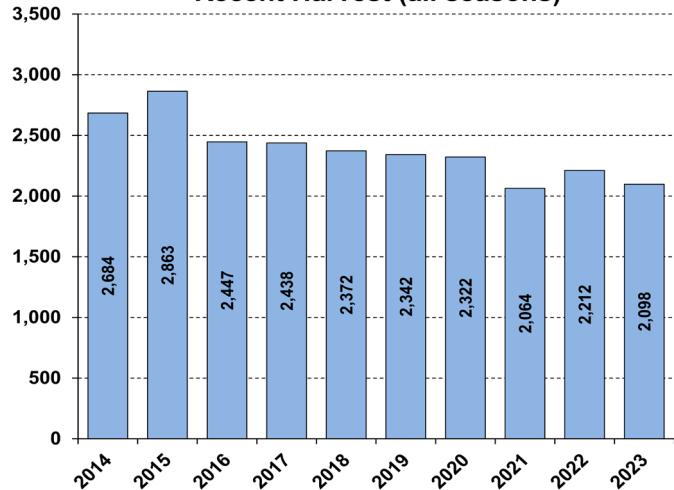
Check Station Location: N/A

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: 2012



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	474	462	380	355	325
Crossbow	460	496	457	544	454
Traditional	10	9	9	7	11
Total	944	967	846	906	790

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.2	30.2	28.8	27.8	29.4
M - Yearling	17.0	17.9	17.3	15.0	18.0
M - Fawn	6.7	5.9	7.5	8.3	6.6
F - Adult	42.9	41.0	41.2	43.4	40.0
F - Fawn	6.3	5.0	5.2	5.5	6.0

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

