



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: WABASH COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 227 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1971

Record Harvest: 737 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 446

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 521

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

Firearm: 300/300 **Muzzle:** 65/65

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

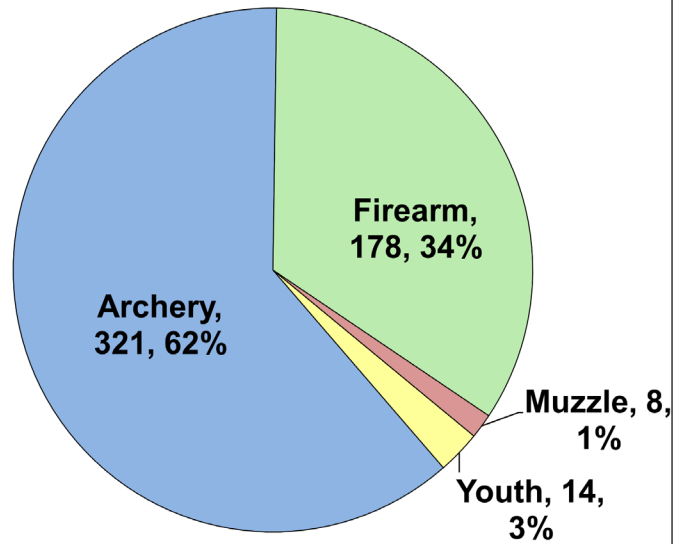
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	120	143	132	138	184
Crossbow	93	114	93	112	135
Traditional	12	8	2	4	2
Total	225	265	227	254	321

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	30.6	37.7	35.1	35.6	37.4
M - Yearling	23.7	16.4	18.3	18.8	19.4
M - Fawn	6.7	6.4	9.3	7.2	4.6
F - Adult	34.2	37.0	32.3	34.0	32.4
F - Fawn	4.9	2.4	5.0	4.5	6.1

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

