



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: WAYNE COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**County Size:** 715 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1966

**Record Harvest:** 3,540 (2007)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 2,638

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 2,859

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

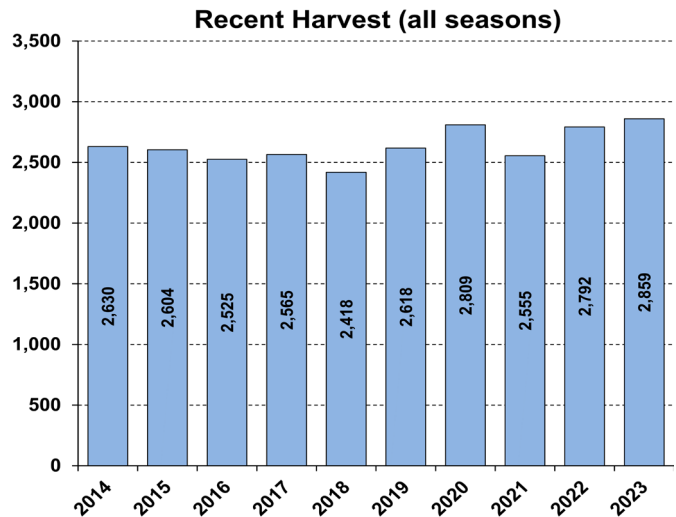
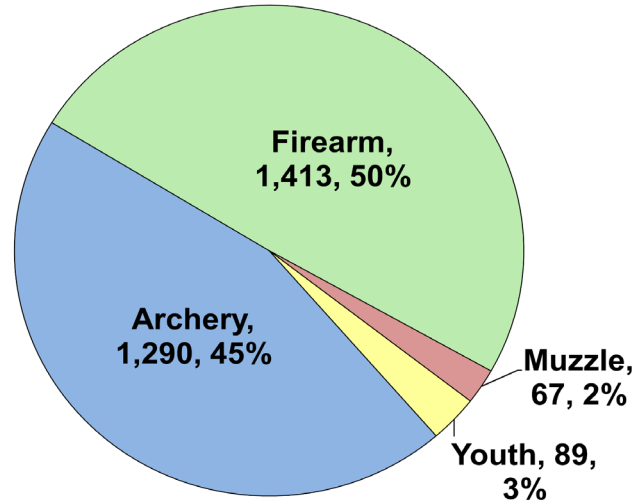
**Firearm:** 2550/2550 **Muzzle:** 348/350

**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	608	604	517	514	600
Crossbow	474	627	570	601	677
Traditional	10	14	15	15	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>1290</b>

## Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	27.3	30.4	30.5	29.9	32.6
M - Yearling	17.8	15.5	15.7	15.0	14.9
M - Fawn	8.6	8.3	9.6	8.4	7.9
F - Adult	39.3	38.0	35.9	39.4	37.6
F - Fawn	7.0	7.8	8.3	7.3	7.0

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

