



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: WHITE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 502 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1961

Record Harvest: 2,299 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,556

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,588

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

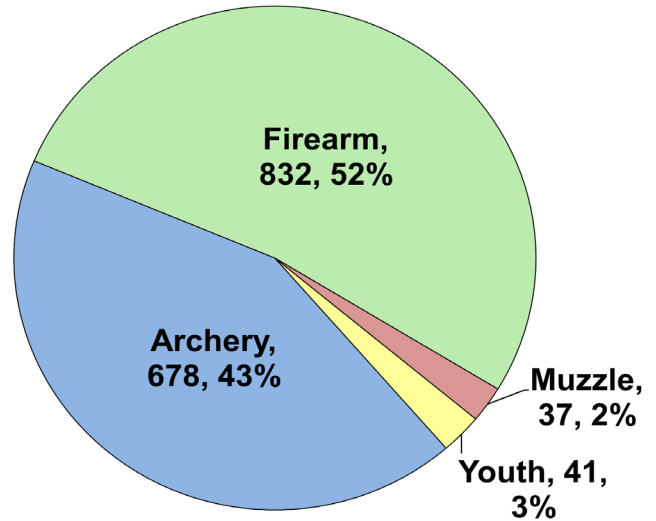
Firearm: 1800/1800 **Muzzle:** 250/250

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

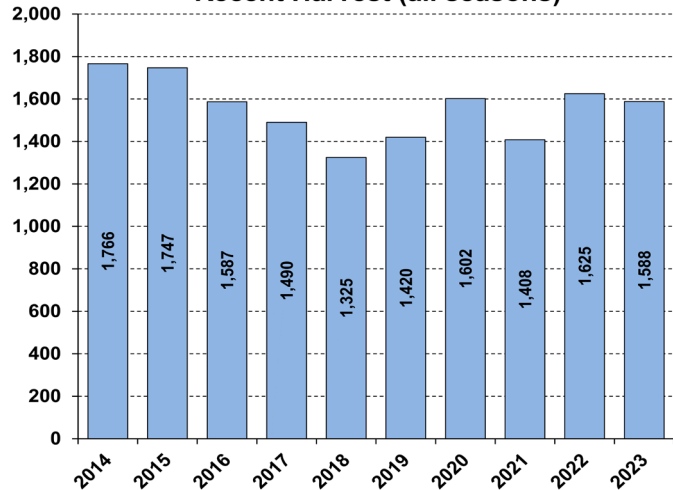
Check Station Location: N/A

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: 2018



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compound | 320 | 382 | 327 | 337 | 315 |
| Crossbow | 249 | 309 | 300 | 343 | 356 |
| Traditional | 7 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Total | 576 | 706 | 633 | 683 | 678 |

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult | 31.5 | 35.7 | 34.0 | 37.7 | 40.4 |
| M - Yearling | 15.0 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 13.6 |
| M - Fawn | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| F - Adult | 43.0 | 39.8 | 40.9 | 38.5 | 36.1 |
| F - Fawn | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 |

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

