



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: WHITESIDE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 698 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,704 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,156

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,293

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

Firearm: 1800/1800 **Muzzle:** 248/260

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: 2014

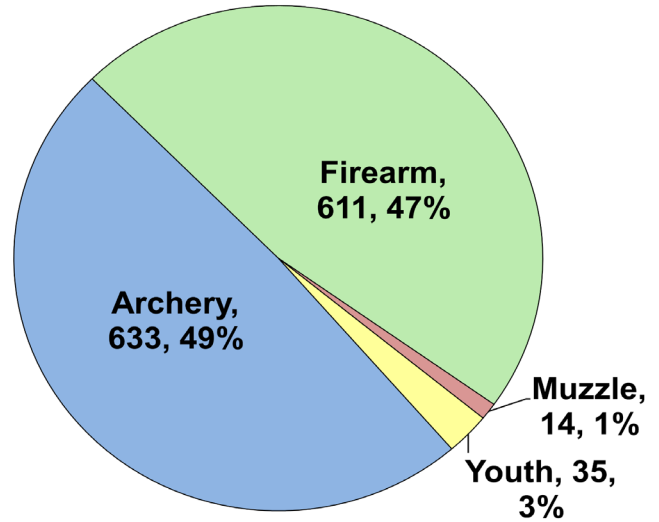
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	250	257	229	228	247
Crossbow	232	310	283	311	375
Traditional	11	7	6	8	11
Total	493	574	518	547	633

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	26.6	24.1	24.2	28.0	28.9
M - Yearling	20.9	16.0	19.6	17.8	19.5
M - Fawn	9.4	12.1	11.2	9.4	9.7
F - Adult	36.5	40.0	36.9	39.0	35.3
F - Fawn	6.6	7.7	8.2	5.7	6.6

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

