



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: WILL COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 849 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1976

Record Harvest: 1,435 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,074

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,022

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

Firearm: 1222/1450 **Muzzle:** 220/350

CWD: 40

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

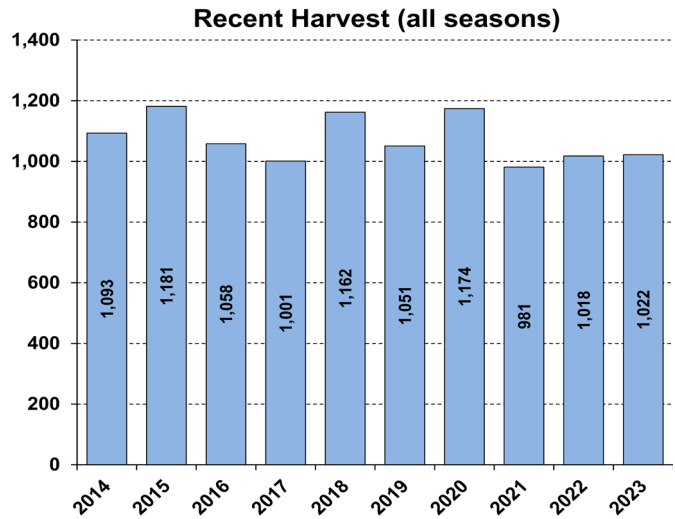
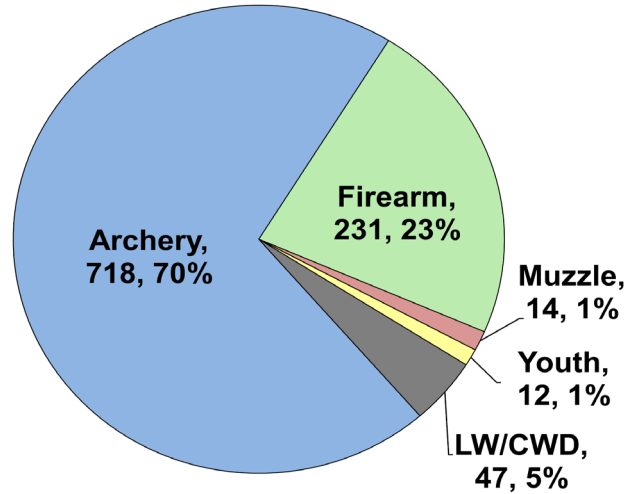
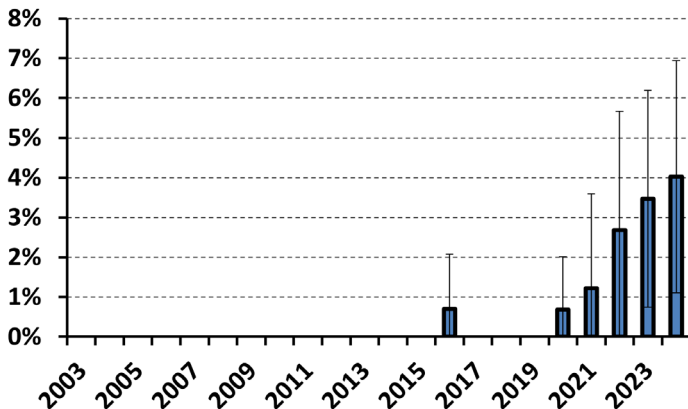
Check Station Location: Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

CWD Season in 2024-2025: Yes. CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD in 2023-24: 380

CWD positive deer in 2023-24: 14

IDNR sharpshooting: 44 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	378	385	352	316	337
Crossbow	348	433	371	379	373
Traditional	6	7	7	7	8
Total	732	825	730	702	718

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	31.4	32.3	29.2	31.4	33.4
M - Yearling	24.5	19.9	20.4	19.6	18.7
M - Fawn	7.1	7.9	7.4	8.3	7.7
F - Adult	31.8	34.8	36.3	34.1	34.2
F - Fawn	5.1	5.1	6.6	6.6	6.0

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