



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 519 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1957

**Record Harvest:** 1,480 (1995)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 891

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 865

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

**Firearm:** 1342/3000 **Muzzle:** 174/450

**CWD:** 52

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

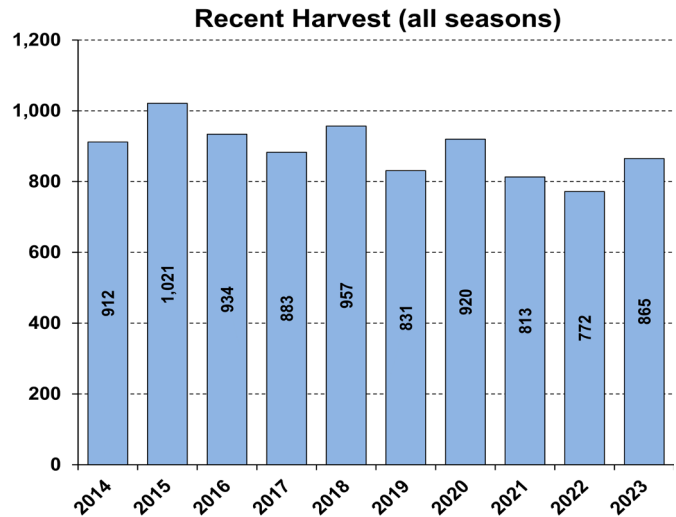
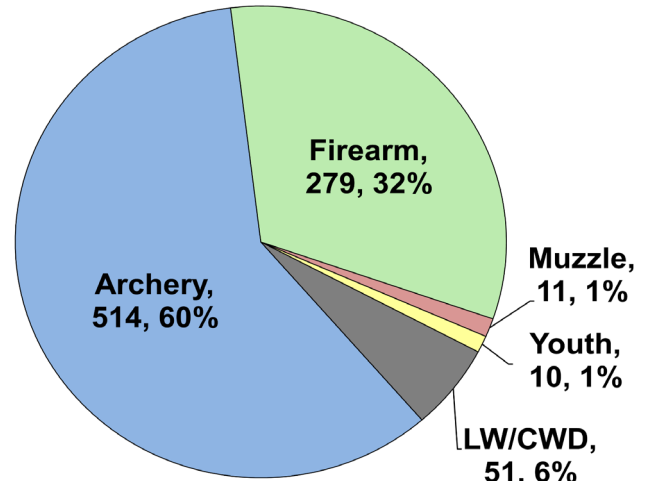
**Check Station Location:** Rock Cut State Park

**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:** 289

**CWD positive deer in 2023-24:** 19

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 64 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	263	312	205	219	235
Crossbow	212	242	255	215	274
Traditional	5	5	8	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>514</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	31.0	30.7	31.8	32.1	34.1
M - Yearling	20.7	21.7	22.0	21.4	22.3
M - Fawn	9.9	9.3	9.9	7.9	8.8
F - Adult	33.7	34.2	31.3	34.8	29.6
F - Fawn	4.7	4.0	5.0	3.8	5.2

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

