



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: DOUGLAS COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 417 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 501 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 362

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 427

Permits issued/quota 2024-2025 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 375/375 **Muzzle:** 75/75

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2025-2026: 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: Never

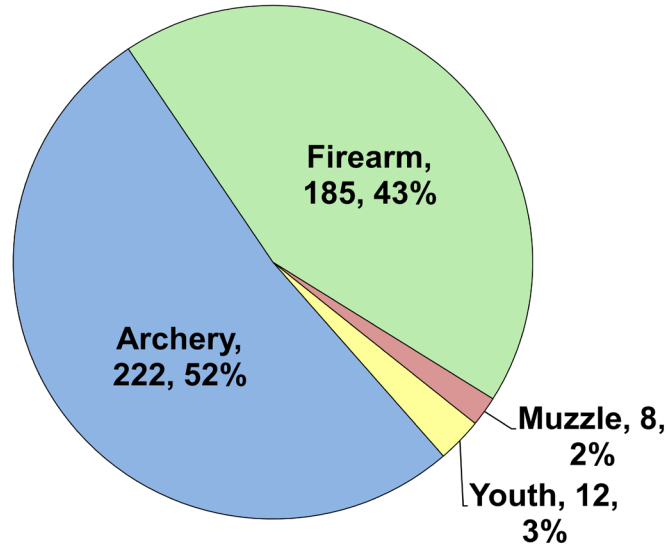
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	103	80	69	92	77
Crossbow	120	130	147	125	142
Traditional	3	2	2	4	3
Total	226	212	218	221	222

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	30.4	34.0	31.6	31.1	28.1
M - Yearling	21.5	20.8	17.0	19.9	26.0
M - Fawn	8.4	11.6	11.1	10.0	6.8
F - Adult	32.3	28.8	34.6	35.3	32.8
F - Fawn	7.4	4.9	5.7	3.7	6.3

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

