



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: FULTON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 884 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 5,717 (2012)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 4,036

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 4,255

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

Firearm: 5706/6200 **Muzzle:** 782/965

Late Winter: 117

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2025-2026: Yes. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter: 2003 - Present

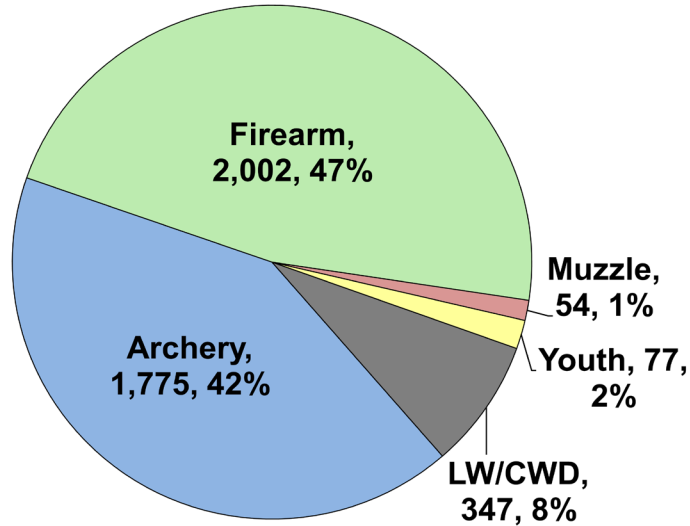
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	871	809	733	782	833
Crossbow	779	744	775	816	907
Traditional	51	33	37	37	35
Total	1701	1586	1545	1635	1775

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	29.8	32.3	31.8	31.4	28.4
M - Yearling	13.3	15.1	13.7	15.2	14.0
M - Fawn	8.4	8.0	8.4	8.2	9.0
F - Adult	42.5	37.3	39.5	38.7	42.1
F - Fawn	6.0	7.3	6.6	6.5	6.5

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

