



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: HAMILTON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 436 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1961

Record Harvest: 2,646 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,189

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,646

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

Firearm: 2400/2400 **Muzzle:** 350/350

Late Winter: 189

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: 2005 - Present

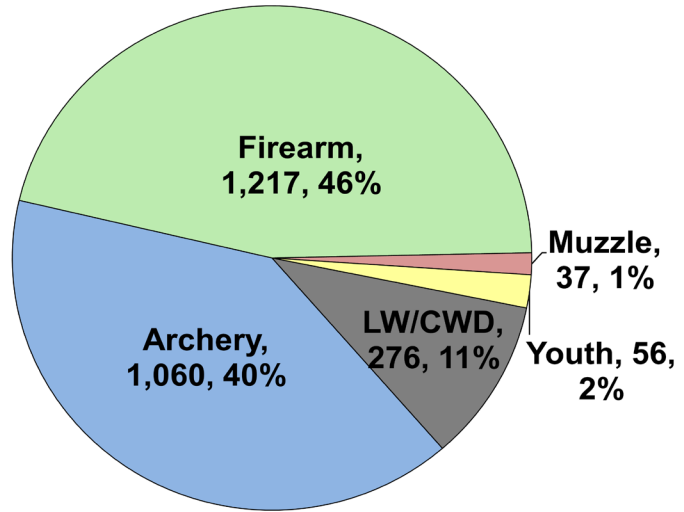
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	503	388	398	468	490
Crossbow	484	402	498	543	559
Traditional	18	12	12	13	11
Total	1005	802	908	1024	1060

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	31.3	34.9	31.5	35.2	30.4
M - Yearling	14.9	14.2	14.2	13.8	14.9
M - Fawn	6.1	6.2	6.7	5.8	6.0
F - Adult	41.0	38.4	41.8	39.6	42.4
F - Fawn	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.6	6.2

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

