



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: BUREAU COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 874 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1961

**Record Harvest:** 2,873 (2007)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 1,811

**Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,906

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

**Firearm:** 3173/4500 **Muzzle:** 473/500

**Late Winter:** 73

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

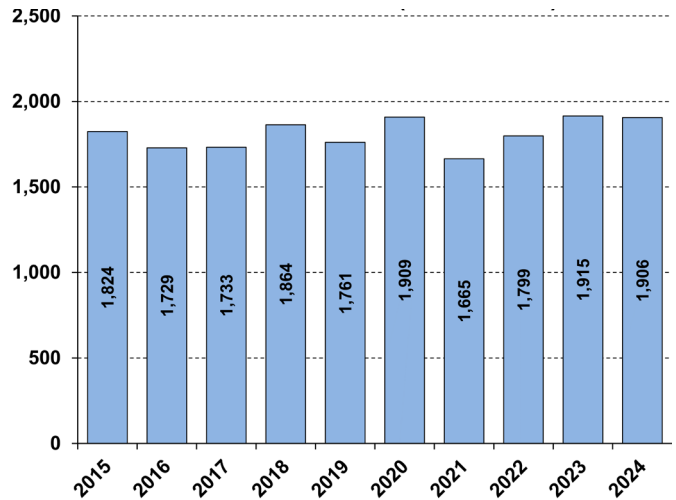
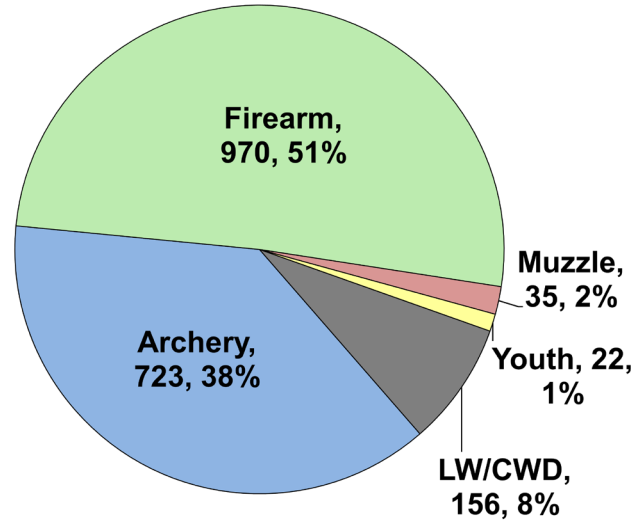
**Check Station Location:** Bureau Co. Fairgrds.

**CWD Season in 2025-2026:** Yes. CWD WAS detected in this county. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

**Number tested for CWD in 2024-25:** 184

**CWD positive deer in 2024-25:** 0

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 50 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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	429	322	330	374	308
Crossbow	391	380	466	462	408
Traditional	12	9	10	11	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>723</b>

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	24.6	27.4	30.4	32.4	27.0
M - Yearling	20.4	19.5	17.5	18.2	19.3
M - Fawn	9.6	9.1	7.6	6.6	8.1
F - Adult	39.5	37.7	38.4	37.4	39.3
F - Fawn	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.4	6.3

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

