



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: CLAY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 469 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,714 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,069

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,714

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

Firearm: 3500/3500 **Muzzle:** 372/475

Late Winter: 80

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

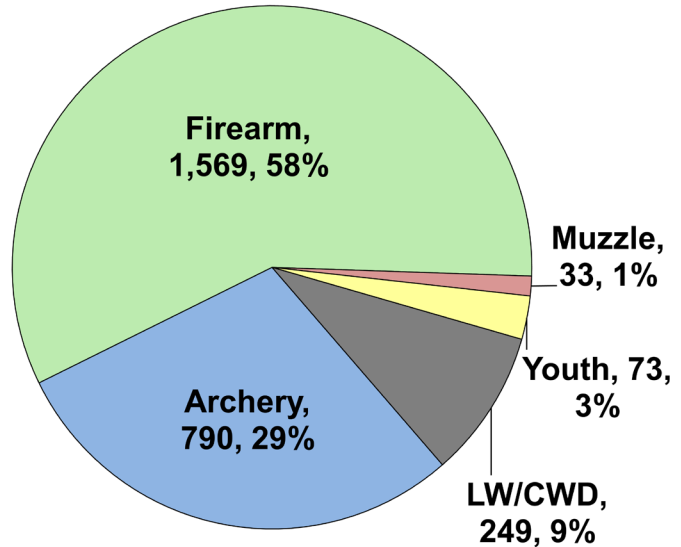
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	399	338	316	358	373
Crossbow	344	326	329	355	411
Traditional	9	7	6	16	6
Total	752	671	651	729	790

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	26.8	27.4	26.0	29.9	26.2
M - Yearling	14.5	15.3	15.1	15.2	14.1
M - Fawn	10.7	12.5	11.3	9.8	10.1
F - Adult	39.9	36.0	38.3	36.8	40.1
F - Fawn	8.1	8.8	9.3	8.2	9.5

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

