



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: COOK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 957 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 234 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 141

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 128

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

No firearm hunting in Cook Co.

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

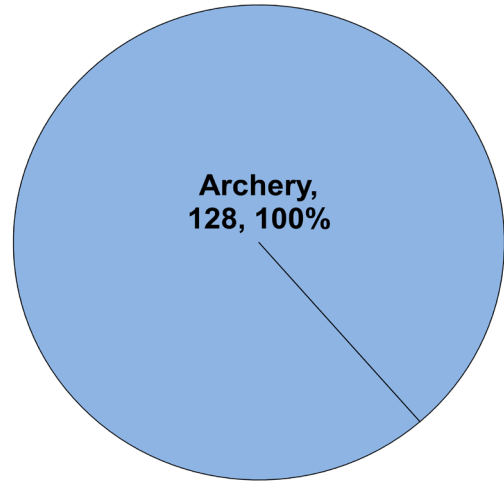
Check Station Location: None. Hunters wishing to have their deer tested should take them to participating vendors or head drop off barrels.

CWD Season in 2025-2026: No. There is firearm hunting in Cook Co.

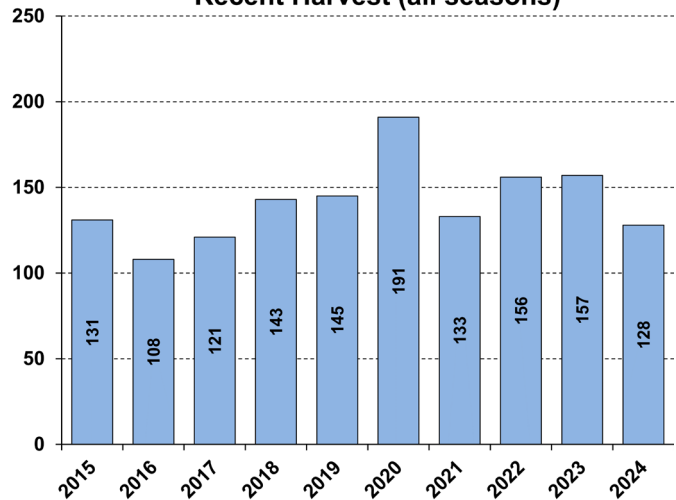
Number tested for CWD in 2024-25: 1002

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 2

Special permits: IDNR provides special permits for municipalities to lower localized deer populations. Through these efforts 490 deer were tested for CWD and 1 positives were detected. Only hunter harvested deer shown below.



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	87	75	62	79	63
Crossbow	101	55	91	76	63
Traditional	3	3	3	2	2
Total	191	133	156	157	128

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	38.7	42.1	35.9	41.4	45.3
M - Yearling	24.1	25.6	22.4	24.2	18.8
M - Fawn	5.8	4.5	5.1	3.2	5.5
F - Adult	27.7	23.3	28.8	29.3	28.1
F - Fawn	3.7	4.5	7.7	1.9	2.3

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

