



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: LAKE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 470 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 607 (1995 and 1996)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 323

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 314

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

No firearm hunting except Chain-O-Lakes SP

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

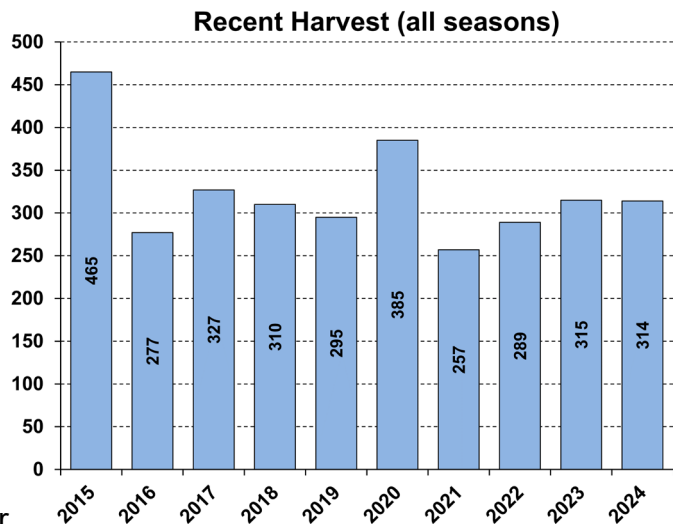
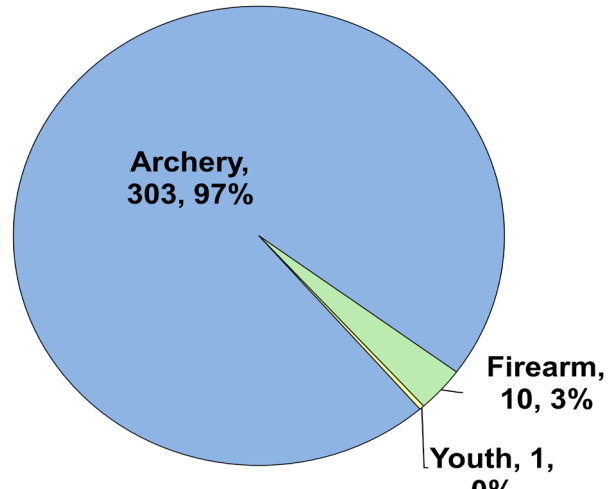
Check Station Location: Use McHenry Co. Check station

CWD Season in 2025-2026: Yes. CWD has and continues to be 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: 350

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 0

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 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	218	143	166	171	170
Crossbow	163	107	118	139	129
Traditional	3	4	2	1	4
Total	384	254	286	311	303

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	33.0	33.1	38.8	38.7	33.3
M - Yearling	22.3	26.1	23.9	27.9	33.7
M - Fawn	7.5	5.1	5.5	5.4	4.1
F - Adult	33.8	34.2	28.7	26.3	25.1
F - Fawn	3.4	1.6	3.1	1.6	3.8

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

