



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: MASON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 564 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,320 (2004)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 903

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,052

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

Firearm: 600/600 **Muzzle:** 175/175

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2025-2026: No. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: 2012

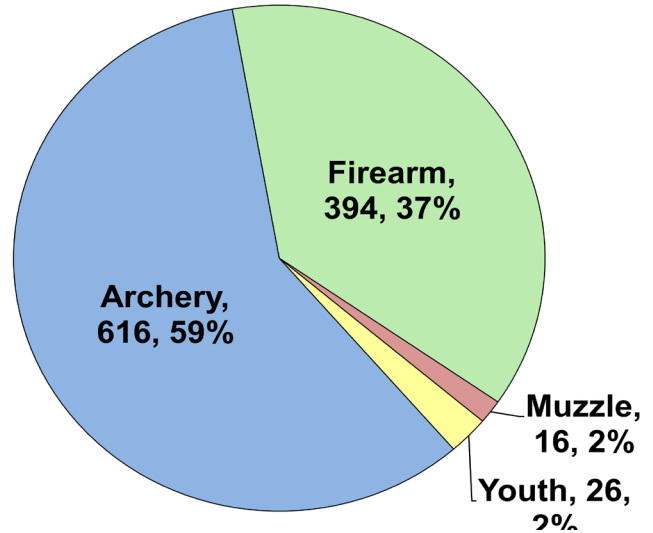
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	262	220	226	227	259
Crossbow	280	276	288	327	341
Traditional	9	8	4	5	16
Total	551	504	518	559	616

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	33.0	33.2	33.3	35.6	31.7
M - Yearling	18.5	18.7	18.5	19.1	18.0
M - Fawn	8.3	9.8	8.9	8.1	7.9
F - Adult	34.1	31.4	33.3	31.6	35.5
F - Fawn	6.0	6.9	6.1	5.7	6.9

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

