



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: MCHENRY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 611 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1963

Record Harvest: 1,592 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 991

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,177

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

Firearm: 1383/3400 **Muzzle:** 166/550

CWD: 86

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

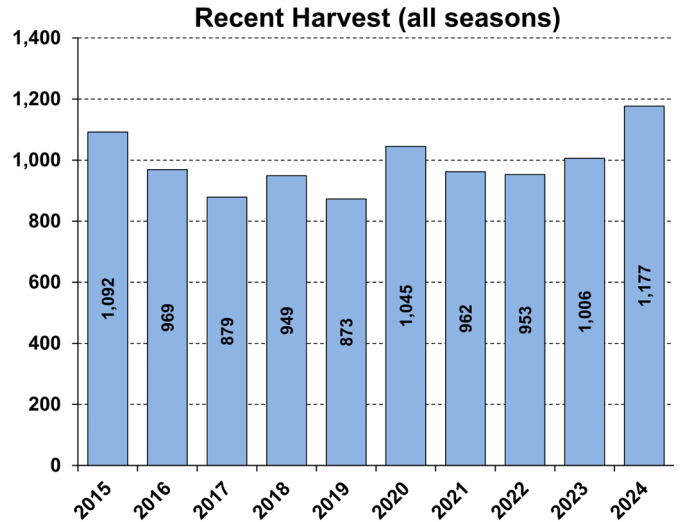
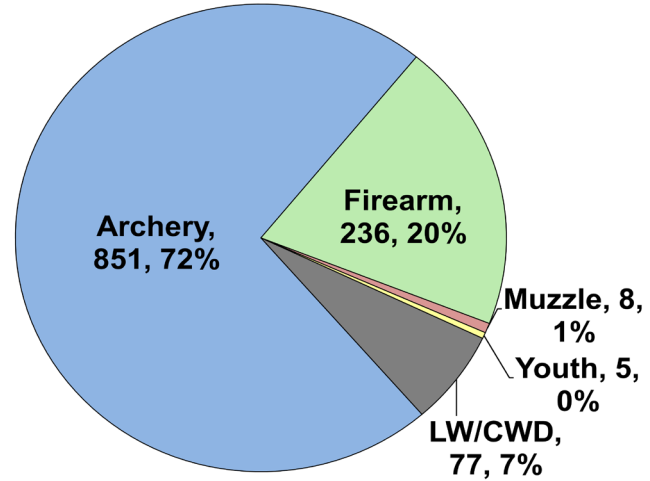
Check Station Location: Volo Bog SP

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: 460

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 47

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 deer were removed via sharpshooting. IDNR has modified its CWD management strategy and will not be sharpshooting in McHenry County anymore.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	418	350	362	360	443
Crossbow	233	282	301	322	397
Traditional	11	12	6	12	11
Total	662	644	669	694	851

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	30.7	30.0	31.7	33.9	30.7
M - Yearling	23.3	26.6	24.4	22.5	24.5
M - Fawn	9.2	9.0	7.7	7.1	6.3
F - Adult	31.2	29.6	30.3	30.9	31.7
F - Fawn	5.6	4.7	6.0	5.7	6.7

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

