



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: MENARD COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 316 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1962

**Record Harvest:** 1,035 (2005)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 823

**Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons):** 906

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

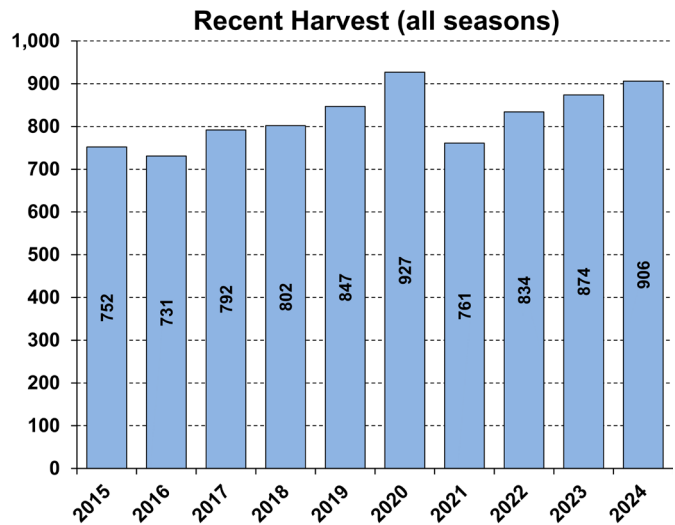
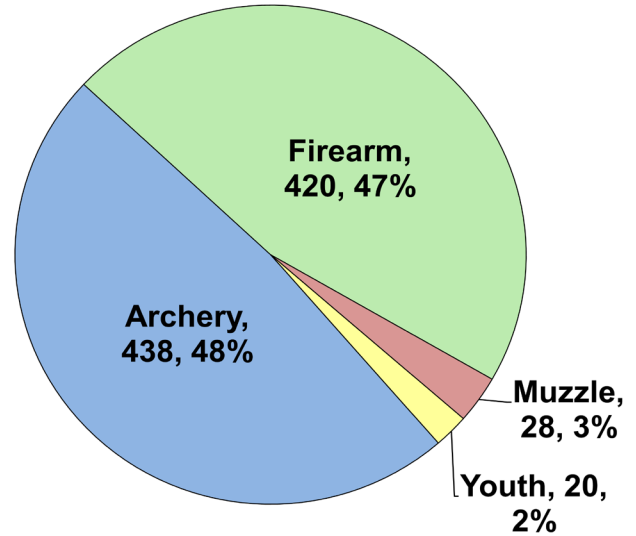
**Firearm:** 1000/1000 **Muzzle:** 160/160

**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:** 2014



## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type         | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compound     | 241        | 195        | 207        | 195        | 184        |
| Crossbow     | 266        | 201        | 228        | 244        | 249        |
| Traditional  | 1          | 4          | 3          | 1          | 5          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>508</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>438</b> | <b>440</b> | <b>438</b> |

## Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

|              | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult    | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.1 | 37.6 | 31.1 |
| M - Yearling | 12.1 | 14.1 | 13.4 | 13.3 | 14.0 |
| M - Fawn     | 6.6  | 7.2  | 7.4  | 6.8  | 5.8  |
| F - Adult    | 42.2 | 39.6 | 41.0 | 38.0 | 44.4 |
| F - Fawn     | 5.6  | 5.7  | 5.0  | 4.3  | 4.6  |

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

