



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: MERCER COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 568 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,623 (2006)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,518

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,579

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

Firearm: 2564/3000 **Muzzle:** 390/500

Late Winter: 28

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2025-2026: Yes. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter: 2007 - Present

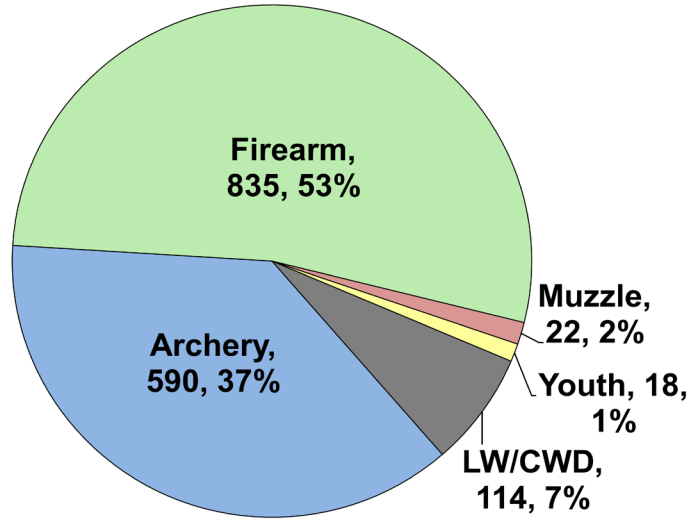
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	277	234	228	227	241
Crossbow	344	261	301	344	346
Traditional	3	3	3	4	3
Total	624	498	532	575	590

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	29.2	28.9	31.7	31.0	29.1
M - Yearling	16.4	15.5	14.7	16.3	14.4
M - Fawn	10.0	11.0	8.4	9.4	8.9
F - Adult	38.6	38.2	37.2	37.2	39.5
F - Fawn	5.8	6.4	8.1	6.2	8.0

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

