



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: JEFFERSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 584 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1963

Record Harvest: 4,903 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 3,862

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 4,834

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

Firearm: 3600/3600 **Muzzle:** 600/600

Late Winter: 431

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD 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/CWD: 2024-Present

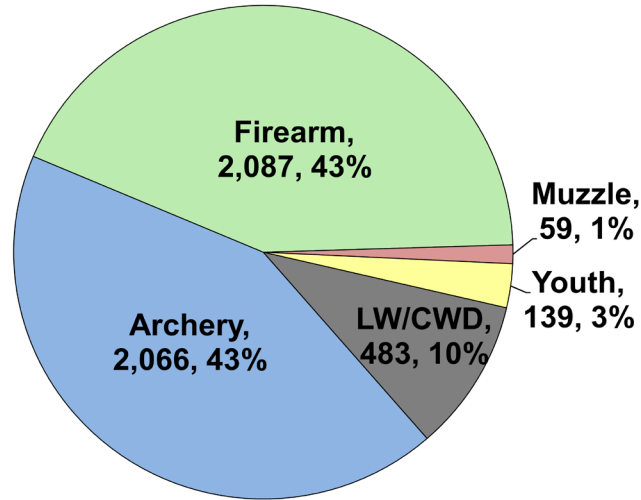
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	970	856	911	978	961
Crossbow	948	970	1003	1088	1089
Traditional	23	7	18	18	16
Total	1941	1833	1932	2084	2066

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	29.1	30.6	31.3	34.0	29.4
M - Yearling	16.4	16.4	15.8	17.2	16.1
M - Fawn	8.0	8.1	7.8	6.8	6.7
F - Adult	39.9	38.1	39.0	36.5	42.2
F - Fawn	6.6	6.8	6.1	5.4	5.7

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

