



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: KANE COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

County Size: 524 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 559 (2004)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 370

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 395

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

Firearm: 262/525 **Muzzle:** 27/200

CWD: 19

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

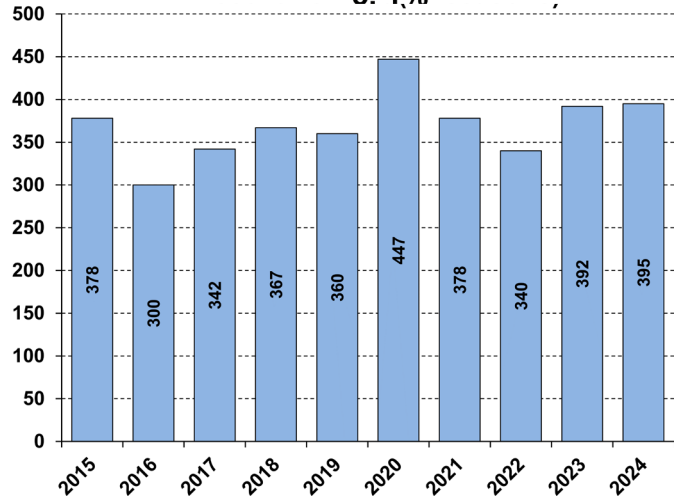
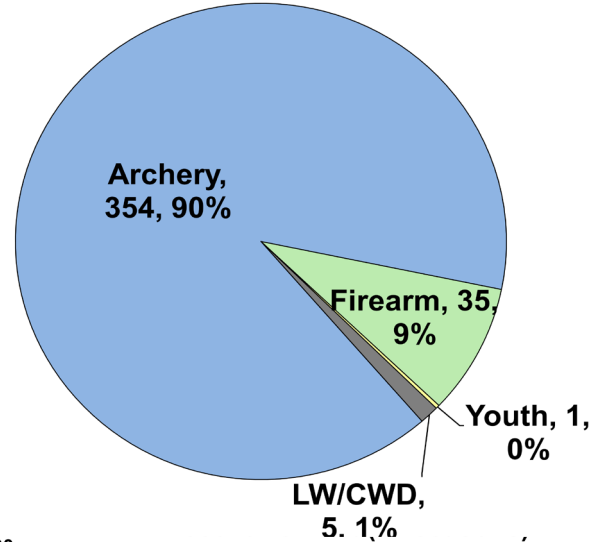
Check Station Location: Use Boone, DeKalb, Kendall, or McHenry check station

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: 655

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 31

IDNR sharpshooting: 192 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	193	163	153	178	163
Crossbow	208	170	152	170	188
Traditional	5	2	3	4	3
Total	406	335	308	352	354

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	30.6	29.9	32.4	37.8	31.9
M - Yearling	21.9	20.9	20.9	18.4	24.6
M - Fawn	9.2	9.5	5.0	7.9	6.5
F - Adult	35.3	33.3	36.8	30.9	32.9
F - Fawn	2.9	6.3	5.0	5.1	4.0

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

