



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: KANKAKEE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 681 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1975

Record Harvest: 683 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 570

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 683

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

Firearm: 1191/1400 **Muzzle:** 185/325

CWD: 60

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

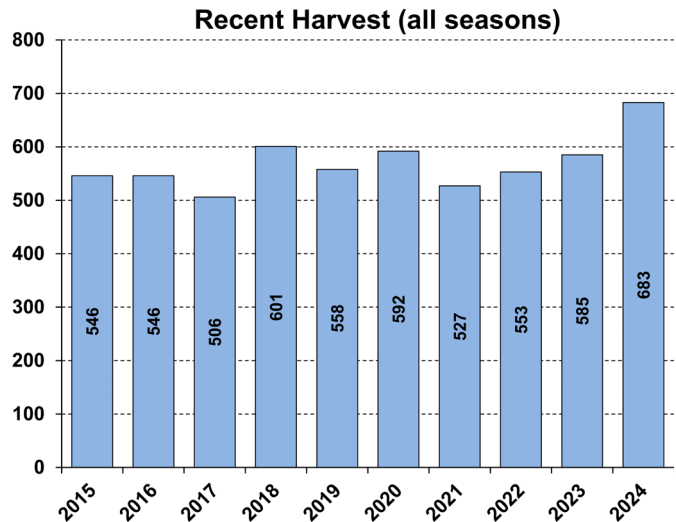
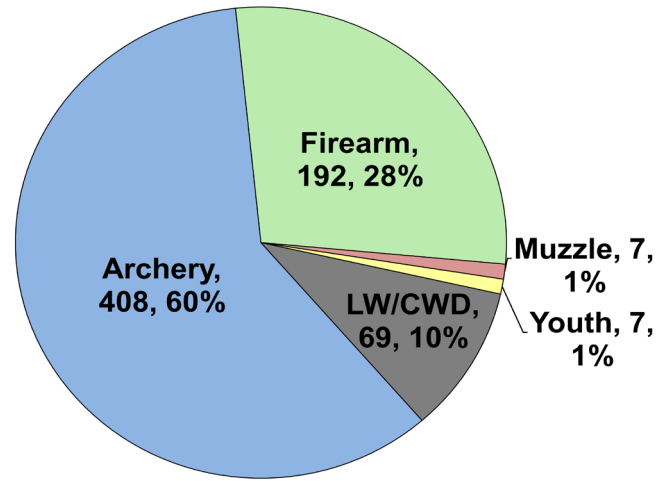
Check Station Location: Kankakee River SP Visitor Center

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: 216

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 5

IDNR sharpshooting: 53 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	155	114	118	143	144
Crossbow	179	161	186	196	256
Traditional	2	2	7	3	8
Total	336	277	311	342	408

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	23.6	28.5	30.3	33.0	31.0
M - Yearling	22.3	20.9	17.8	20.9	19.6
M - Fawn	9.6	10.5	9.2	7.4	7.8
F - Adult	39.9	35.6	36.2	32.0	35.3
F - Fawn	4.6	4.6	6.5	6.8	6.3

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

