



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: KNOX COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 720 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 3,000 (2012)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,334

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,206

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

Firearm: 3422/4200 **Muzzle:** 483/700

Late Winter: 75

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: 2005 - Present

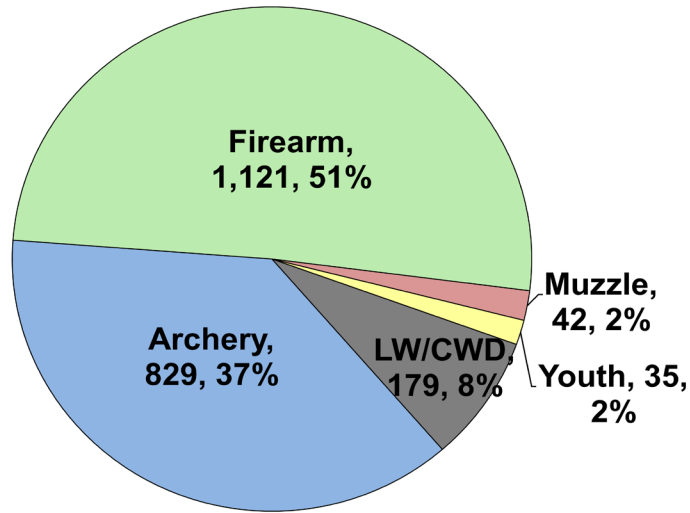
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	549	413	390	447	344
Crossbow	528	536	536	559	470
Traditional	28	27	24	0	15
Total	1105	976	950	1006	829

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	28.6	29.1	30.0	30.4	27.5
M - Yearling	14.4	15.8	14.4	18.3	16.0
M - Fawn	8.8	9.6	7.7	8.4	9.7
F - Adult	42.0	39.1	41.6	38.3	41.5
F - Fawn	6.2	6.4	6.3	4.6	5.3

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

