



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: POPE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 374 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,230 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,363

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,114

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

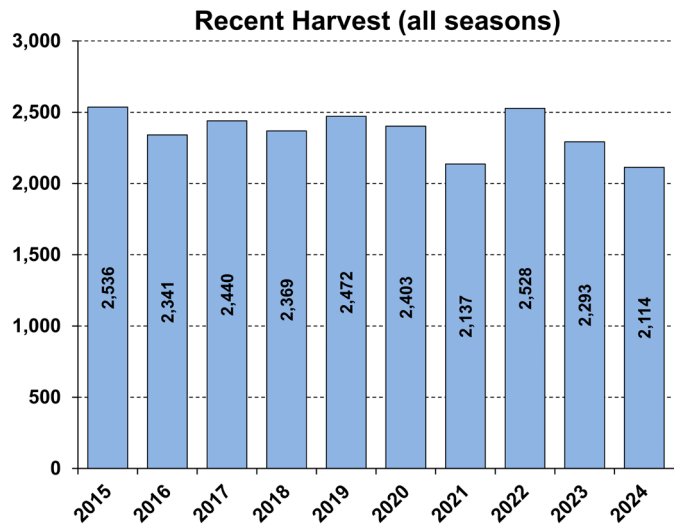
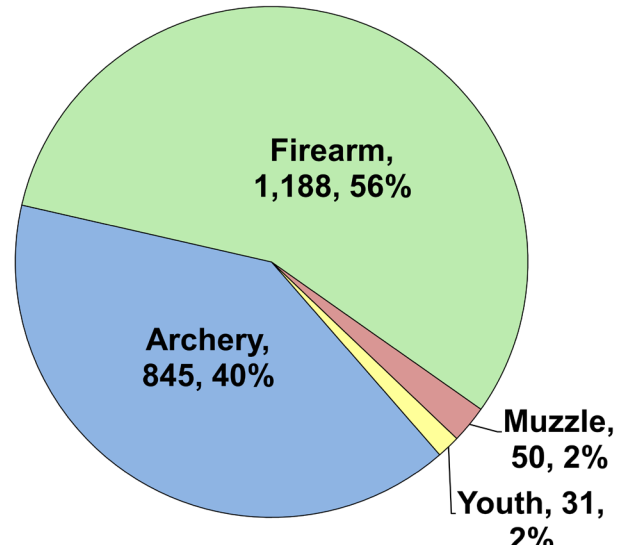
Firearm: 4000/4000 **Muzzle:** 361/425

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2025-2026: No. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: Never



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Compound | 499 | 427 | 454 | 441 | 410 |
| Crossbow | 531 | 435 | 548 | 464 | 429 |
| Traditional | 12 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| Total | 1042 | 871 | 1012 | 914 | 845 |

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult | 27.5 | 26.3 | 24.7 | 28.5 | 29.0 |
| M - Yearling | 23.3 | 23.2 | 23.9 | 25.6 | 23.7 |
| M - Fawn | 7.4 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.1 |
| F - Adult | 36.1 | 34.2 | 36.1 | 32.8 | 35.0 |
| F - Fawn | 5.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 |

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

