



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: PUTNAM COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 172 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,146 (2009)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 689

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 739

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

Firearm: 1116/1275 **Muzzle:** 175/195

Late Winter: 21

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

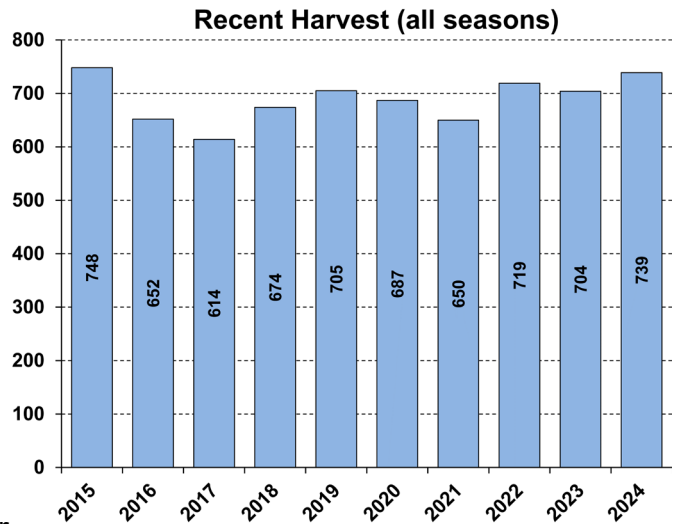
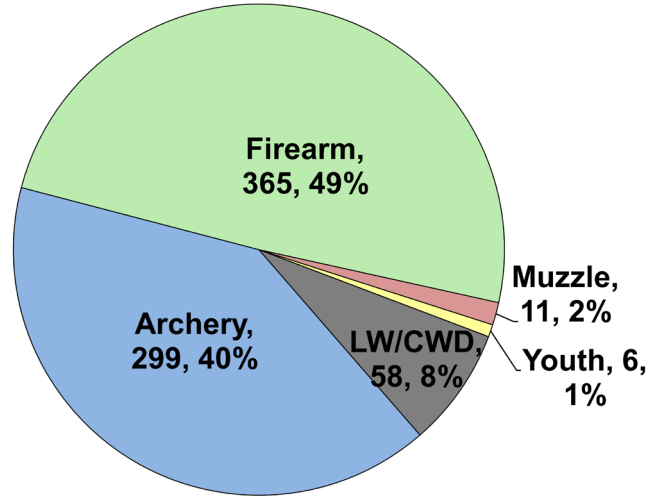
Check Station Location: N/A

CWD Season in 2025-2026: Yes. CWD WAS 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: 36

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 2

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 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	122	119	125	128	120
Crossbow	164	161	173	181	178
Traditional	2	1	4	0	1
Total	288	281	302	309	299

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	27.8	28.2	27.5	32.5	26.4
M - Yearling	14.8	16.3	14.7	17.3	14.2
M - Fawn	9.6	8.8	10.2	7.5	11.9
F - Adult	40.9	42.5	42.4	38.5	40.2
F - Fawn	6.8	4.3	5.1	4.1	7.3

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

