



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: SHELBY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 768 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,833 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,323

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,833

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

Firearm: 3300/3300 **Muzzle:** 479/550

Late Winter: 78

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: 2007 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Compound | 583 | 513 | 510 | 516 | 585 |
| Crossbow | 449 | 529 | 533 | 559 | 586 |
| Traditional | 8 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 11 |
| Total | 1040 | 1057 | 1058 | 1090 | 1182 |

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult | 28.6 | 30.0 | 28.2 | 31.2 | 29.2 |
| M - Yearling | 18.0 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 17.3 | 14.8 |
| M - Fawn | 9.9 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 9.0 |
| F - Adult | 36.3 | 35.2 | 40.3 | 37.2 | 39.9 |
| F - Fawn | 7.2 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 7.1 |

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

