



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: UNION COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 422 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,213 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,332

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 2,162

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

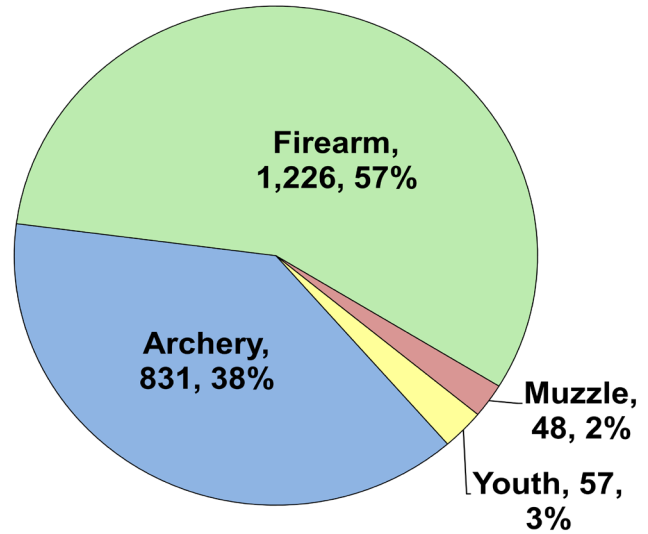
Firearm: 2497/2500 **Muzzle:** 379/380

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

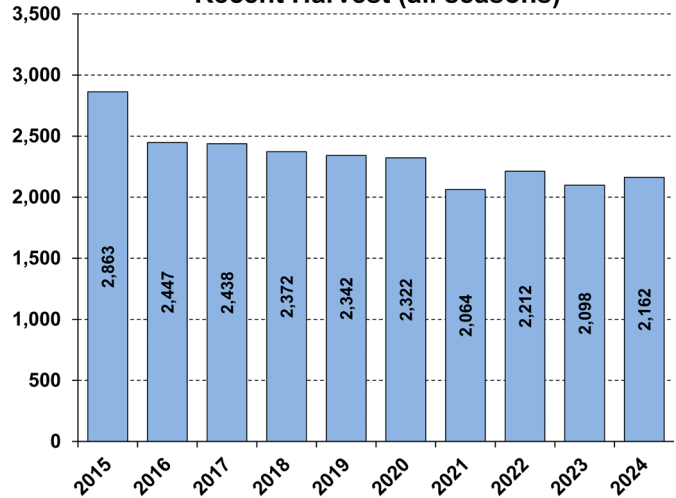
Check Station Location: N/A

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: 2012



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compound | 462 | 380 | 355 | 325 | 346 |
| Crossbow | 496 | 457 | 544 | 454 | 472 |
| Traditional | 9 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 13 |
| Total | 967 | 846 | 906 | 790 | 831 |

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult | 30.2 | 28.8 | 27.8 | 29.4 | 31.4 |
| M - Yearling | 17.9 | 17.3 | 15.0 | 18.0 | 18.6 |
| M - Fawn | 5.9 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 7.5 |
| F - Adult | 41.0 | 41.2 | 43.4 | 40.0 | 38.3 |
| F - Fawn | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 4.2 |

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

