



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: WHITESIDE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 698 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,704 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,186

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,394

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

Firearm: 2110/2250 **Muzzle:** 245/260

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: 2014

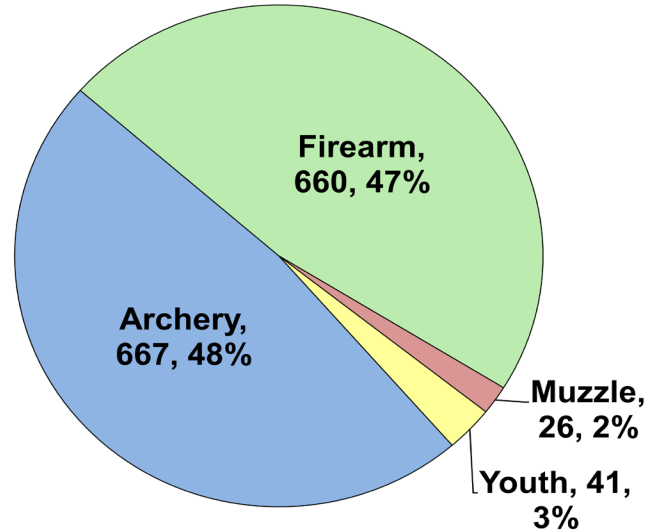
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	257	229	228	247	275
Crossbow	310	283	311	375	386
Traditional	7	6	8	11	6
Total	574	518	547	633	667

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	24.1	24.2	28.0	28.9	26.7
M - Yearling	16.0	19.6	17.8	19.5	19.4
M - Fawn	12.1	11.2	9.4	9.7	7.7
F - Adult	40.0	36.9	39.0	35.3	39.8
F - Fawn	7.7	8.2	5.7	6.6	6.3

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

