



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: WILL COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 849 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1976

Record Harvest: 1,435 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,068

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,032

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

Firearm: 1239/1500 **Muzzle:** 223/350

CWD: 49

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

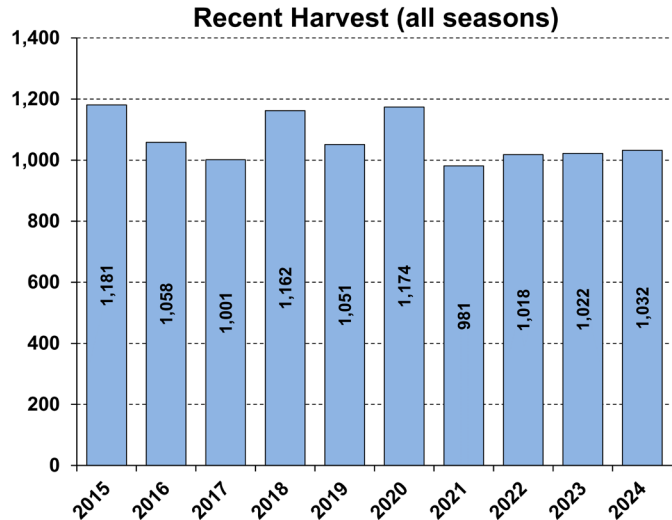
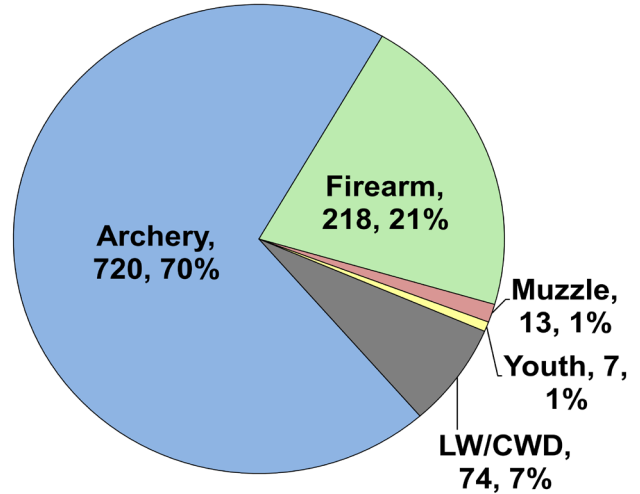
Check Station Location: Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

CWD Season in 2025-2026: Yes. CWD has and continues to be 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: 716

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 19

IDNR sharpshooting: 132 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	385	352	316	337	322
Crossbow	433	371	379	373	388
Traditional	7	7	7	8	10
Total	825	730	702	718	720

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	32.3	29.2	31.4	33.4	27.9
M - Yearling	19.9	20.4	19.6	18.7	18.6
M - Fawn	7.9	7.4	8.3	7.7	9.6
F - Adult	34.8	36.3	34.1	34.2	36.0
F - Fawn	5.1	6.6	6.6	6.0	8.0

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

