



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 519 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,480 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 895

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 957

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

Firearm: 1355/3000 **Muzzle:** 149/450

CWD: 60

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

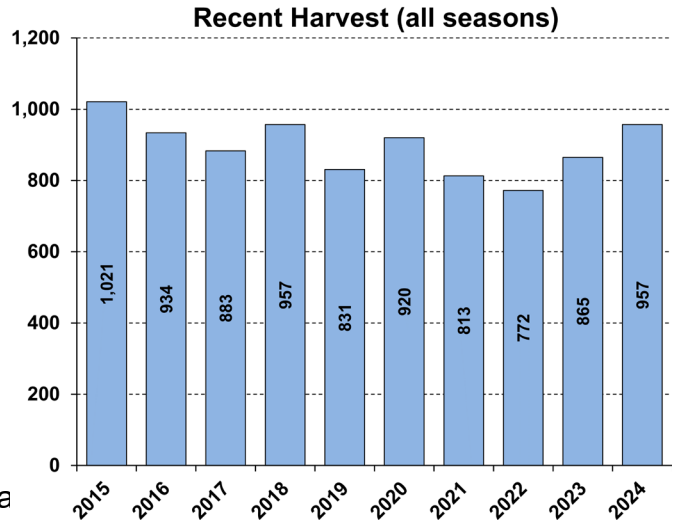
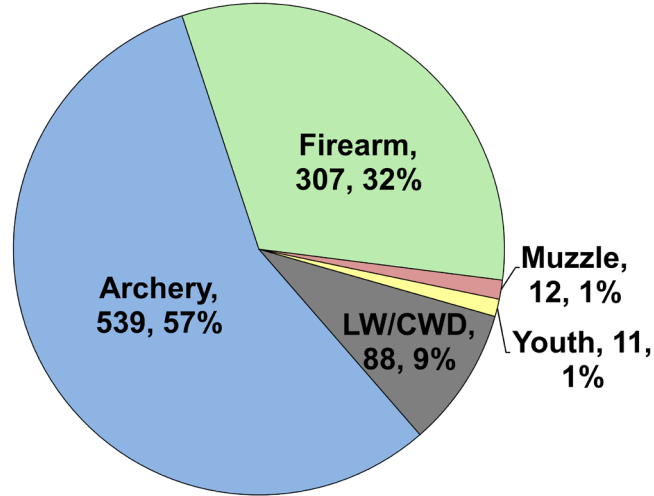
Check Station Location: Rock Cut State Park

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: 685

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 67

IDNR sharpshooting: 146 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	312	205	219	235	242
Crossbow	242	255	215	274	287
Traditional	5	8	2	5	10
Total	559	468	436	514	539

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	30.7	31.8	32.1	34.1	34.4
M - Yearling	21.7	22.0	21.4	22.3	20.0
M - Fawn	9.3	9.9	7.9	8.8	7.7
F - Adult	34.2	31.3	34.8	29.6	32.7
F - Fawn	4.0	5.0	3.8	5.2	5.2

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

