



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: FAYETTE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 726 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 4,025 (2025)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,932

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 4,025

Permits issued/quota 2025-2026 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 4000/4000 **Muzzle:** 685/700

Late Winter: 351

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2026-2027: 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: 2025 - Present

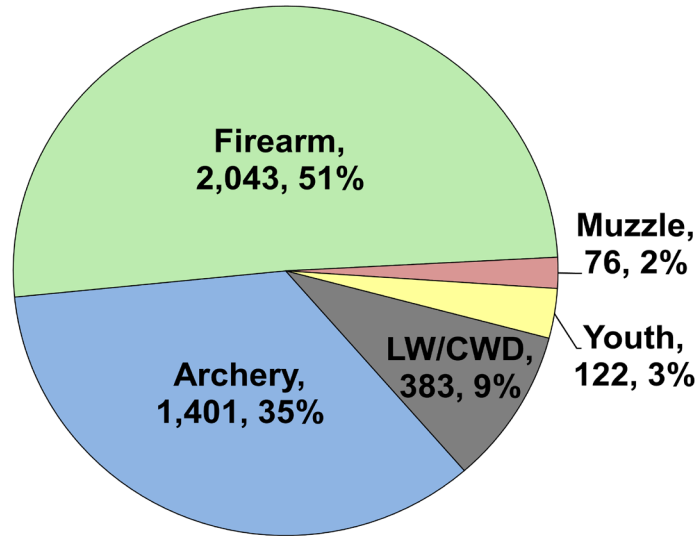
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	542	545	633	701	643
Crossbow	542	591	678	841	746
Traditional	5	8	9	4	12
Total	1089	1144	1320	1546	1401

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	31.1	27.2	31.9	31.1	27.0
M - Yearling	16.0	17.0	17.5	14.6	14.6
M - Fawn	10.0	10.5	7.2	8.9	8.9
F - Adult	34.4	36.5	36.3	37.3	41.8
F - Fawn	8.4	8.8	7.2	8.1	7.8

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

