



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: FULTON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 884 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 5,717 (2012)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 4,027

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 4,267

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

Firearm: 5633/6200 **Muzzle:** 765/965

Late Winter: 168

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter 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: 2003 - Present

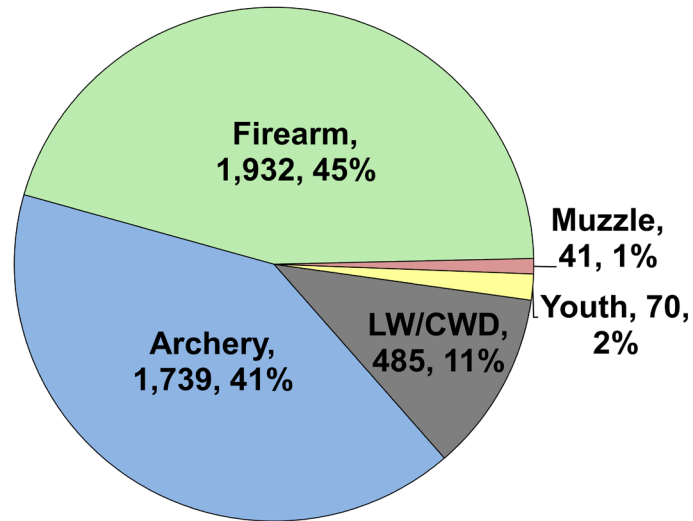
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	809	733	782	833	829
Crossbow	744	775	816	907	876
Traditional	33	37	37	35	34
Total	1586	1545	1635	1775	1739

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	32.3	31.8	31.4	28.4	29.7
M - Yearling	15.1	13.7	15.2	14.0	14.6
M - Fawn	8.0	8.4	8.2	9.0	8.0
F - Adult	37.3	39.5	38.7	42.1	42.1
F - Fawn	7.3	6.6	6.5	6.5	5.7

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

