



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: HANCOCK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 816 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,661 (2008)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 2,849

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 3,185

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

Firearm: 4306/4400 **Muzzle:** 590/675

Late Winter: 50

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: 2022 - Present

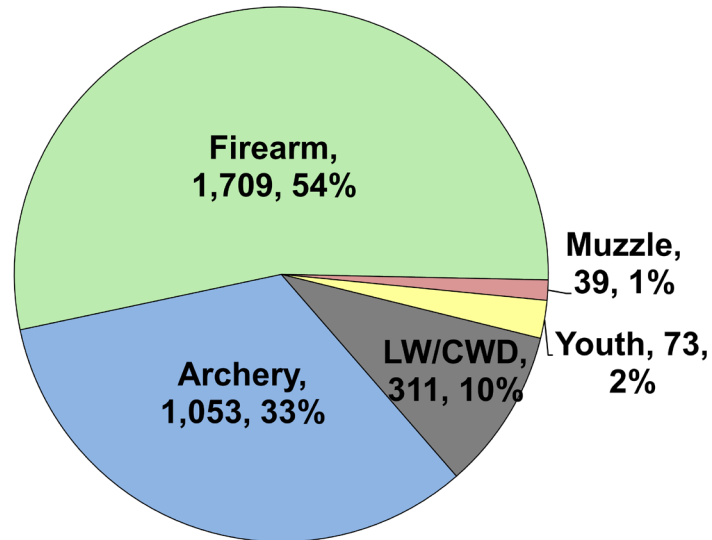
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	479	461	459	491	491
Crossbow	530	556	542	558	547
Traditional	11	9	10	12	15
Total	1020	1026	1011	1061	1053

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	31.4	29.9	32.7	26.0	29.2
M - Yearling	14.3	12.0	12.2	12.6	11.8
M - Fawn	8.9	8.7	10.5	9.5	8.5
F - Adult	37.9	40.4	36.6	43.8	42.2
F - Fawn	7.5	9.1	8.1	8.1	8.2

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

