



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: MARION COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 576 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1965

Record Harvest: 3,897 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 3,141

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 3,885

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

Firearm: 4500/4500 **Muzzle:** 590/645

Late Winter: 118

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: 2005 - Present

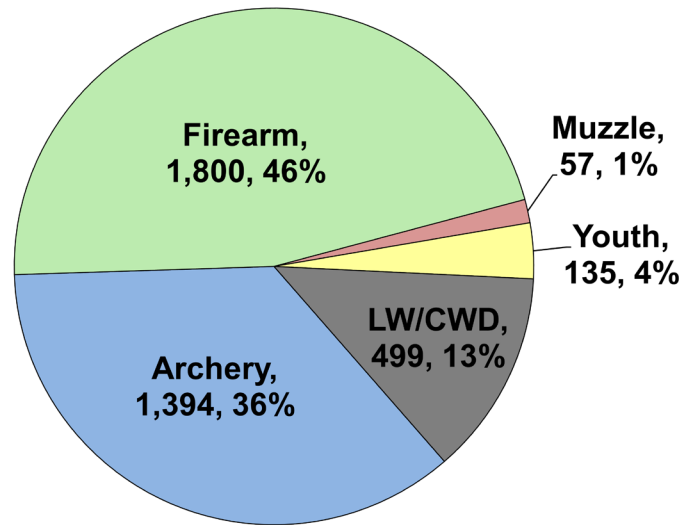
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	557	499	597	579	589
Crossbow	639	635	746	838	793
Traditional	11	7	11	15	12
Total	1207	1141	1354	1432	1394

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	29.5	28.3	32.0	29.7	28.2
M - Yearling	15.2	16.2	16.1	15.2	14.5
M - Fawn	10.6	9.4	8.4	8.9	7.6
F - Adult	38.0	38.0	37.3	39.9	42.6
F - Fawn	6.7	8.1	6.1	6.2	7.2

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

