



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: RANDOLPH COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 595 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1963

Record Harvest: 4,253 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 3,847

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 4,148

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

Firearm: 5000/5000 **Muzzle:** 817/825

Late Winter: 259

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	505	491	500	461	440
Crossbow	746	711	748	745	713
Traditional	11	13	11	7	5
Total	1262	1215	1259	1213	1158

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	29.7	27.0	28.7	25.2	27.1
M - Yearling	15.7	14.4	15.1	15.2	14.2
M - Fawn	8.9	8.9	7.7	8.3	7.7
F - Adult	38.3	42.9	41.8	43.9	44.6
F - Fawn	7.3	6.9	6.7	7.4	6.5

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

