



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: SALINE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 387 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,913 (2010)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,705

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 1,814

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

Firearm: 2800/2800 **Muzzle:** 267/300

Late Winter: 105

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

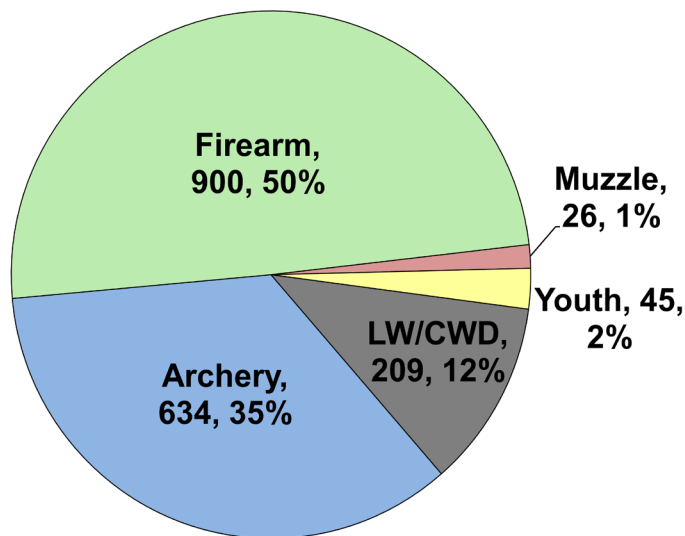
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	271	299	280	294	266
Crossbow	315	385	326	336	360
Traditional	8	7	9	5	8
Total	594	691	615	635	634

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	30.7	27.5	29.7	30.3	29.4
M - Yearling	15.4	16.5	17.0	16.6	17.4
M - Fawn	6.9	7.4	6.5	6.7	4.9
F - Adult	40.9	43.3	40.0	41.2	41.7
F - Fawn	6.0	5.2	6.8	5.2	6.7

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

