



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2025-2026: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 444 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 3,517 (2022)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 3,228

Total 2025-2026 Harvest (all seasons): 3,400

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

Firearm: 4200/4200 **Muzzle:** 363/395

Late Winter: 115

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/CWD: 2024-Present

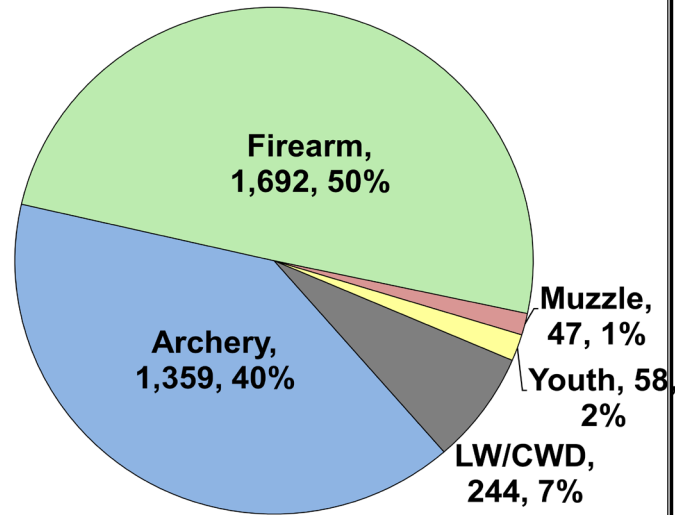
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Compound	530	620	583	597	566
Crossbow	798	832	865	786	780
Traditional	17	18	19	17	13
Total	1345	1470	1467	1400	1359

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
M - Adult	29.1	26.0	25.0	24.6	25.3
M - Yearling	20.7	19.3	21.0	19.9	19.5
M - Fawn	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.2	7.2
F - Adult	36.7	40.7	39.8	42.2	43.5
F - Fawn	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.0	4.5

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

