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Hunters harvest more than 52,000 deer during first weekend of Illinois firearm season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 52,354 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season Nov. 18-20.

Comparatively, hunters took 48,964 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2021.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season will conclude Dec. 1-4. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 9-11
- Late-winter antlerless-only and Chronic Wasting Disease deer seasons (in select counties only) Dec. 29-Jan. 1 and Jan.13-15
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 15. (Note: archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties open for firearm deer season.)

For more details about deer hunting, open counties and other information, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>.

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2022 season, and comparable totals for 2020 and 2021, can be found below.

County	2020	2021	2022
ADAMS	1305	1311	1437
ALEXANDER	257	264	239
BOND	427	478	537
BOONE	79	73	71
BROWN	559	572	655
BUREAU	639	612	609
CALHOUN	360	427	465
CARROLL	355	373	331

CASS	384	386	423
CHAMPAIGN	163	143	137
CHRISTIAN	422	376	403
CLARK	630	692	721
CLAY	735	765	889
CLINTON	474	493	606
COLES	451	466	487
CRAWFORD	561	635	673
CUMBERLAND	544	531	542
DEKALB	78	87	73
DEWITT	223	195	220
DOUGLAS	115	115	120
EDGAR	332	370	424
EDWARDS	227	273	317
EFFINGHAM	614	637	653
FAYETTE	986	1106	1184
FORD	80	81	86
FRANKLIN	749	848	956
FULTON	1202	1154	1249
GALLATIN	235	253	305
GREENE	638	612	634
GRUNDY	151	154	172
HAMILTON	661	729	741
HANCOCK	1056	1001	1128
HARDIN	420	515	548
HENDERSON	308	262	283
HENRY	291	268	275
IROQUOIS	322	282	257
JACKSON	1230	1290	1484
JASPER	693	715	794
JEFFERSON	1087	1228	1249
JERSEY	350	416	425
JO DAVIESS	1029	830	843
JOHNSON	858	866	874
KANE	18	27	18
KANKAKEE	124	140	114
KENDALL	57	47	43
KNOX	686	720	737
LAKE	0	5	5
LASALLE	473	409	427
LAWRENCE	334	366	399

LEE	337	316	314
LIVINGSTON	279	312	268
LOGAN	200	217	193
MACON	157	148	155
MACOUPIN	997	1003	1120
MADISON	384	460	509
MARION	917	998	1186
MARSHALL	408	393	412
MASON	256	258	249
MASSAC	220	238	268
MCDONOUGH	455	488	495
MCHENRY	172	181	129
MCLEAN	412	398	349
MENARD	213	214	215
MERCER	533	538	509
MONROE	670	710	856
MONTGOMERY	523	541	619
MORGAN	378	364	442
MOULTRIE	143	146	158
OGLE	442	394	356
PEORIA	545	567	576
PERRY	719	783	969
PIATT	90	83	89
PIKE	1033	987	1129
POPE	888	934	1068
PULASKI	178	190	222
PUTNAM	209	236	228
RANDOLPH	1341	1457	1518
RICHLAND	405	475	487
ROCK ISLAND	462	404	408
SALINE	535	533	628
SANGAMON	330	354	327
SCHUYLER	763	833	904
SCOTT	176	209	190
SHELBY	825	864	883
ST. CLAIR	477	529	576
STARK	126	113	118
STEPHENSON	408	370	342
TAZEWELL	314	339	352
UNION	773	795	812
VERMILION	333	400	369

WABASH	102	118	122
WARREN	294	288	290
WASHINGTON	600	672	771
WAYNE	864	935	1015
WHITE	467	437	553
WHITESIDE	424	348	335
WILL	150	123	134
WILLIAMSON	950	1109	1287
WINNEBAGO	194	167	154
WOODFORD	373	397	434
Total	47416	48964	52354

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