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## Illinois hunters harvest more than 53,000 deer first weekend of firearm season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 53,348 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 17-19. Comparatively, hunters took 52,354 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2022.

Illinois’ seven-day firearm deer season will conclude Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 8-10;
- late-winter antlerless-only and chronic wasting disease deer seasons (in select counties only) Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 12-14; and
- archery deer season through Jan. 14. (Note: archery deer hunting is closed Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in counties open for firearm deer season.)

[Go online](#) to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ website for more details about deer hunting, open counties, and other information.

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2023 season, and comparable totals for 2021 and 2022, can be found below.

County	2021	2022	2023
ADAMS	1311	1437	1423
ALEXANDER	264	239	199
BOND	478	537	562
BOONE	73	71	74
BROWN	572	655	591
BUREAU	612	609	695
CALHOUN	427	465	476
CARROLL	373	331	389
CASS	386	423	448
CHAMPAIGN	143	137	144
CHRISTIAN	376	403	417
CLARK	692	721	721
CLAY	765	889	1007

CLINTON	493	606	588
COLES	466	487	415
CRAWFORD	635	673	729
CUMBERLAND	531	542	511
DEKALB	87	73	83
DEWITT	195	220	220
DOUGLAS	115	120	121
EDGAR	370	424	413
EDWARDS	273	317	283
EFFINGHAM	637	653	696
FAYETTE	1106	1184	1166
FORD	81	86	85
FRANKLIN	848	956	888
FULTON	1154	1249	1296
GALLATIN	253	305	306
GREENE	612	634	624
GRUNDY	154	172	217
HAMILTON	729	741	750
HANCOCK	1001	1128	992
HARDIN	515	548	467
HENDERSON	262	283	320
HENRY	268	275	321
IROQUOIS	282	257	344
JACKSON	1290	1484	1371
JASPER	715	794	784
JEFFERSON	1228	1249	1286
JERSEY	416	425	435
JO DAVIESS	830	843	967
JOHNSON	866	874	749
KANE	27	18	27
KANKAKEE	140	114	138
KENDALL	47	43	49
KNOX	720	737	821
LAKE	5	5	4
LASALLE	409	427	499
LAWRENCE	366	399	426
LEE	316	314	385
LIVINGSTON	312	268	310
LOGAN	217	193	215
MACON	148	155	135
MACOUPIN	1003	1120	1077
MADISON	460	509	484
MARION	998	1186	1202
MARSHALL	393	412	429
MASON	258	249	280

MASSAC	238	268	247
MCDONOUGH	488	495	528
MCHENRY	181	129	204
MCLEAN	398	349	432
MENARD	214	215	262
MERCER	538	509	600
MONROE	710	856	821
MONTGOMERY	541	619	592
MORGAN	364	442	432
MOULTRIE	146	158	156
OGLE	394	356	503
PEORIA	567	576	581
PERRY	783	969	941
PIATT	83	89	84
PIKE	987	1129	1189
POPE	934	1068	994
PULASKI	190	222	208
PUTNAM	236	228	244
RANDOLPH	1457	1518	1506
RICHLAND	475	487	480
ROCK ISLAND	404	408	526
SALINE	533	628	611
SANGAMON	354	327	357
SCHUYLER	833	904	875
SCOTT	209	190	254
SHELBY	864	883	895
ST. CLAIR	529	576	560
STARK	113	118	150
STEPHENSON	370	342	375
TAZEWELL	339	352	377
UNION	795	812	813
VERMILION	400	369	419
WABASH	118	122	126
WARREN	288	290	337
WASHINGTON	672	771	747
WAYNE	935	1015	938
WHITE	437	553	542
WHITESIDE	348	335	402
WILL	123	134	167
WILLIAMSON	1109	1287	1163
WINNEBAGO	167	154	181
WOODFORD	397	434	475
<b>Total</b>	<b>48964</b>	<b>52354</b>	<b>53348</b>

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