



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: WHITESIDE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 698 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1957

**Record Harvest:** 1,704 (2005)

**Average Harvest (2010-2019):** 1,244

**Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,093

**Permits issued/quota 2019-2020** (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

**Firearm:** 1976/2025     **Muzzle:** 245/260

**2019-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):**

57% M:43% F;(47% antlered: 53% antlerless)

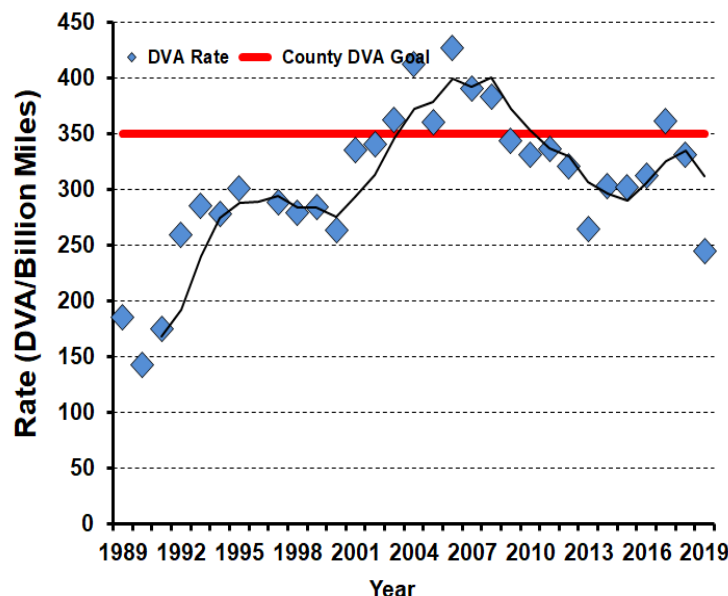
**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** No

**Check Station Location:** N/A

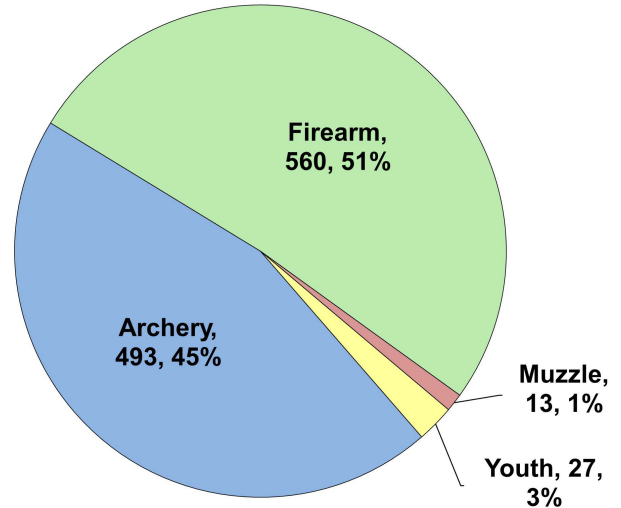
**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2020-2021:** No.

Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

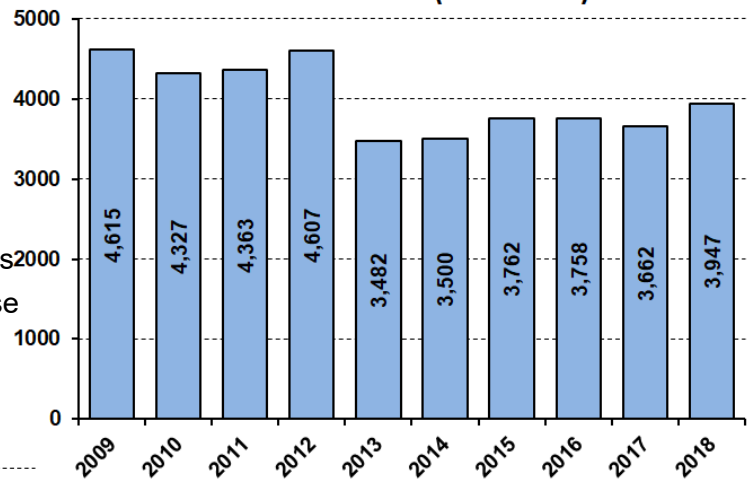
**Last year in Late Winter/CWD:** 2014



**2019-2020 Harvest by Season**



**Recent Harvest (all seasons)**



**Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type**

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	400	403	320	300	250
Crossbow	74	72	137	186	232
Traditional	2	7	3	4	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>493</b>

**Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	22.7	21.2	21.0	21.0	26.6
M - Yearling	17.9	19.2	19.9	20.7	20.9
M - Fawn	11.8	10.1	10.8	11.1	9.4
F - Adult	39.7	38.9	38.6	38.3	36.5
F - Fawn	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6

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