



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: COOK COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 957 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1964

**Record Harvest:** 234 (2007)

**Average Harvest (2011-2020):** 143

**Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons):** 191

**Permits issued/quota 2020-2021** (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide)

No firearm hunting in Cook Co.

**2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):**

76% M:24% F;(75% antlered: 25% antlerless)

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

**Check Station Location:** N/A. Hunters wishing to have their deer tested should take them to participating vendors or head drop off barrels.

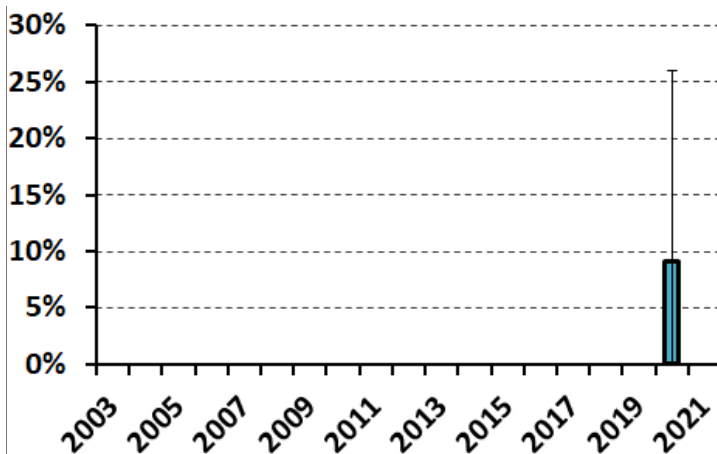
**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022:** No. there is no firearm hunting in Cook Co.

**Last year in Late Winter/CWD:** Never

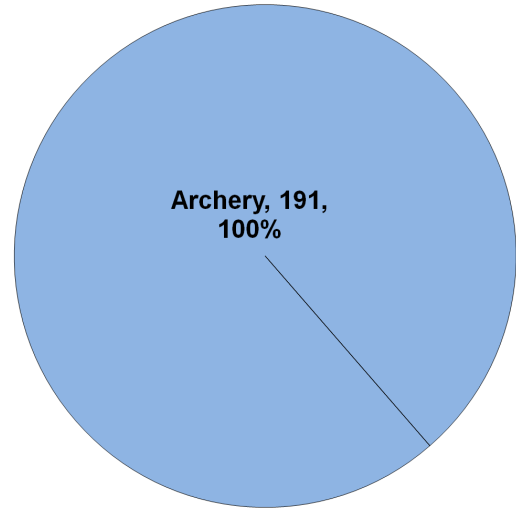
**Number tested for CWD 2020-2021:** 212

**CWD positive deer 2020-2021:** 2

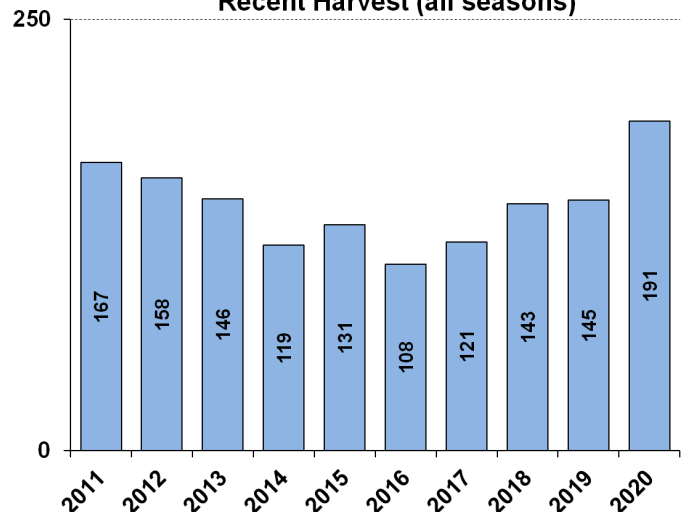
**Special permits:** IDNR provides special permits for municipalities to lower localized deer populations. Through these efforts 196 deer were tested for CWD and 2 positives were detected. Only hunter harvested deer shown below.



## 2020-2021 Harvest by Season



## Recent Harvest (all seasons)



## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	94	79	87	81	87
Crossbow	11	39	52	59	101
Traditional	3	3	4	5	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>191</b>

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	32.1	38.2	42.7	48.0	38.7
M - Yearling	19.4	19.0	27.3	27.0	24.1
M - Fawn	9.3	9.1	5.6	1.4	5.8
F - Adult	30.6	28.1	25.9	21.6	27.7
F - Fawn	1.9	2.5	2.1	2.0	3.7

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