



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 519 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,480 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 916

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 813

Permits issued/quota 2021-2022 (excludes landowner; CWD are unlimited):

Firearm: 1344/3000 **Muzzle:** 171/450 **CWD:** 33

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Rock Cut State Park

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2022-2023: Yes.

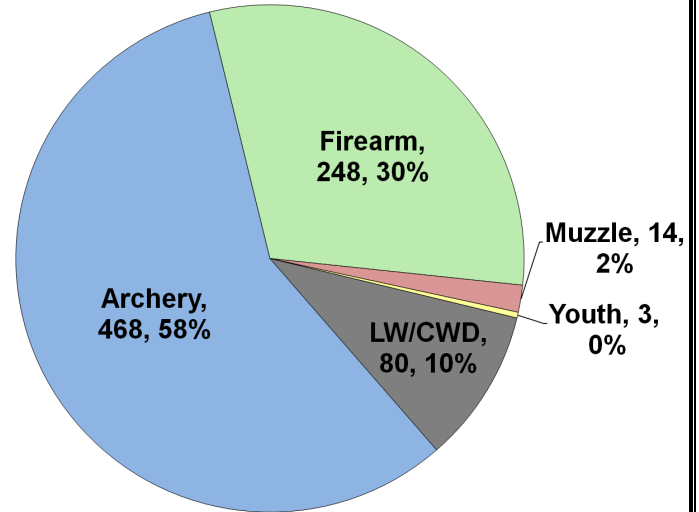
CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD seasons allow for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD 2021-2022: 259

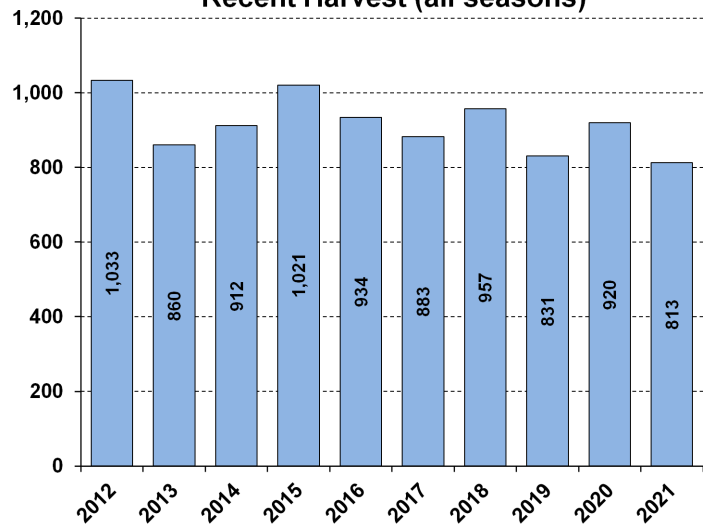
CWD positive deer 2021-2022: 3

IDNR sharpshooting: 61 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).

2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	307	278	263	312	205
Crossbow	140	180	212	242	255
Traditional	6	3	5	5	8
Total	453	461	480	559	468

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	21.9	24.4	31.0	30.7	31.8
M - Yearling	28.1	24.0	20.7	21.7	22.0
M - Fawn	7.4	7.1	9.9	9.3	9.9
F - Adult	33.8	38.6	33.7	34.2	31.3
F - Fawn	4.7	3.4	4.7	4.0	5.0

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

