



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 172 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1957

**Record Harvest:** 1,146 (2009)

**Average Harvest (2011-2020):** 730

**Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons):** 687

**Permits issued/quota 2020-2021** (excludes landowner; late winter are unlimited):

**Firearm:** 1000/1000 **Muzzle:** 177/195

**Late Winter:** 25

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

52% M: 48% F;(45% antlered: 55% antlerless)

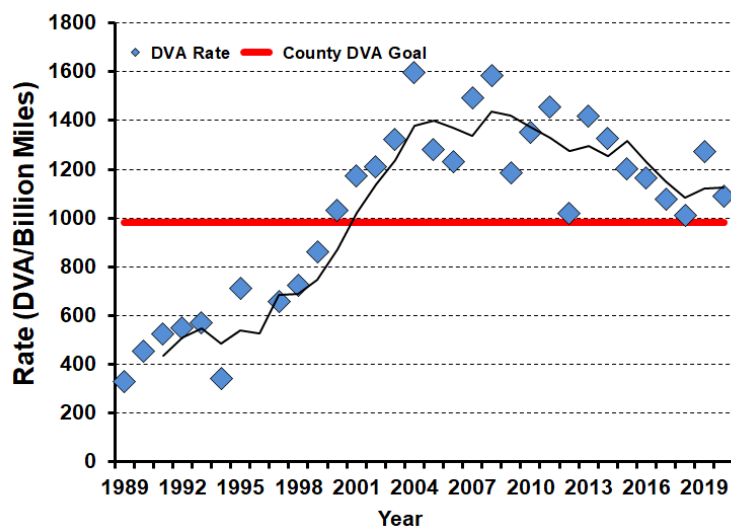
**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** No

**Check Station Location:** N/A

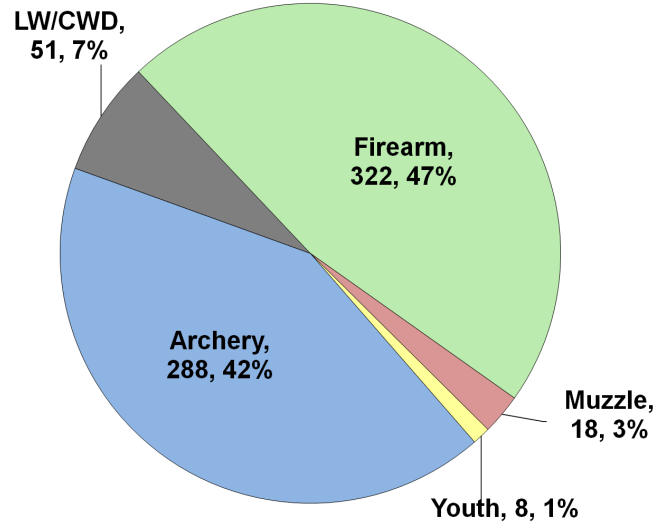
**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022:** Yes.

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

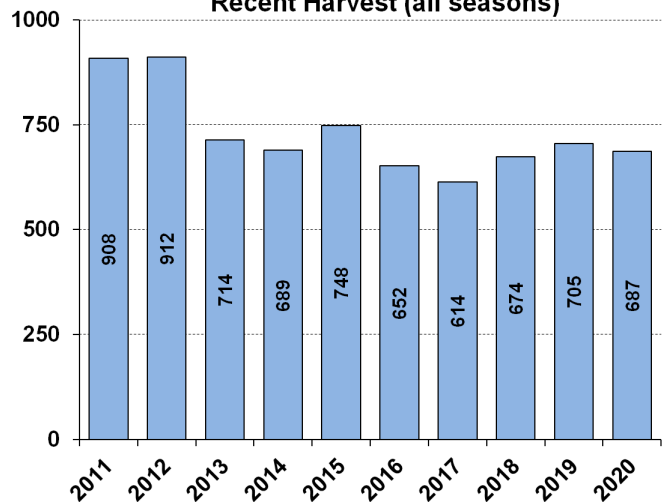
**Time in Late Winter:** 2008 - Present



**2020-2021 Harvest by Season**



**Recent Harvest (all seasons)**



**Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type**

| Type         | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compound     | 188        | 138        | 144        | 147        | 122        |
| Crossbow     | 44         | 72         | 108        | 148        | 164        |
| Traditional  | 11         | 6          | 5          | 1          | 2          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>257</b> | <b>296</b> | <b>288</b> |

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

|                     | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        | 2020        |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>M - Adult</b>    | <b>21.0</b> | <b>22.1</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>27.8</b> |
| <b>M - Yearling</b> | <b>16.7</b> | <b>18.9</b> | <b>17.1</b> | <b>17.7</b> | <b>14.8</b> |
| <b>M - Fawn</b>     | <b>8.3</b>  | <b>9.8</b>  | <b>9.2</b>  | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>9.6</b>  |
| <b>F - Adult</b>    | <b>41.9</b> | <b>36.5</b> | <b>40.7</b> | <b>42.1</b> | <b>40.9</b> |
| <b>F - Fawn</b>     | <b>9.0</b>  | <b>7.8</b>  | <b>8.5</b>  | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>6.8</b>  |

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