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## **Illinois spring turkey hunters harvest record number of wild turkeys**

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois turkey hunters harvested a preliminary record total of 18,189 wild turkeys during the 2025 spring turkey season. This year's total compares with the previous record total of 17,208 turkeys harvested in 2024.

The top five counties for harvest in 2025 were Jo Daviess, 628; Jefferson, 518; Pike, 468; Marion, 428; and Pope, 425.

The 2025 total includes the record youth spring turkey season harvest of 2,099 birds, which compares with the previous record of 2,010 birds set in 2024.

This year 89,687 permits were sold compared to 86,083 last year.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2025 regular season dates were April 7 through May 8 in the south zone and April 14 through May 15 in the north zone. The 2025 youth spring turkey season was March 29-30 and April 5-6 statewide.

County	2025	2024
Adams	350	324
Alexander	183	189
Bond	176	145
Boone	72	94
Brown	276	222
Bureau	195	195
Calhoun	249	243
Carroll	220	249
Cass	198	183
Champaign	43	37
Christian	68	52
Clark	241	267
Clay	293	295
Clinton	160	133
Coles	60	57
Crawford	242	240

Cumberland	108	78
DeKalb	18	13
DeWitt	48	56
Douglas	15	12
Edgar	119	125
Edwards	105	94
Effingham	190	171
Fayette	386	349
Ford	27	18
Franklin	246	253
Fulton	304	287
Gallatin-Hardin	275	257
Greene	176	165
Grundy	73	63
Hamilton	316	336
Hancock	329	290
Henderson	143	153
Henry	153	131
Iroquois	95	84
Jackson	342	334
Jasper	208	200
Jefferson	518	472
Jersey	216	180
Jo Daviess	628	652
Johnson	296	260
Kane	4	5
Kankakee	59	60
Kendall	17	18
Knox	197	234
Lake	16	20
La Salle	111	111
Lawrence	175	182
Lee	113	112
Livingston	42	46
Logan	52	35
Macon	29	30
Macoupin	350	283
Madison	297	274
Marion	428	427
Marshall-Putnam	145	114
Mason	179	167
Massac	141	147
McDonough	114	93
McHenry	147	142
McLean	62	81
Menard	94	90

Mercer	236	237
Monroe	183	184
Montgomery	216	195
Morgan	134	136
Moultrie	36	38
Ogle	275	223
Peoria	178	138
Perry	311	301
Piatt	16	10
Pike	468	381
Pope	425	397
Pulaski	155	153
Randolph	369	392
Richland	158	144
Rock Island	218	196
Saline	178	158
Sangamon	127	98
Schuyler	233	217
Scott	74	70
Shelby	177	158
St. Clair	158	167
Stark	25	18
Stephenson	228	237
Tazewell	78	86
Union	303	317
Vermilion	135	155
Wabash	59	51
Warren	79	64
Washington	220	190
Wayne	404	370
White	190	219
Whiteside	212	167
Will	72	75
Williamson	386	360
Winnebago	245	194
Woodford	96	83
Total	18,189	17,208

### About IDNR

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