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More than 51,000 deer harvested during first weekend of Illinois firearm deer season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 51,409 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 21-23. Comparatively, hunters took 54,661 and 53,348 deer during the first firearm weekends in 2024 and 2023.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season will conclude December 4-7. Youth hunters with an unfilled, valid youth deer permit may hunt with the permit during the upcoming firearm deer season, December 4-7. This is the first year that unfilled youth permits are valid for both segments of firearm season.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 12-14.
- Late-winter antlerless-only and chronic wasting disease deer seasons in select counties only, Jan. 1-4 and Jan. 16-18.
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 18. Please note that archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 4-7 in counties open for firearm deer season.

Visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources [online](#) for more details about deer hunting.

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2025 season, and comparable totals for 2024 and 2023 follows.

COUNTY	2023	2024	2025
Adams	1423	1414	1232
Alexander	199	225	220
Bond	562	594	533
Boone	74	80	81
Brown	591	629	528
Bureau	695	628	592
Calhoun	476	499	406
Carroll	389	387	416
Cass	448	434	391
Champaign	144	165	154
Christian	417	412	380
Clark	721	783	677

Clay	1007	1118	988
Clinton	588	735	571
Coles	415	523	411
Crawford	729	788	645
Cumberland	511	575	526
Dekalb	83	97	98
Dewitt	220	261	231
Douglas	121	129	131
Edgar	413	407	411
Edwards	283	309	304
Effingham	696	763	699
Fayette	1166	1298	1275
Ford	85	86	108
Franklin	888	879	761
Fulton	1296	1317	1228
Gallatin	306	301	241
Greene	624	660	587
Grundy	217	204	205
Hamilton	750	838	763
Hancock	992	1102	964
Hardin	467	366	347
Henderson	320	318	317
Henry	321	300	371
Iroquois	344	338	428
Jackson	1371	1355	1266
Jasper	784	851	787
Jefferson	1286	1406	1356
Jersey	435	475	409
Jo daviess	967	936	909
Johnson	749	759	750
Kane	27	24	22
Kankakee	138	139	189
Kendall	49	34	51
Knox	821	715	685
Lake	4	7	4
Lasalle	499	392	445
Lawrence	426	476	407
Lee	385	424	405
Livingston	310	323	284
Logan	215	252	238
Macon	135	156	144
Macoupin	1077	1200	1110
Madison	484	549	520
Marion	1202	1272	1164
Marshall	429	462	412

Mason	280	239	249
Massac	247	235	185
Mcdonough	528	530	476
Mchenry	204	152	178
Mclean	432	407	397
Menard	262	260	240
Mercer	600	542	627
Monroe	821	798	828
Montgomery	592	707	685
Morgan	432	435	381
Moultrie	156	182	164
Ogle	503	418	446
Peoria	581	554	586
Perry	941	918	926
Piatt	84	100	95
Pike	1189	1136	960
Pope	994	895	808
Pulaski	208	206	172
Putnam	244	229	227
Randolph	1506	1565	1363
Richland	480	533	492
Rock island	526	480	501
Saline	611	605	577
Sangamon	357	358	356
Schuyler	875	914	792
Scott	254	216	187
Shelby	895	921	838
St. Clair	560	595	595
Stark	150	131	160
Stephenson	375	307	335
Tazewell	377	371	330
Union	813	798	755
Vermilion	419	392	453
Wabash	126	156	144
Warren	337	352	337
Washington	747	802	795
Wayne	938	1113	1097
White	542	532	535
Whiteside	402	391	461
Will	167	150	151
Williamson	1163	1165	1060
Winnebago	181	174	162
Woodford	475	528	526
TOTALS	53348	54661	51409

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