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More than 81,000 deer harvest during Illinois firearm deer season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 81,225 deer during the seven-day 2025 Illinois firearm deer season that concluded Dec. 7. Comparatively, hunters harvested 82,496 deer during the 2024 firearm season.

The preliminary harvest for the second weekend of the firearm season Dec. 4-7 was 29,816 compared with 27,835 deer harvested during the same period in 2024. The preliminary harvest for the first weekend of this year's firearm season Nov. 21-23 was 51,409 deer.

Remaining 2025-2026 deer hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

- [Late-winter antlerless-only](#) and [chronic wasting disease \(CWD\) season](#), in designated counties only, Jan. 1-4 and Jan. 16-18.
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 18.

More information about deer hunting in Illinois can be found [online](#). A table of preliminary 2025 firearm deer season totals by county and comparable totals for 2024 follows.

County	First 2025	Second 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Adams	1232	862	2094	2291
Alexander	220	126	346	330
Bond	533	295	828	868
Boone	81	54	135	133
Brown	528	351	879	988
Bureau	592	317	909	966
Calhoun	406	393	799	804
Carroll	416	156	572	551
Cass	391	273	664	698
Champaign	154	88	242	271
Christian	380	238	618	619
Clark	677	425	1102	1203

Clay	988	504	1492	1552
Clinton	571	303	874	1012
Coles	411	258	669	730
Crawford	645	464	1109	1138
Cumberland	526	300	826	856
Dekalb	98	46	144	145
Dewitt	231	149	380	421
Douglas	131	67	198	185
Edgar	411	212	623	593
Edwards	304	153	457	481
Effingham	699	392	1091	1128
Fayette	1275	765	2040	1967
Ford	108	35	143	127
Franklin	761	440	1201	1341
Fulton	1228	702	1930	1990
Gallatin	241	184	425	454
Greene	587	430	1017	1098
Grundy	205	111	316	320
Hamilton	763	477	1240	1214
Hancock	964	746	1710	1716
Hardin	347	131	478	554
Henderson	317	147	464	449
Henry	371	201	572	459
Iroquois	428	230	658	552
Jackson	1266	741	2007	2032
Jasper	787	420	1207	1241
Jefferson	1356	829	2185	2083
Jersey	409	325	734	721
Jo Daviess	909	427	1336	1378
Johnson	750	363	1113	1086
Kane	22	18	40	38
Kankakee	189	76	265	203
Kendall	51	24	75	70
Knox	685	372	1057	1109
Lake	4	1	5	10
Lasalle	445	208	653	601
Lawrence	407	263	670	727

Lee	405	234	639	655
Livingston	284	110	394	439
Logan	238	144	382	388
Macon	144	101	245	243
Macoupin	1110	637	1747	1835
Madison	520	243	763	748
Marion	1164	634	1798	1823
Marshall	412	198	610	657
Mason	249	158	407	389
Massac	185	156	341	391
McDonough	476	259	735	774
McHenry	178	99	277	237
McLean	397	239	636	670
Menard	240	136	376	416
Mercer	627	246	873	834
Monroe	828	380	1208	1119
Montgomery	685	391	1076	1060
Morgan	381	291	672	706
Moultrie	164	114	278	276
Ogle	446	237	683	693
Peoria	586	315	901	851
Perry	926	489	1415	1410
Piatt	95	50	145	145
Pike	960	661	1621	1949
Pope	808	349	1157	1179
Pulaski	172	109	281	312
Putnam	227	102	329	365
Randolph	1363	820	2183	2299
Richland	492	301	793	771
Rock Island	501	227	728	708
Saline	577	324	901	919
Sangamon	356	249	605	544
Schuyler	792	524	1316	1356
Scott	187	142	329	352
Shelby	838	413	1251	1308
St. Clair	595	311	906	802
Stark	160	66	226	216

Stephenson	335	174	509	481
Tazewell	330	223	553	570
Union	755	442	1197	1206
Vermilion	453	286	739	631
Wabash	144	104	248	238
Warren	337	179	516	518
Washington	795	436	1231	1165
Wayne	1097	664	1761	1733
White	535	386	921	838
Whiteside	461	238	699	647
Will	151	92	243	226
Williamson	1060	626	1686	1758
Winnebago	162	108	270	291
Woodford	526	307	833	852
Total	51,409	29,816	81,225	82,496

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