



# **Illinois 2018-2019 deer hunting seasons result in harvest of 151,577 deer, area totals are up**

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**SPRINGFIELD** - Area counties reported a higher overall preliminary deer harvest in 2018-2019 than 2017-2018.

Locally, in Calhoun County, there were 1,709 deer harvested, 852 firearm and 776 archery. In Greene County, there were 1,963 deer harvested, 1,028 firearm and 843

archery; Jersey had 1,255 deer harvested, 670 firearm and 538 archery; Madison County had 1,796 deer harvested, 902 archery and 778 firearm, and Macoupin had 2,955 deer harvested, 1,699 firearm and 1,014 archery.

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 151,577 deer during all 2018-2019 archery and firearm seasons, which concluded on Jan. 20. The total compares with a total harvest for all season in 2017-2018 of 147,965.

**Archery:** Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 61,079 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2018, and concluded on Jan. 20, 2019. That compares with the harvest of 57,929 deer during the 2017-18 archery season.

**Youth:** Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 1,650 deer during the three-day Illinois Youth Deer Season (Oct. 6-8, 2018), compared to 2,378 in 2017.

**Traditional Firearm Season:** Hunters took a preliminary total of 80,896 deer during the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 16-18, 2018 and Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2018, compared with 80,117 deer taken during the 2017 firearm season.

**Muzzleloader:** Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,863 deer during the Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 7-9, 2018, compared with harvest 3,765 in the 2017 muzzleloader season.

**Late-Winter Seasons:** The 2018-19 Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 20, 2019, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,089 deer, compared with a harvest of 3,506 deer taken during those seasons in 2017-18. Season dates for the seven-day Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 27-30, 2018 and Jan. 18-20, 2019.

There were 15 northern Illinois counties open to the Special CWD Season in both the 2018-19 and 2017-18 seasons. The Special CWD season is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

There were 20 counties open for the Late-Winter Antlerless Season in 2018-19, while 22 counties were open for the Late-Winter season in 2017-18. Counties that are at or below their individual deer population goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the Late-Winter season.

The table below provides a county-by-county summary of preliminary deer harvest results for 2018-19, and final 2017-18 harvest results for comparison.

County	2017	2018
ADAMS	1413	1647
ALEXANDER	291	353
BOND	444	583
BOONE	85	110
BROWN	664	757
BUREAU	634	749
CALHOUN	505	618
CARROLL	427	511
CASS	430	489
CHAMPAIGN	132	152
CHRISTIAN	360	475
CLARK	775	873
CLAY	763	932
CLINTON	496	591
COLES	382	492
CRAWFORD	676	834
CUMBERLAND	480	563
DEKALB	67	87
DEWITT	180	244
DOUGLAS	96	115
EDGAR	365	413
EDWARDS	273	290
EFFINGHAM	580	773
FAYETTE	1014	1193
FORD	64	75
FRANKLIN	856	961
FULTON	1269	1329
GALLATIN	284	286
GREENE	641	700
GRUNDY	156	187
HAMILTON	783	836
HANCOCK	1083	1132
HARDIN	648	690
HENDERSON	319	315
HENRY	356	346
IROQUOIS	301	342
JACKSON	1489	1717
JASPER	664	778
JEFFERSON	1329	1334
JERSEY	411	474
JODAVIESS	1145	1312
JOHNSON	1097	1205
KANE	20	19
KANKAKEE	114	144
KENDALL	50	60
KNOX	701	862
LAKE	1	0
LASALLE	422	555
LAWRENCE	395	468
LEE	329	380
LIVINGSTON	240	325
LOGAN	206	281
MACON	151	152
MACOUPIN	948	1300
MADISON	493	618
MARION	1085	1234
MARSHALL	424	460
MASON	232	309
MASSAC	283	286
MCDONOUGH	526	607
MCHENRY	146	199
MCLEAN	327	405
MENARD	226	269
MERCER	518	618
MONROE	662	828
MONTGOMERY	509	613
MORGAN	452	518
MOULTRIE	138	179
OGLE	441	569
REYNOLDS	277	266

PERIA	321	307
PERRY	816	1000
PLATT	70	85
PIKE	1189	1361
POPE	1092	1176
PULASKI	222	207
PUTNAM	232	254
RANDOLPH	1606	1637
RICHLAND	481	525
ROCKISLAND	456	560
SALINE	623	666
SANGAMON	391	419
SCHUYLER	873	1005
SCOTT	196	214
SHELBY	734	837
STARK	135	132
STCLAIR	477	552
STEPHENSON	416	459
TAZEWELL	332	352
UNION	977	981
VERMILION	329	335
WABASH	123	149
WARREN	329	347
WASHINGTON	695	737
WAYNE	980	1022
WHITE	499	527
WHITESIDE	398	466
WILL	145	209
WILLIAMSON	1052	1256
WINNEBAGO	185	267
WOODFORD	404	389
<b>Total</b>	<b>51450</b>	<b>58836</b>