

2023 VERMONT WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST REPORT





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Overview

Hunters harvested a total of 16,845 deer during the Vermont deer seasons in 2023, providing about 3.4 million servings of local, nutritious venison. The total harvest was 3% less than the previous 3-year average of 17,436, while the buck harvest of 9,848 was 3% more than the previous 3-year average of 9,533 bucks. The total harvest was 4% less than the 17,461 deer harvested in 2022, while the total buck harvest was 2% more than the 2022 buck harvest of 9,619 (Figure 1).

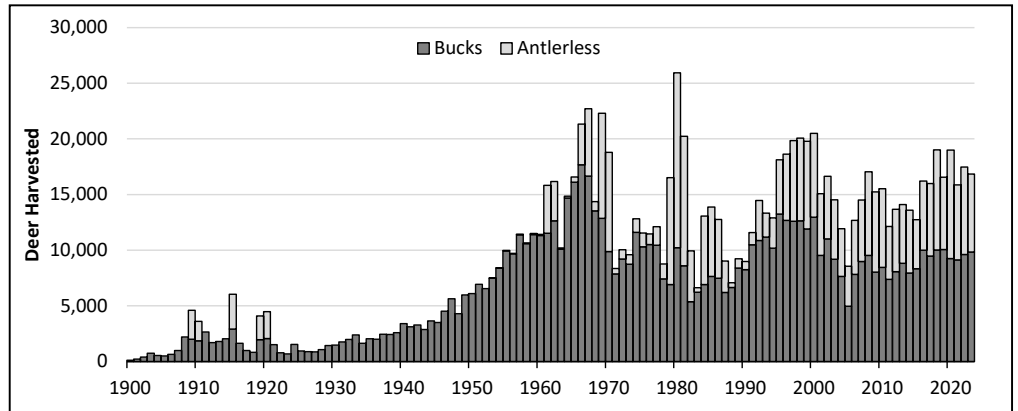


Figure 1. Annual antlered buck and total deer harvest in Vermont, 1900-2023.

Hunting conditions were variable during the 2023 seasons. Warm temperatures and frequent weekend rain events in October contributed to lower harvests in the archery, youth, novice, and October muzzleloader seasons. Conversely, seasonable temperatures and snow in much of the state in late November and early December helped increase harvests during the regular and December muzzleloader seasons. Deer often move more during the day when temperatures are cool, and snow helps hunters locate and see deer.

Wild fall food production was variable in 2023. Acorn production was poor throughout most of Vermont while beechnut production was excellent in southern Vermont but variable in central and northern Vermont. Apples and other soft mast appeared generally abundant but also variable. Mast availability can greatly affect deer behavior, and harvests are often higher in poor mast years and lower in good mast years.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department estimated a 2% increase in the deer population from 2022 to 2023. Antlerless harvests in recent years have helped limit deer population growth. However, due to recent mild winters, antlerless harvests in many areas have been insufficient to meet population objectives. The primary goal of deer management in Vermont is to keep the deer herd stable, healthy, and in balance with available habitat. Deer population objectives can be found in the *2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan*. Information on the current status and health of the deer population can be found in the department's annual *Antlerless Harvest and Youth Season Recommendation*.

Seasons Results

Adult bucks comprised 59% of the total harvest, with 34% adult does, 4% male fawns, and 3% female fawns (Figure 2, Table 1). Rifle season accounted for 45% of the total deer harvest, while 29% were harvested during archery season, 15% during the December muzzleloader season, 5% during the antlerless-only October muzzleloader season, 6% during youth season, and less than 1% during the novice season (Figure 3, Table 1).

Figure 2. Age and sex distribution of total harvest.

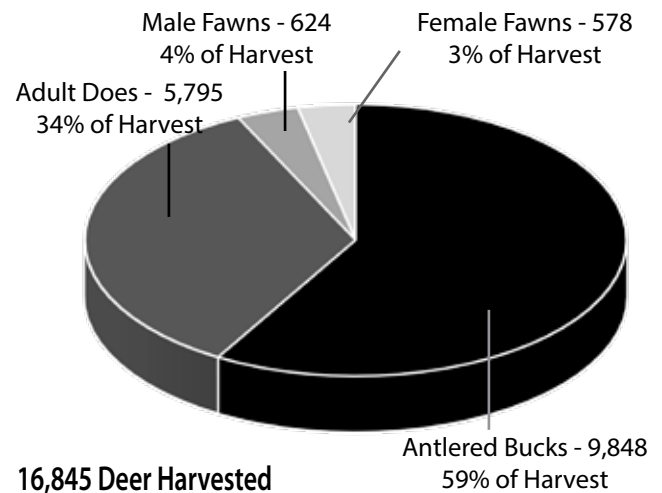
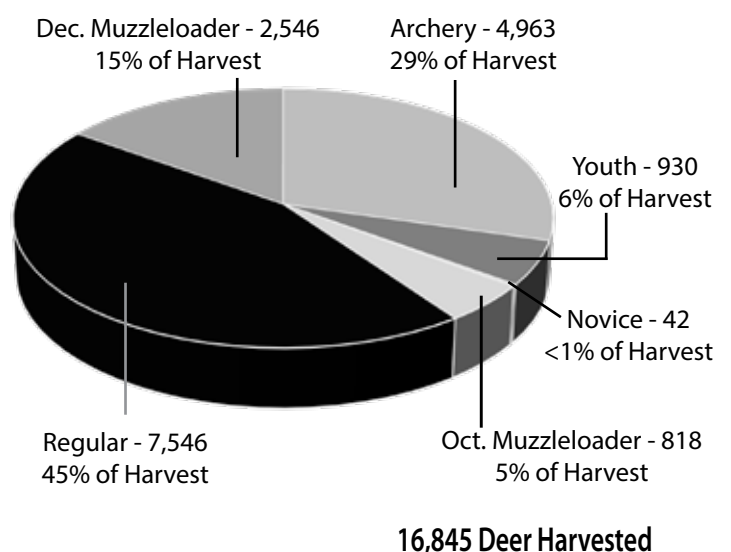


Figure 3. Distribution of the harvest by season.



Archery Season (October 1 – November 10 and November 27 – December 15, 2023)

Archers harvested 4,963 deer during the 60-day archery season. The 2023 harvest was 16% less than the 2022 harvest of 5,877 and 10% less than the previous 3-year average of 5,491. The archery harvest was comprised of 27% adult bucks, 63% adult does, and 10% fawns (Figure 4, Table 1).

The last 18 days of the archery season (after the November regular season) accounted for 14% or 701 deer of the overall archery harvest and 9% or 124 deer of the archery buck harvest. The opening day of the season (Oct. 1) accounted for 10% or 504 deer of the total archery harvest and 12% or 155 deer of the archery buck harvest.

Hunters using crossbows accounted for 78% of the harvest, similar to the 77% harvested with crossbows in 2022. Crossbows became legal implements for all archery hunters in 2020.

All wildlife management units were open to the taking of antlerless deer during the archery season in 2023.

Youth Season (October 21 – 22, 2023)

Youth hunters harvested a total of 930 deer during the 2-day youth season. This was 11% less than the 2022 harvest of 1,050, and 14% less than the previous 3-year average of 1,081. This was the lowest youth season harvest since the season was expanded to two days in 2002. The youth harvest was comprised of 35% adult bucks, 46% adult does, and 19% fawns (Figure 5, Table 1).

Novice Season (October 21 – 22, 2023)

Novice hunters harvested 42 deer during the novice season. This was 24% less than the 55 deer harvested in 2022, and 46% less than the previous 3-year average of 78. The novice harvest was comprised of 26% adult bucks, 55% adult does, and 19% fawns (Table 1).

October Muzzleloader Season (October 26 – October 29, 2023)

Hunters harvested a total of 818 deer during the October muzzleloader season, down 27% from 1,114 deer harvested in 2022 and down 37% from the previous 3-year average of 1,299 deer. Hunters were required to have a muzzleloader antlerless permit to hunt during this season, and only antlerless deer could be harvested. The harvest was comprised of 83% adult does and 17% fawns. Four antlerless adult bucks (both antlers less than 3 inches long) were also reported. The total harvest represented 4% of the 18,676 antlerless permits that had been sold by the start of this season.

Regular Season (November 11 – 26, 2023)

Hunters reported a total of 7,546 antlered bucks during the traditional 16-day regular season. This was 3% more than the 7,293 bucks taken in 2022 and 6% more than the previous 3-year average of 7,119.

Figure 4. Age and sex distribution of the archery harvest.

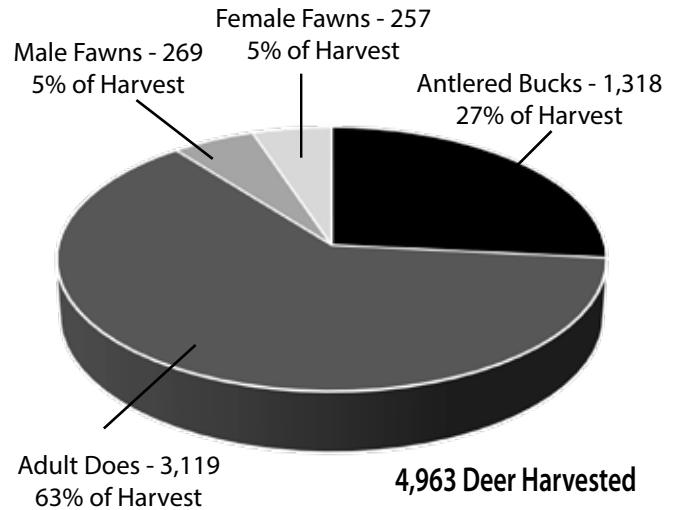


Figure 5. Age and sex distribution of the youth harvest.

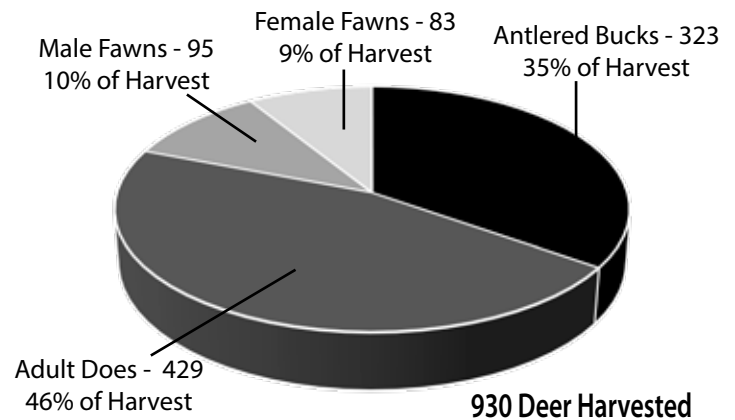


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December Muzzleloader Season (December 2–10, 2023)

Muzzleloader hunters harvested a total of 2,546 deer during the 9-day December season. This was 23% more than the 2,072 deer taken in 2022 and 7% more than the previous 3-year average of 2,369. The harvest during this season was comprised of 25% adult bucks, 61% adult does, and 14% fawns (Figure 6, Table 1).

The combined harvest from the October and December muzzleloader seasons was 3,364 deer. This was 6% more than the 3,186 deer taken in 2022, and 8% lower than the previous 3-year average of 3,668.

In 2023, a total of 22,000 antlerless deer permits were authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Board for 19 of the state's 21 wildlife management units (WMUs). This was 13% more than 2022 (19,400 permits).

Antlerless permits were not recommended for WMUs E1 and E2, where deer populations are limited by severe winters. The antlerless permit fill rate was 13% statewide (2,718 antlerless deer harvested), varying from a high of 23% in WMU D2 to a low of 8% in WMU Q (Table 2).

Figure 6. Age and sex distribution of the muzzleloader harvest.

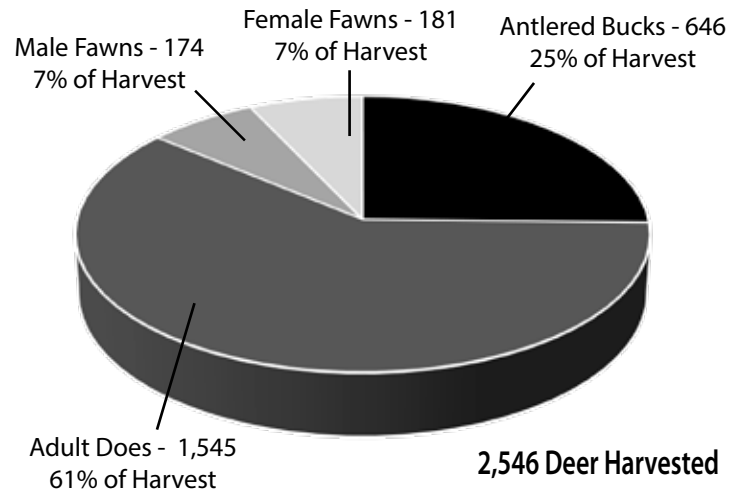


Table 1. 2023 Legal Deer Harvest Numbers by Season and Age–Sex

Season	Adult Buck	Adult Doe	Male Fawn	Female Fawn	Total
Archery	1,318	3,119	269	257	4,963
Youth	323	429	95	83	930
Novice	11	23	5	3	42
October Muzzleloader	4	679	81	54	818
Regular	7,546	0	0	0	7,546
December Muzzleloader	646	1,545	174	181	2,546
Total	9,848	5,795	624	578	16,845

Table 2. 2023 Muzzleloader Antlerless Permit Allotments and Harvest by WMU

WMU	Permits Available	Permits Distributed	Landowner Permits ¹	Antlerless Harvest			Fill Rate	2018-2022 Avg. Fill Rate
				October	December	Total		
A	1,000	855	7 (1%)	35	78	113	13%	15%
B	5,000	5,000	144 (3%)	251	447	698	14%	16%
C	500	500	110 (22%)	27	77	104	21%	22%
D1	1,000	1,000	193 (19%)	63	153	216	22%	23%
D2	200	200	101 (51%)	15	30	45	23%	20%
E1	0	0				0		-
E2	0	0				0		-
F1	1,800	1,145	7 (1%)	39	93	132	12%	14%
F2	1,000	1,000	20 (2%)	41	68	109	11%	14%
G	700	700	45 (6%)	26	62	88	13%	17%
H	500	500	108 (22%)	27	61	88	18%	19%
I	500	500	21 (4%)	18	45	63	13%	16%
J1	1,000	1,000	100 (10%)	34	106	140	14%	19%
J2	1,500	1,500	191 (13%)	64	188	252	17%	19%
K	3,000	2,222	18 (1%)	70	149	219	10%	14%
L	300	300	16 (5%)	13	31	44	15%	17%
M	300	300	27 (9%)	10	27	37	12%	17%
N	1,500	1,378	6 (0%)	27	101	128	9%	13%
O	1,500	1,500	52 (3%)	41	139	180	12%	15%
P	100	100	6 (6%)	6	8	14	14%	15%
Q	600	600	19 (3%)	11	37	48	8%	12%
Total	22,000	20,300	1,191 (6%)	818	1,900	2,718	13%	16%

¹Permits issued through the landowner lottery. These are included in the total number of permits distributed.

Geographic Distribution

Deer are not evenly distributed across Vermont, and neither was the 2023 deer harvest. Deer harvest densities ranged from 7.7 deer harvested per square mile in WMU A to 0.4 deer harvested per square mile in WMU E2 (Figure 7). The Champlain Valley (WMUs A, B, F1, and F2) accounted for 29% of the total deer harvest in 2023 (Table 3) despite having only 15% of the state's deer habitat. These areas have productive soils, a lot of farmland, and generally experience easier winter conditions than most of the state, allowing them to sustain higher deer densities. WMU B alone accounted for 18% of the total harvest with only 7% of the total deer habitat.

The distribution of deer, and the harvest, also changes over time as habitat conditions change. In 2023, 7 towns recorded their highest total deer harvests ever, and another 70 towns

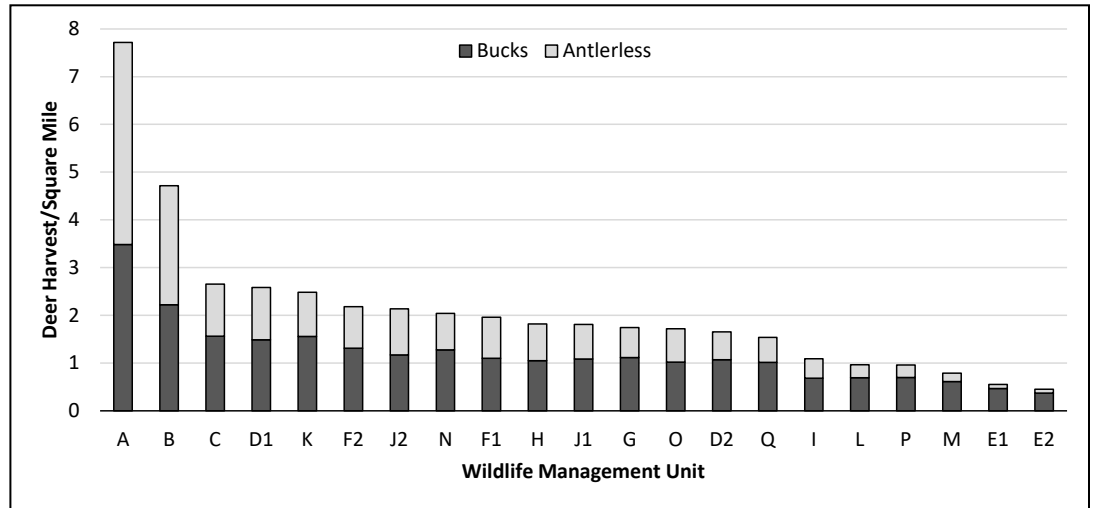


Figure 7. Antlered buck and total deer harvest density by wildlife management unit.

had total deer harvests among their 10 best. Conversely, 22 towns had total deer harvests that were among their 10 worst since 1960.

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the harvest by county, town, and season. A map of the 2023 deer harvest distribution by town and WMU is available at the end of this report.

Table 3. 2023 Deer Harvest by Wildlife Management Unit and Season

WMU	Archery		Youth		Novice		Oct Muzzleloader		Regular Buck	Dec Muzzleloader		Total		Total Harvest
	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless		Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	
A	56	165	17	18	2	3		35	163	8	78	246	299	545
B	260	691	96	140	3	8	2	249	945	63	447	1,369	1,535	2,904
C	93	280	19	37		1		27	440	51	77	603	422	1,025
D1	142	321	36	83		3		63	609	61	153	848	623	1,471
D2	43	154	4	25		3		15	337	30	30	414	227	641
E1	13	23	1	4					127	6		147	27	174
E2	7	20		6					99	18		124	26	150
F1	56	114	15	23	1	2		39	258	18	93	348	271	619
F2	44	98	20	26				41	278	10	68	352	233	585
G	55	141	8	16				26	333	37	62	433	245	678
H	98	273	16	38			1	26	396	33	61	544	398	942
I	22	105	3	5	1			18	229	34	45	289	173	462
J1	83	207	11	33	1	2		34	441	38	106	574	382	956
J2	81	373	18	55	2	1		64	664	59	188	824	681	1,505
K	63	147	24	35	1	4		70	553	41	149	682	405	1,087
L	17	48	2	7				13	212	22	31	253	99	352
M	15	37	3	4		1		10	233	25	27	276	79	355
N	42	89	12	30				27	331	27	101	412	247	659
O	58	191	10	12		2	1	40	452	36	139	557	384	941
P	42	97	6	7		1		6	257	12	8	317	119	436
Q	28	71	2	3				11	189	17	37	236	122	358
Total	1,318	3,645	323	607	11	31	4	814	7,546	646	1,900	9,848	6,997	16,845

Heaviest Deer

A total of 115 deer were reported with scaled weights of 200 pounds or more. The heaviest deer weighed 243 pounds and was taken in the town of Wheelock. At least one 200-pound deer was reported from every WMU.

The department does not verify weights or field-dressing information. Official big game records are maintained by the Vermont Big Game Trophy Club.

Hunter Effort and Sighting Rates

Hunters reported seeing an average of 1.6 deer per 10 hours of hunting in 2023. The buck sighting rate of 0.30 per 10 hours of hunting (about 1 buck per 33 hours) was the same as the rate observed in 2022 and 2021 (0.30). Sighting rates continued to vary considerably among WMUs, with 3-year average rates ranging from 5.7 deer per 10 hours in WMU A to 0.6 deer per 10 hours in WMU E1 (Figure 8).

Table 4. Top 18 Heaviest Bucks Reported During the 2023 Deer Hunting Seasons.

Season	WMU	Town	Weight	Points
Rifle	D2	WHEELOCK	243	10
Archery	I	RIPTON	236	10
Rifle	D2	SUTTON	235 (249)	10
Rifle	J1	STOCKBRIDGE	226	8
Rifle	K	BRANDON	224	8
Rifle	B	FAIRFAX	224	10
Rifle	M	KILLINGTON	224	10
Rifle	O	GUILFORD	222	8
Archery	F1	ORWELL	221	8
Archery	J2	NEWBURY	221	9
Rifle	I	ROCHESTER	220	10
Rifle	B	COLCHESTER	220	7
Rifle	J2	VERSHIRE	220	8
Rifle	C	WESTFIELD	220	8
Rifle	O	ROCKINGHAM	219	8
Rifle	C	JAY	219	8
Rifle	J1	ROCHESTER	219	9
Rifle	J2	GROTON	219 (232)	8

Some weights have been corrected to account for remaining organs. This correction is conservative, and the deer likely would have weighed less if it had been completely field dressed. Weights in parentheses are the reported weights of deer that were not completely field dressed.

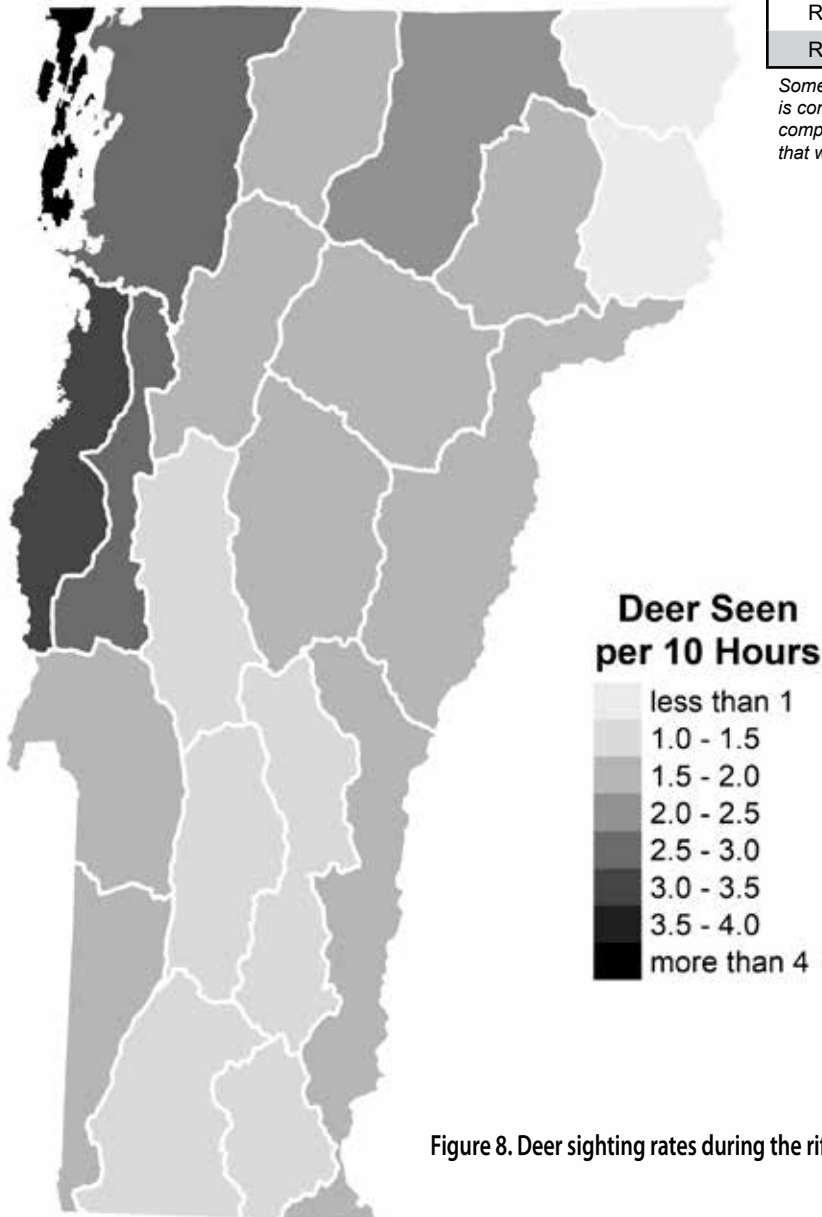


Figure 8. Deer sighting rates during the rifle season, 2021-2023, by WMU.

Bag Limits

A total of 78,511 people purchased or renewed a hunting license that allowed them to take deer in 2023. Surveys have shown that about 85% of hunting license holders actually hunt deer in a given year, resulting in an estimated 66,700 active deer hunters in 2023.

A total of 13,801 individual hunters, or about 21% of active hunters, were successful at harvesting a deer in 2023. Of those, 1,958 (14% of successful hunters, 2.9% of active hunters) harvested two deer, 420 (3% of successful, 0.6% of active) harvested 3 deer, and 82 (0.6% of successful, 0.1% of active) reached the 4-deer bag limit for all seasons (Figure 9).

Figure 9. Percentage of successful hunters harvesting 1, 2, 3, or 4 deer in 2023.

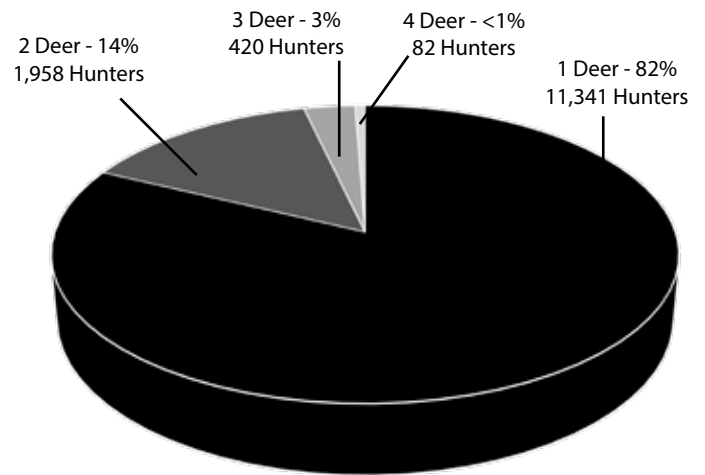


Table 5. 2023 Legal Deer Harvest by County, Town and Season

County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct Muzzle	Regular	Dec Muzzle	Total	Harvest/Sq. Mile
ADDISON	ADDISON	16	3		7	40	13	79	1.88
	BRIDPORT	11	6	1	3	33	13	67	1.52
	BRISTOL	13	5			30	9	57	1.43
	CORNWALL	12	5		4	20	10	51	1.76
	FERRISBURG	24	5		9	53	18	109	2.27
	GOSHEN	2				9	3	14	0.67
	GRANVILLE	2				7	2	11	0.22
	HANCOCK	2				8	2	12	0.31
	LEICESTER	8	1			17	4	30	1.43
	LINCOLN	37	3		7	29	21	97	2.11
	MIDDLEBURY	21	5		4	23	11	64	1.64
	MONKTON	12			2	29	1	44	1.22
	NEW HAVEN	23	5		8	60	19	115	2.80
	ORWELL	27	16		2	60	17	122	2.60
	PANTON	8	4	1		4	7	24	1.50
	RIPTON	6			2	27	3	38	0.78
	SALISBURY	6	1		4	24	6	41	1.41
	SHOREHAM	25	10		7	37	15	94	2.19
	STARKSBORO	32	6		6	45	12	101	2.24
	VERGENNES	2						2	1.00
WALTHAM	5	3		3	11	4	26	2.89	
WEYBRIDGE	9	3		3	9	10	34	2.00	
WHITING	2	3		2	12	2	21	1.50	
	TOTAL	305	84	2	73	587	202	1,253	1.63
BENNINGTON	ARLINGTON	11	4		5	40	10	70	1.67
	BENNINGTON	56	10		4	60	20	150	3.57
	DORSET	8	1		2	34	7	52	1.11
	GLASTENBURY				1	10	4	15	0.34
	LANDGROVE					3	1	4	0.44
	MANCHESTER	4	3		1	27	7	42	1.00

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BENNINGTON <i>(cont.)</i>	PERU	1				9	2	12	0.32
	POWNAI	46	11		4	74	24	159	3.38
	READSBORO	21			1	20		42	1.17
	RUPERT	7	6		2	46	21	82	1.82
	SANDGATE	4				15	5	24	0.57
	SEARSBURG	3				3		6	0.29
	SHAFTSBURY	26	11		4	50	20	111	2.58
	STAMFORD	12	2		2	19		35	0.90
	SUNDERLAND	3				21	5	29	0.64
	WINHALL	3				12	1	16	0.36
	WOODFORD	8				24		32	0.68
	TOTAL	213	48	0	26	467	127	881	1.31
CALEDONIA	BARNET	29	6		5	36	15	91	2.17
	BURKE	28	6	1	1	33	7	76	2.24
	DANVILLE	27	1		7	48	12	95	1.56
	GROTON	8			1	27	5	41	0.76
	HARDWICK	32	8		2	37	15	94	2.47
	KIRBY	6	3			15	8	32	1.28
	LYNDON	23	3	1	3	37	10	77	1.97
	NEWARK	10	1		1	21	3	36	0.97
	PEACHAM	7	1		4	25	8	45	0.96
	RYEGATE	29	5		2	42	16	94	2.61
	SHEFFIELD	12	1			15	3	31	0.86
	ST JOHNSBURY	37	4		1	43	10	95	2.88
	STANNARD	6	1		1	10	5	23	1.77
	SUTTON	12	1			27	8	48	1.26
	WALDEN	10			1	19	1	31	0.79
	WATERFORD	15	4		6	36	12	73	1.92
WHEELOCK	14	4		2	28	2	50	1.25	
	TOTAL	305	49	2	37	499	140	1,032	1.59
CHITTENDEN	BOLTON	6			1	22	8	37	0.88
	BUELS GORE	1				1	1	3	0.60
	BURLINGTON								0.00
	CHARLOTTE	18	1	1	6	25	13	64	1.56
	COLCHESTER	41	5		5	31	10	92	2.56
	ESSEX	32	2		2	14	13	63	1.62
	HINESBURG	18	4		7	29	8	66	1.69
	HUNTINGTON	38	4		1	43	18	104	2.74
	JERICO	20			2	29	8	59	1.69
	MILTON	53	6		15	51	21	146	2.86
	RICHMOND	23	1		10	31	12	77	2.41
	SHELBURNE	26	1			9	2	38	1.58
	SOUTH BURLINGTON								0.00
	ST GEORGE	3						3	0.75
UNDERHILL	31			2	34	12	79	1.55	

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CHITTENDEN (cont.)	WESTFORD	25	1		6	24	10	66	1.69
	WILLISTON	18	2		3	16	12	51	1.70
	WINOOSKI								0.00
	TOTAL	353	27	1	60	359	148	948	1.78
ESSEX	AVERILL					11		11	0.31
	AVERYS GORE					2		2	0.11
	BLOOMFIELD	10	1			17	3	31	0.78
	BRIGHTON	6	2			22	2	32	0.60
	BRUNSWICK	1				6	2	9	0.36
	CANAAN	16	1			31	1	49	1.48
	CONCORD	6	2		1	21	6	36	0.71
	EAST HAVEN	5	1		1	5	1	13	0.35
	FERDINAND	1				6		7	0.13
	GRANBY					11		11	0.28
	GUILDHALL	3				12	3	18	0.55
	LEMINGTON					9	2	11	0.31
	LEWIS					4		4	0.10
	LUNENBURG	11	3		2	35	7	58	1.29
	MAIDSTONE	1				3	1	5	0.16
	NORTON	7	2			25	1	35	0.92
	VICTORY	1				11	1	13	0.30
	WARNERS GRANT								0.00
	WARREN GORE					2		2	0.22
	TOTAL	68	12	0	4	233	30	347	.52
FRANKLIN	BAKERSFIELD	85	26		15	87	35	248	5.90
	BERKSHIRE	53	22		15	60	40	190	4.52
	ENOSBURG	116	25		18	127	44	330	6.88
	FAIRFAX	75	28	1	22	68	26	220	5.50
	FAIRFIELD	145	48	2	42	144	90	471	7.03
	FLETCHER	48	5		12	44	28	137	3.61
	FRANKLIN	86	24	1	22	80	56	269	7.08
	GEORGIA	56	17		17	50	19	159	4.08
	HIGHGATE	110	24	2	26	96	41	299	5.86
	MONTGOMERY	32	5		2	56	21	116	2.07
	RICHFORD	51	8		6	53	22	140	3.26
	SHELDON	59	14	2	17	67	49	208	5.33
	ST ALBANS	29	5		10	42	10	96	2.59
	SWANTON	33	11	3	8	58	25	138	2.88
	TOTAL	978	262	11	232	1,032	506	3,021	4.81

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GRAND ISLE	ALBURGH	61	8	1	12	52	26	160	5.52
	GRAND ISLE	35	6	2	7	30	22	102	6.38
	ISLE LA MOTTE	34	6	1	5	23	11	80	10.00
	NORTH HERO	31	5		5	25	8	74	6.17
	SOUTH HERO	60	10	1	6	33	19	129	8.60
	TOTAL		221	35	5	35	163	86	545
LAMOILLE	BELVIDERE	8	1			25	6	40	1.11
	CAMBRIDGE	44	8		9	65	24	150	2.38
	EDEN	12	1			29	4	46	0.73
	ELMORE	14			1	15	2	32	0.82
	HYDE PARK	30	6		3	18	9	66	1.74
	JOHNSON	58	2		5	46	15	126	2.80
	MORRISTOWN	37	9		5	52	9	112	2.20
	STOWE	29	3		7	47	21	107	1.49
	WATERVILLE	25	6	1	2	28	7	69	4.31
	WOLCOTT	46	9		6	31	9	101	2.59
	TOTAL		303	45	1	38	356	106	849
ORANGE	BRADFORD	28	6		6	29	16	85	2.83
	BRAINTREE	7	3			26	14	50	1.32
	BROOKFIELD	11	1		2	34	11	59	1.44
	CHELSEA	16	5	1	7	47	17	93	2.33
	CORINTH	43	9		4	52	16	124	2.58
	FAIRLEE	13	4		1	12	5	35	1.75
	NEWBURY	32	5		2	39	16	94	1.47
	ORANGE	22	3		1	20	5	51	1.31
	RANDOLPH	28	8	1	7	54	22	120	2.50
	STRAFFORD	19	6		2	40	14	81	1.84
	THETFORD	49	5		2	52	15	123	2.86
	TOPSHAM	16			1	24	10	51	1.04
	TUNBRIDGE	29	2		5	56	22	114	2.53
	VERSHIRE	15			2	27	7	51	1.42
	WASHINGTON	20	1		2	32	5	60	1.54
	WEST FAIRLEE	11	2		3	16	10	42	1.83
	WILLIAMSTOWN	50	9	1	3	38	12	113	2.83
TOTAL		409	69	3	50	598	217	1,346	1.96
ORLEANS	ALBANY	18	7		3	37	16	81	2.13
	BARTON	30	8		5	38	16	97	2.26
	BROWNINGTON	23		1	3	29	5	61	2.18
	CHARLESTON	25	5		1	41	17	89	2.41
	COVENTRY	17	6		2	24	3	52	1.93
	CRAFTSBURY	29	5		6	35	15	90	2.31
	DERBY	74	25		11	78	22	210	4.29
	GLOVER	21	6		3	31	11	72	1.89
	GREENSBORO	15	2		2	27	6	52	1.37

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ORLEANS <i>(cont.)</i>	HOLLAND	20	4	2	1	41	8	76	2.00
	IRASBURG	32	8		5	42	16	103	2.58
	JAY	14	1		1	29	8	53	1.56
	LOWELL	17	4		3	27	5	56	1.00
	MORGAN	13			2	34	3	52	1.68
	NEWPORT	44	13	1	4	59	24	145	3.54
	TROY	27	12		2	41	23	105	2.92
	WESTFIELD	12	2			15	6	35	0.88
	WESTMORE	8			1	27	1	37	1.09
	TOTAL		439	108	4	55	655	205	1,466
RUTLAND	BENSON	11	3		5	56	13	88	2.05
	BRANDON	16	3		6	39	11	75	1.88
	CASTLETON	24	9	2	3	42	15	95	2.44
	CHITTENDEN	14	1		3	41	14	73	1.00
	CLARENDON	22	4		3	47	13	89	2.87
	DANBY	9	3		2	34	11	59	1.40
	FAIR HAVEN	7	3	1	2	16	5	34	2.00
	HUBBARDTON	7	2	1	5	35	5	55	2.04
	IRA	5	3		1	12	6	27	1.23
	KILLINGTON	2	1			9	3	15	0.32
	MENDON	5		1		20	6	32	0.84
	MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	17	1		4	33	16	71	3.09
	MOUNT HOLLY	6	2		2	35	8	53	1.10
	MOUNT TABOR	1			1	15	4	21	0.48
	PAWLET	15	9		7	70	19	120	2.79
	PITTSFIELD	2			1	12	4	19	0.95
	PITTSFORD	21	4		6	46	19	96	2.23
	POULTNEY	23	6		11	59	19	118	2.81
	PROCTOR	2			4	18	6	30	4.29
	RUTLAND	21	3		4	14	10	52	2.74
	SHREWSBURY	13	1		5	42	9	70	1.43
	SUDBURY	8	3	1		21	5	38	1.81
	TINMOUTH	10	3		5	21	9	48	1.66
	WALLINGFORD	16	4		3	36	21	80	1.86
	WELLS	15	10		3	32	11	71	3.23
	WEST HAVEN	3	1		5	36	11	56	2.07
	WEST RUTLAND	13			4	19	7	43	2.39
	TOTAL		308	79	6	95	860	280	1,628
WASHINGTON	BARRE	58	10	1	7	30	10	116	3.74
	BERLIN	36	4		2	31	11	84	2.33
	CABOT	20	2			22	6	50	1.35
	CALAIS	24	1			41	8	74	1.95
	DUXBURY	10	1			24	10	45	1.05
	EAST MONTPELIER	59	6		3	34	10	112	3.50
	FAYSTON	18	3			27	9	57	1.58

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WASHINGTON (cont.)	MARSHFIELD	22	1		4	31	6	64	1.49
	MIDDLESEX	50	9		3	41	10	113	2.90
	MONTPELIER	16	2			6	1	25	2.50
	MORETOWN	28	1		4	34	9	76	1.90
	NORTHFIELD	23	3		4	42	6	78	1.73
	PLAINFIELD	32	7		1	38	11	89	4.24
	ROXBURY	4				17	1	22	0.52
	WAITSFIELD	15	1		1	20	5	42	1.62
	WARREN	21			1	20	8	50	1.25
	WATERBURY	30	5		2	42	16	95	1.98
	WOODBURY	6	2			16	3	27	0.71
	WORCESTER	12	3		2	23	1	41	1.05
		TOTAL	484	61	1	34	539	141	1,260
WINDHAM	ATHENS	1	1			9		11	0.79
	BRATTLEBORO	25			2	25	6	58	1.81
	BROOKLINE	5	1			11		17	1.31
	DOVER	8			3	13	3	27	0.75
	DUMMERSTON	17	2		4	30	16	69	2.23
	GRAFTON	3				12	4	19	0.50
	GUILFORD	47	3		5	54	16	125	3.21
	HALIFAX	8	1		2	38	9	58	1.45
	JAMAICA	8				32	3	43	0.88
	LONDONDERRY	9	2		1	22	3	37	1.06
	MARLBORO	8				15	8	31	0.78
	NEWFANE	4	3			29	12	48	1.20
	PUTNEY	14		1	4	16	6	41	1.52
	ROCKINGHAM	9			2	37	16	64	1.56
	SOMERSET					7		7	0.28
	STRATTON	4				14	3	21	0.46
	TOWNSHEND	2	1			26	3	32	0.76
	VERNON	13	2		1	25	3	44	2.32
	WARDSBORO	7				21	5	33	1.14
	WESTMINSTER	12				22	3	37	0.82
WHITINGHAM	27	2			27	3	59	1.59	
WILMINGTON	30	1	1	3	40		75	1.88	
WINDHAM				1	14	3	18	0.69	
	TOTAL	261	19	2	28	539	125	974	1.24
WINDSOR	ANDOVER		1			11	6	18	0.62
	BALTIMORE	2			1	7		10	2.00
	BARNARD	5				15	12	32	0.67
	BETHEL	13	3		1	38	11	66	1.47
	BRIDGEWATER	1				17	3	21	0.42
	CAVENDISH	10	1			26	5	42	1.08
	CHESTER	15			5	46	9	75	1.34
	HARTFORD	37	6	1	6	35	14	99	2.20

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WINDSOR (cont.)	HARTLAND	24	3		4	45	27	103	2.29
	LUDLOW	10			3	18	5	36	1.00
	NORWICH	51	4	1	6	55	29	146	3.32
	PLYMOUTH	2	1			16	5	24	0.49
	POMFRET	11			1	39	14	65	1.67
	READING	4				23	3	30	0.73
	ROCHESTER	5				20	6	31	0.54
	ROYALTON	14	1		3	29	14	61	1.53
	SHARON	8	4		4	38	6	60	1.50
	SPRINGFIELD	43	3	1	4	62	19	132	2.69
	STOCKBRIDGE	5				16	2	23	1.50
	WEATHERSFIELD	14	3	1	4	37	13	72	1.67
	WEST WINDSOR	7			1	10	1	19	0.76
	WESTON	2				7	1	10	0.29
	WINDSOR	15	1		2	18	11	47	2.47
WOODSTOCK	18	1		6	31	17	73	1.66	
	TOTAL	316	32	4	51	659	233	1,295	1.34
STATE	TOTAL	4,963	930	42	818	7,546	2,546	16,845	1.83

Wildlife Habitat Management Resources

Wildlife Habitat Management – A Landowners Guide:

vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/landowner-resources/wildlife-habitat-management-a-landowners-guide

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/partner-in-conservation/eqip-for-wildlife-habitat

Natural Resources Atlas:

anmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/

Figure 10. Distribution of Vermont's 2023 Deer Harvest by Town

Each dot represents a single deer harvested in the underlying town and wildlife management unit. Dots do not show the exact location of harvest, and some dots may not be visible on the map.

