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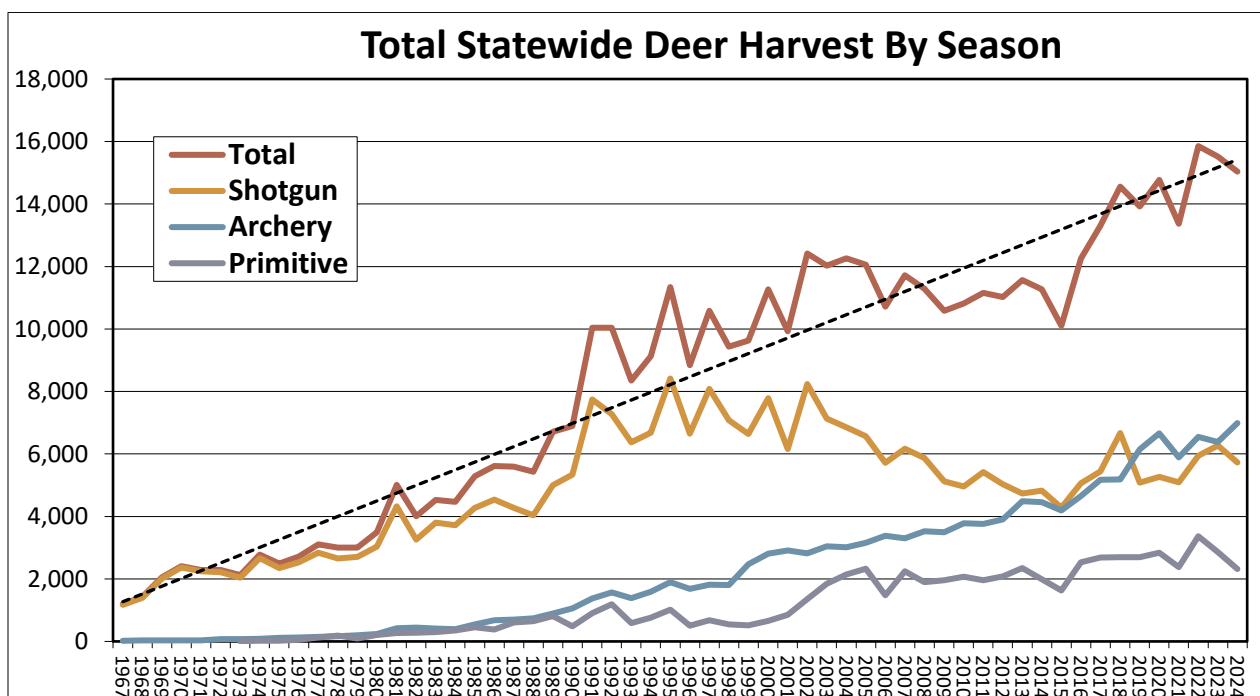
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2024 Deer Harvest Preliminary Summary

Preliminary results indicate that the 2024 hunting season had a harvest of 15,032 deer, which was a decline of approximately 3% from 2023 and 5% from the record-setting 2022 season. Archery season had a record high harvest of 6,988 deer, likely due to excellent hunting weather and a two-week longer archery season in Wildlife Management Zones (WMZs) 1-9. This exceeded the previous record of 6,655 set in 2020. The shotgun and primitive season harvests were negatively impacted by poor weather and a 4-day shorter primitive season due to the late Thanksgiving. There was a record antlerless harvest of 7,237 deer exceeding the previous record of 7,146 set in 2022.

Thanks to donations of harvested deer by generous hunters, over 30,000 meals of venison were distributed during the 2024 season through MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest program. Since the program's inception in 2022, over 50,000 meals of venison have been distributed to Massachusetts communities experiencing food insecurity.

- Youth Deer Hunt Day: 114
- Paraplegic Hunt: 3
- Archery Season: 6,988
- Shotgun Season: 5,607
- Primitive Season: 2,320



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202 Deer Harvest by Sex & Season

Season	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total	% Harvest
Para/Youth	50	60	7	117	0.8%
Archery	4,446	2,152	390	6,988	46.5%
Shotgun	2,637	2,484	486	5,607	37.3%
Primitive	947	1,188	185	2,320	15.4%
Statewide	8,080	5,884	1,068	15,032	100.0%

2024 Deer Harvest: Implement Used by Season

Implement	Para/Youth	Archery	Shotgun	Primitive	Total	% Harvest
Bow/Crossbow	6	6,988	225	350	7,569	50%
Shotgun	92	-	4,888	-	4,980	33%
Muzzleloader	19	-	494	1,970	2,483	17%
Total	117	6,988	5,607	2,320	15,032	100%

2024 Deer Harvest by Season & Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Para/Youth	Archery	Shotgun	Primitive	Total
1	1	124	163	57	345
2	10	199	229	107	545
3	10	209	320	111	650
4N	17	233	252	110	612
4S	10	165	133	51	359
5	14	308	348	122	792
6	3	79	274	28	384
7	3	343	339	130	815
8	4	368	377	116	865
9	12	672	441	249	1,374
10	10	1,495	493	424	2,422
11	17	2,070	1,155	584	3,826
12	3	124	193	62	382
13	1	302	395	100	798
14	2	297	495	69	863
Statewide	117	6,988	5,607	2,320	15,032

2024 Deer Harvest by Sex & Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	224	103	18	345
2	459	79	7	545
3	378	234	38	650
4N	394	203	15	612
4S	278	71	10	359
5	500	267	25	792
6	213	153	18	384
7	405	352	58	815
8	578	256	31	865
9	652	595	127	1,374
10	1,275	964	183	2,422
11	1,890	1,631	305	3,826
12	208	147	27	382
13	332	377	89	798
14	294	452	117	863
Statewide	8,080	5,884	1,068	15,032

2024 Para/Youth Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	0	1	0	1
2	3	4	3	10
3	4	6	0	10
4N	8	8	1	17
4S	5	5	0	10
5	3	11	0	14
6	1	2	0	3
7	0	3	0	3
8	1	3	0	4
9	6	4	2	12
10	7	3	0	10
11	9	7	1	17
12	1	2	0	3
13	1	0	0	1
14	1	1	0	2
Statewide	50	60	7	117

2024 Archery Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	88	33	3	124
2	186	12	1	199
3	160	40	9	209
4N	175	52	6	233
4S	142	22	1	165
5	241	59	8	308
6	68	9	2	79
7	220	102	21	343
8	284	72	12	368
9	407	219	46	672
10	922	488	85	1495
11	1206	735	129	2070
12	96	23	5	124
13	153	126	23	302
14	98	160	39	297
Statewide	4446	2152	390	6988

2024 Shotgun Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	107	44	12	163
2	186	40	3	229
3	167	136	17	320
4N	161	86	5	252
4S	98	28	7	133
5	198	140	10	348
6	130	130	14	274
7	145	165	29	339
8	238	126	13	377
9	162	229	50	441
10	195	246	52	493
11	463	558	134	1155
12	83	90	20	193
13	133	211	51	395
14	171	255	69	495
Statewide	2637	2484	486	5607

2024 Primitive Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	29	25	3	57
2	84	23	0	107
3	47	52	12	111
4N	50	57	3	110
4S	33	16	2	51
5	58	57	7	122
6	14	12	2	28
7	40	82	8	130
8	55	55	6	116
9	77	143	29	249
10	151	227	46	424
11	212	331	41	584
12	28	32	2	62
13	45	40	15	100
14	24	36	9	69
Statewide	947	1188	185	2320