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Overview

Hunters harvested a total of 15,858 deer during the Vermont deer seasons in 2021, providing about 3.2 million servings of local, nutritious venison. The total harvest was 13% less than the previous 3-year average of 18,183, and 4% more than the previous 10-year average of 15,300. The buck harvest of 9,133 was 7% less than the previous 3-year average of 9,780 bucks, and 2% more than the previous 10-year average of 8,938. The total harvest was 16% less than the 18,990 deer harvested in 2020, while the total buck harvest was 1% less than the 2020 buck harvest of 9,255 (Figure 1).

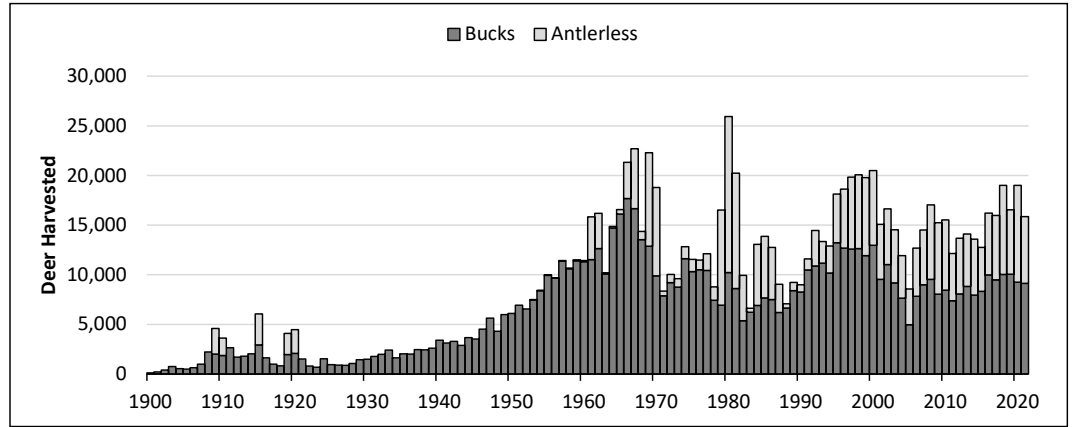


Figure 1. Annual antlered buck and total deer harvest in Vermont, 1900-2021.

Hunting conditions were challenging during the 2021 seasons. October temperatures were 5 to 7 degrees warmer than normal, and December was 4 to 5 degrees warmer than normal. November temperatures were close to normal, but snow cover was very limited. Deer often move less during the day when temperatures are warm, and snow helps hunters locate and see deer.

Additionally, statewide surveys indicated that oak, beech, and apple production was good to excellent in most areas in 2021. Mast availability can greatly affect deer behavior, and harvests are often lower in good mast years when deer are more spread out and need to move less to find food.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department estimated a 5% decrease in the deer population from 2020 to 2021. This was primarily due to increased antlerless harvests in recent years, as the winter of 2020-2021 was relatively mild compared to the long-term average. Higher antlerless harvests were intended to reduce deer numbers in some areas and achieve population objectives established in the 2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan. The primary goal of deer management in Vermont is to keep the deer herd stable, healthy, and in balance with available habitat.

Seasons Results

Adult bucks comprised 57% of the total harvest, with 35% adult does, 4% male fawns, and 4% female fawns (Figure 2, Table 1). The 16-day regular November season accounted for 44% of the total deer harvest, while 28% were harvested during archery season, 15% during the December muzzleloader season, 6% during the new antlerless-only October muzzleloader season, 7% during youth season, and less than 1% during the new novice season (Figure 3, Table 1).

Figure 2. Age and sex distribution of total harvest.

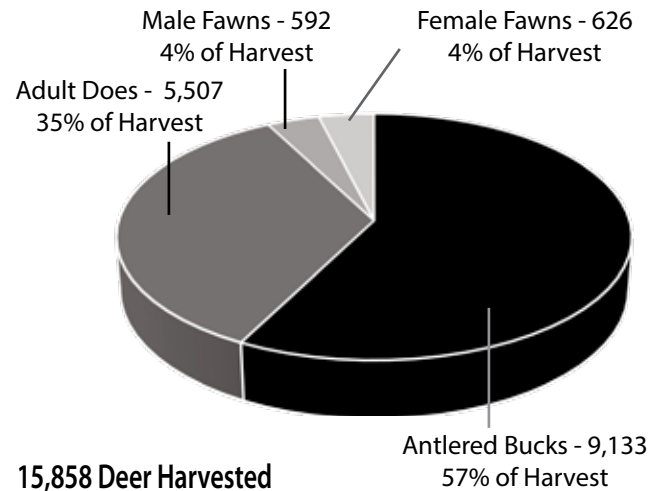
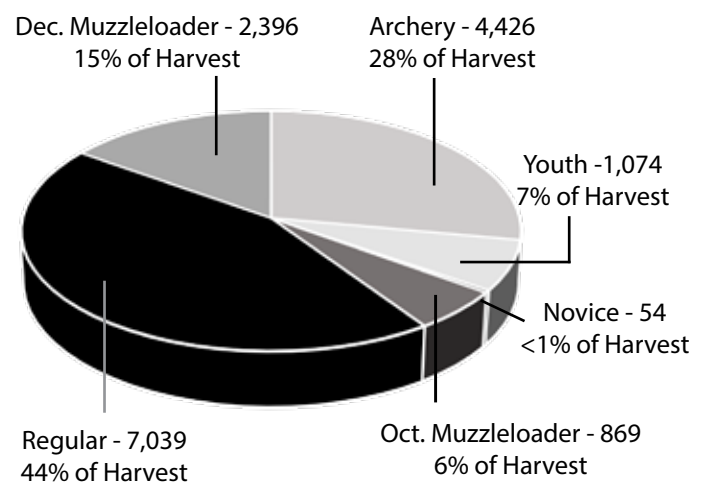


Figure 3. Distribution of the harvest by season.



15,858 Deer Harvested

Archery Season (October 1 – November 12 and November 29 – December 15, 2021)

Archers harvested 4,426 deer during the 60-day archery season. The 2021 harvest was 28% less than the record 2020 harvest of 6,165 and 4% less than the previous 3-year average of 4,633. The archery harvest was comprised of 24% adult bucks, 64% adult does, and 12% fawns (Figure 4, Table 1). The last 17 days of the archery season (after the November regular season) accounted for 12% or 544 deer of the overall archery harvest and 8% or 88 deer of the archery buck harvest. Conversely, the opening day of the season (Oct. 1) accounted for 7% or 321 deer of the total archery harvest and 8% or 84 deer of the archery buck harvest. Hunters using crossbows accounted for 76% of the harvest, up from 70% in 2020. Crossbows became legal implements for all archery hunters in 2020. In 2019, crossbows accounted for 41% of the harvest.

All wildlife management units were open to the taking of antlerless deer during the archery season in 2021.

Youth Season (October 23 – 24, 2021)

Youth hunters harvested a total of 1,074 deer during the 2-day youth season. This was 4% less than the 2020 harvest of 1,122, and 21% less than the previous 3-year average of 1,366. This was the lowest youth season harvest since the season was expanded to two days in 2002. The youth harvest was comprised of 37% adult bucks, 45% adult does, and 18% fawns (Figure 5, Table 1).

Novice Season (October 23 – 24, 2021)

Novice hunters harvested 54 deer during Vermont's second novice season, down 57% from the 2020 harvest of 126. A total of 530 new, adult hunters (age 16+) were eligible for this season, down 53% from 1,119 eligible novice hunters in 2020. The novice harvest was comprised of 24% adult bucks, 59% adult does, and 17% fawns (Table 1).

October Muzzleloader Season (October 28 – October 31, 2021)

Hunters harvested a total of 869 deer during the October muzzleloader season, down 55% from 1,914 deer harvested in 2020. 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 81% adult does and 19% fawns. Two legally antlerless adult bucks (both antlers less than 3 inches long) were also reported. The total harvest represented 5% of the 18,464 antlerless permits that had been sold by the end of this season (Table 1).

Regular Season (November 13 – 28, 2021)

Hunters reported a total of 7,039 antlered bucks during the traditional 16-day regular season. This was similar to the 7,025 bucks taken in 2020 and 4% less than the previous 3-year average of 7,336 (Table 1).

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

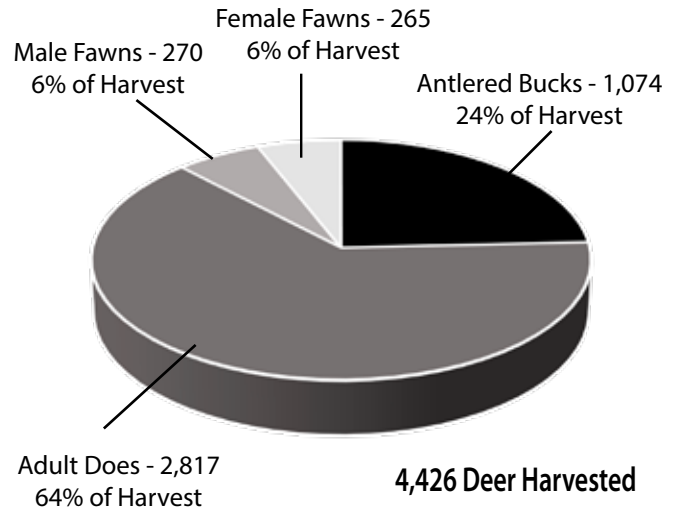


Figure 5. Age and sex distribution of the youth harvest.

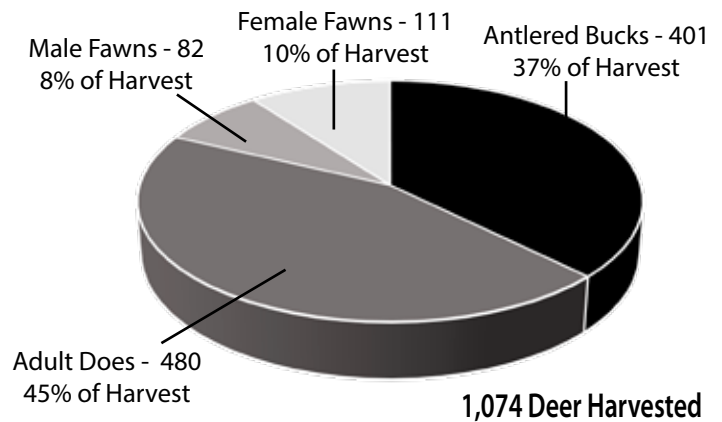


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Muzzleloader Season (December 4–12, 2021)

Muzzleloader hunters harvested a total of 2,396 deer during the 9-day December season. This was 9% less than the 2,639 deer taken in 2020 and 43% less than the previous 3-year average of 4,169. The harvest during this season was comprised of 25% adult bucks, 62% adult does, and 13% fawns (Figure 6, Table 1).

The combined harvest from the October and December muzzleloader seasons was 3,265 deer. This was 28% lower than the 4,553 deer taken in 2020, with all the decline coming from the antlerless harvest. The 2021 muzzleloader buck harvest was 2% more than 2020.

In 2021, a total of 20,000 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% less than 2020 (23,000 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 14% statewide (2,661 antlerless deer harvested), varying from a high of 20% in WMU C to a low of 9% in WMU Q (Table 2).

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

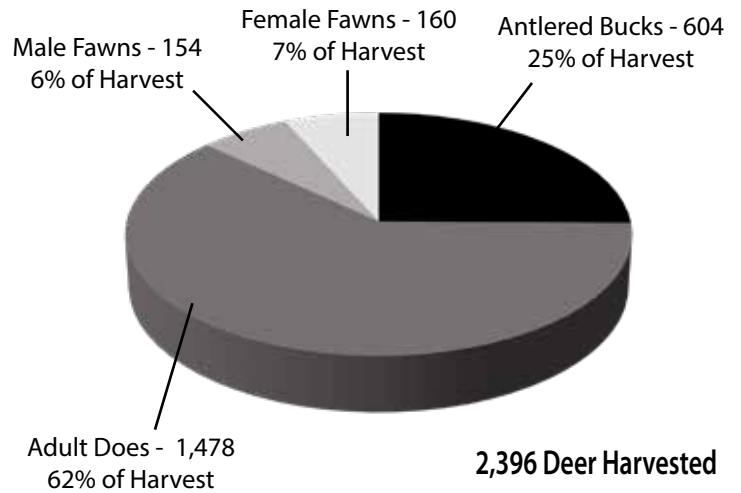


Table 1. 2021 Legal Deer Harvest Numbers by Season and Age–Sex

Season	Adult Buck	Adult Doe	Male Fawn	Female Fawn	Total
Archery	1,074	2,817	270	265	4,426
Youth	401	480	82	111	1,074
Novice	13	32	4	5	54
October Muzzleloader	2	700	82	85	869
Regular	7,039	0	0	0	7,039
December Muzzleloader	604	1,478	154	160	2,396
Total	9,133	5,507	592	626	15,858

Table 2. 2021 Muzzleloader Antlerless Permit Allotments and Harvest by WMU

WMU	Permits Available	Permits Distributed	Landowner Permits ¹	Antlerless Harvest			Fill Rate	2016-2020 Avg. Fill Rate
				October	December	Total		
A	500	500	8 (2%)	22	46	68	14%	14%
B	3,500	3,500	141 (4%)	166	343	509	15%	16%
C	500	500	124 (25%)	24	78	102	20%	25%
D1	800	800	230 (29%)	52	100	152	19%	26%
D2	300	300	107 (36%)	18	34	52	17%	20%
E1	0	0				0		-
E2	0	0				0		-
F1	1,300	1,300	10 (1%)	75	88	163	13%	15%
F2	1,000	1,000	30 (3%)	33	78	111	11%	15%
G	700	700	50 (7%)	30	57	87	12%	19%
H	300	300	136 (45%)	18	36	54	18%	19%
I	500	500	27 (5%)	19	51	70	14%	17%
J1	1,200	1,200	102 (9%)	54	108	162	14%	21%
J2	1,800	1,800	201 (11%)	104	176	280	16%	19%
K	3,000	2,795	31 (1%)	81	240	321	11%	15%
L	300	300	16 (5%)	9	30	39	13%	19%
M	300	300	29 (10%)	15	23	38	13%	17%
N	1,800	1,642	12 (1%)	59	127	186	11%	14%
O	1,500	1,500	64 (4%)	64	138	202	13%	15%
P	100	100	7 (7%)	7	6	13	13%	17%
Q	600	600	17 (3%)	19	33	52	9%	13%
Total	20,000	19,637	1,342 (7%)	869	1,792	2,661	14%	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 2021 deer harvest. Deer harvest densities ranged from 6.9 deer/square mile in WMU A to 0.4 deer/square mile in WMU E2 (Figure 7). The Champlain Valley (WMUs A, B, F1, and F2) accounted for 28% of the total deer harvest in 2021 (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 16% 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 2021, six towns recorded their highest total deer harvests ever, and another

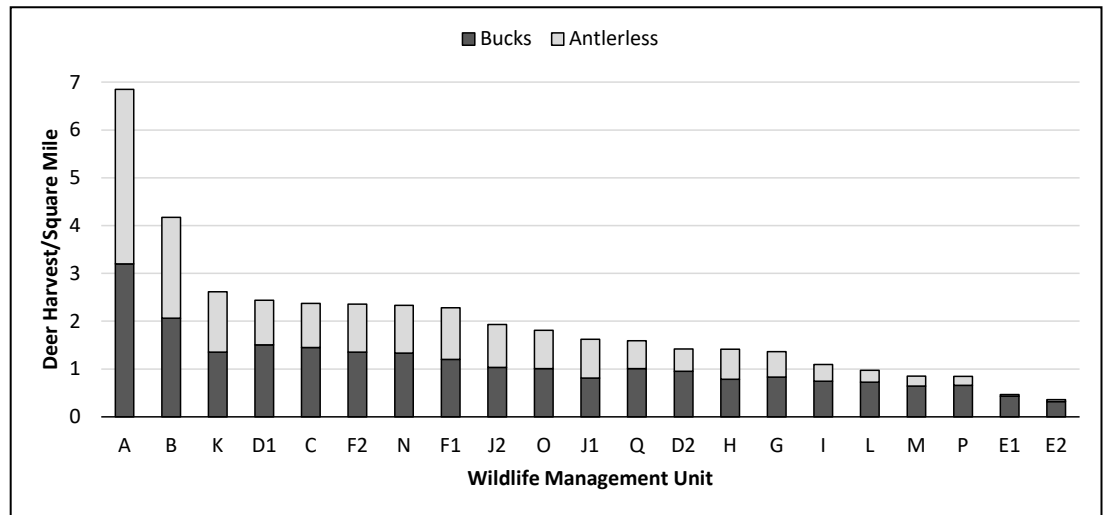


Figure 7. Antlered buck and total deer harvest density by wildlife management unit.

52 towns had total deer harvests among their ten best. Conversely, 28 towns had total deer harvests that were among their ten worst since 1960.

Table 7 provides a breakdown of the harvest by county, town, and season. A map of the 2021 deer harvest distribution by town and WMU is available at the end of this report (Figure 11).

Table 3. 2021 Deer Harvest by Wildlife Management Unit and Season

WMU	Archery		Youth		Novice		Oct. Muzzleloader		Rifle	Dec. Muzzleloader		Total		Total Harvest
	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Buck	Antlerless	Buck	Antlerless	
A	66	164	14	23	2	3		22	132	12	46	226	258	484
B	191	654	95	130	5	8		166	924	55	343	1,270	1,301	2,571
C	65	207	28	43	1	6	1	23	412	52	78	559	357	916
D1	105	283	56	96		1		52	645	51	100	857	532	1,389
D2	36	104	12	24				18	287	34	34	369	180	549
E1	13	8	2	3					108	12		135	11	146
E2	2	13	3						89	12		106	13	119
F1	55	149	23	29		1		75	285	16	88	379	342	721
F2	47	126	23	32	1	1		33	270	22	78	363	270	633
G	29	110	8	10	2			30	256	27	57	322	208	530
H	51	227	19	41	1	3		18	319	18	36	408	324	732
I	33	65	4	9		3		19	248	31	51	316	147	463
J1	58	226	12	38		2		54	336	23	108	429	428	857
J2	66	284	32	66		2	1	103	585	46	176	730	631	1,361
K	49	176	26	49		7		81	477	41	240	593	553	1,146
L	22	43	4	9				9	213	25	30	264	91	355
M	18	45	5	9		2		15	242	25	23	290	94	384
N	43	109	15	27	1	1		59	345	27	127	431	323	754
O	59	215	14	23		1		64	449	29	138	551	441	992
P	40	63	3	10				7	237	20	6	300	86	386
Q	26	81	3	2				19	180	26	33	235	135	370
Total	1,074	3,352	401	673	13	41	2	867	7,039	604	1,792	9,133	6,725	15,858

Biological Data Collection

Each fall department biologists visit big game reporting stations throughout the state to collect biological information from harvested deer. These data are important for monitoring the health of Vermont's deer herd and evaluating the effects of deer management strategies. In 2021 the department operated 19 biological reporting stations during the youth season and 11 during opening weekend of the regular season and examined a total of 1,076 deer (Table 4).

Heaviest Deer

A total of 96 deer were reported with scaled weights of 200 pounds or more. The heaviest deer weighed 245 pounds and was taken in the town of Berkshire. At least one 200-pound deer was reported from every WMU except E2 and N.

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 1.9 deer per 10 hours of hunting. The buck sighting rate of 0.30 per 10 hours of hunting (about 1 buck per 33 hours) was similar to the rate observed in 2020 (0.28). Sighting rates continued to vary considerably among WMUs, with 3-year average rates ranging from 5.1 deer per 10 hours in WMU A to 0.8 deer per 10 hours in WMU E1 (Table 6, Figure 8).

Table 6. Number of Deer Seen per 10 Hours Hunting by WMU as Reported by Rifle Hunters.

WMU	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	3-year Average
A	3.9	5.6	7.1	5.5	4.2	5.7	5.1
B	4.1	3.8	5.1	4.1	3.1	2.9	3.4
C	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.0
D1	2.6	3.2	4.4	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.6
D2	1.8	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.5
E1	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8
E2	1.0	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.0
F1	3.7	3.9	5.5	2.8	3.0	3.9	3.2
F2	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	3.0
G	1.8	2.6	3.2	2.5	1.8	1.5	1.9
H	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.2
I	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.2	1.1	1.5
J1	3.9	4.5	4.9	3.2	2.3	1.9	2.4
J2	2.6	3.0	4.2	2.6	1.8	2.1	2.2
K	2.5	2.3	5.1	2.5	1.8	1.6	2.0
L	3.0	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
M	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.8
N	3.1	2.7	2.9	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.8
O	2.4	2.6	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.8	1.9
P	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.0
Q	1.3	1.2	2.1	1.2	2.7	1.2	1.7
Total	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.1

Table 4. Average Dressed Weights and Antler Beam Diameters (ABD) of Deer Examined at Biological Reporting Stations During Youth/Novice Season

	Age	Weight (lbs)	ABD (mm)	Sample Size	% of Adults
Males	0	62.4		36	
	1	118.0	16.5	141	74%
	2	140.3	20.9	35	18%
	3	157.4	25.1	12	6%
	4+	160.0	28.8	2	1%
	Age	Weight		Sample Size	% of Adults
Females	0	54.2		39	
	1	98.7		49	23%
	2	107.0		38	18%
	3	114.4		17	8%
	4+	117.3		107	51%

Table 5. Top 15 Heaviest Bucks Reported During the 2021 Deer Hunting Seasons.

Season	WMU	Town	Weight	Points
Archery	C	BERKSHIRE	245	7
Rifle	E1	NORTON	239 (254)	11
Rifle	H	CABOT	239	10
Rifle	D2	EAST HAVEN	238	8
Rifle	F1	WALTHAM	235	10
Rifle	D2	SUTTON	230	10
Rifle	C	LOWELL	230	9
Archery	B	BERKSHIRE	230	5
Rifle	M	LONDONDERRY	228	11
Rifle	E1	LEMINGTON	221	8
Rifle	F1	WALTHAM	220	8
Rifle	A	SOUTH HERO	220	8
Rifle	F2	BRANDON	220	10
Rifle	B	GEORGIA	220	8
Archery	F1	SHELBURNE	219	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.

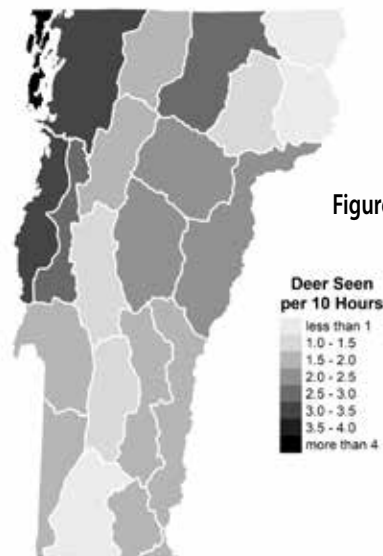
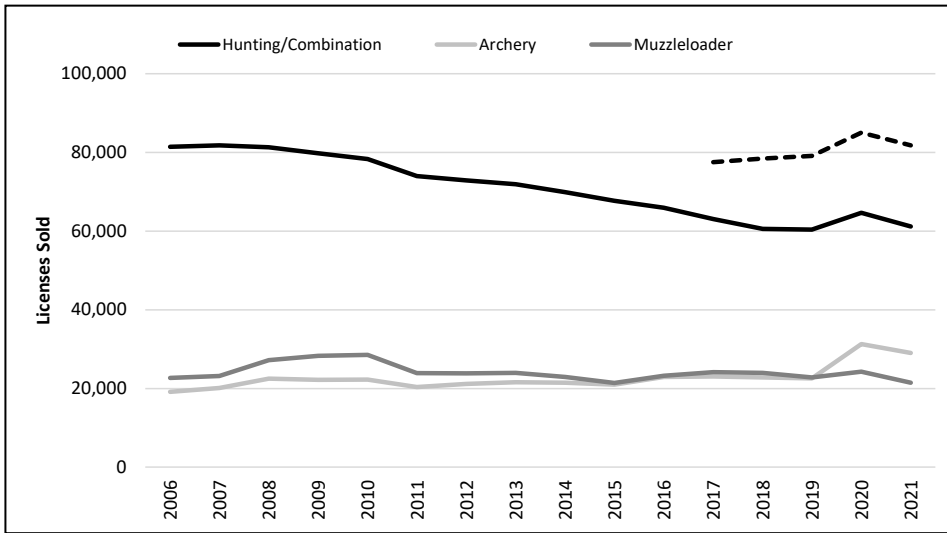


Figure 8. Deer sighting rates during the rifle season, 2019-2021, by WMU.



Hunter Numbers and License Sales

There were 81,793 licensed hunters in Vermont in 2021 (Figure 9). On average, about 85% of licensed hunters actually hunt deer in a given year, resulting in an estimated 69,500 active deer hunters in 2021.

Hunting license sales were lower than in 2020, when participation in many outdoor activities, including hunting, increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some changes in hunting participation (for example, higher archery license sales) may also have been related to hunting regulation changes.

Figure 9. Hunting license sales during 2006-2021. The dotted line represents the total number of licensed hunters, including people who renewed their lifetime or permanent license. Figures include both resident and non-resident licenses.

Bag Limits

A total of 13,069 individual hunters, or about 19% of active hunters, were successful at harvesting a deer in 2021. Of those, 1,805 (14% of successful hunters, 2.6% of active hunters) harvested two deer, 373 (3% of successful, 0.5% of active) harvested 3 deer, and 80 (0.6% of successful, 0.1% of active) reached the 4-deer bag limit for all seasons (Figure 10).

Figure 10. Percentage of successful hunters harvesting 1, 2, 3, or 4 deer in 2021.

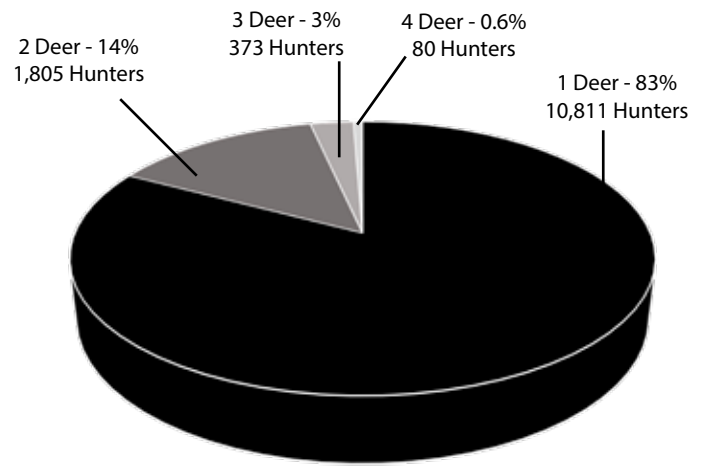


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Wildlife Habitat Management Resources

Wildlife Habitat Management – A Landowners Guide:

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

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

Natural Resources Atlas:

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Table 7. 2021 Legal Deer Harvest by County,Town and Season

County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct. Muzzle	Regular	Dec. Muzzle	Total	Harvest/ Sq. Mile
ADDISON	ADDISON	21	1		11	23	12	68	1.62
	BRIDPORT	13	5		8	26	11	63	1.43
	BRISTOL	13	7		3	37	8	68	1.70
	CORNWALL	13	4		4	21	12	54	1.86
	FERRISBURG	32	8		16	49	21	126	2.63
	GOSHEN	2			1	26	6	35	1.67
	GRANVILLE					12	4	16	0.31
	HANCOCK	2				11	2	15	0.38
	LEICESTER	8	3		1	17	4	33	1.57
	LINCOLN	28	1		6	32	10	77	1.67
	MIDDLEBURY	25	9		5	34	8	81	2.08
	MONKTON	12	5		1	35	4	57	1.58
	NEW HAVEN	38	19	1	7	58	25	148	3.61
	ORWELL	34	13		12	52	13	124	2.64
	PANTON	11	7		6	14	6	44	2.75
	RIPTON	7			3	28	9	47	0.96
	SALISBURY	13	2		2	21	8	46	1.59
	SHOREHAM	32	10		16	42	10	110	2.56
	STARSBORO	16	2		3	28	13	62	1.38
	VERGENNES	1			1	1	2	5	2.50
WALTHAM	6	2		1	14	2	25	2.78	
WEYBRIDGE	5			3	15	11	34	2.00	
WHITING	8			1	11	3	23	1.64	
	TOTAL	340	98	1	111	607	204	1,361	1.77
BENNINGTON	ARLINGTON	13	2	1	6	41	12	75	1.79
	BENNINGTON	43	8		3	56	28	138	3.29
	DORSET	11	3		6	35	16	71	1.51
	GLASTENBURY	1				3		4	0.09
	LANDGROVE				1	4	1	6	0.67
	MANCHESTER	9	1		2	19	5	36	0.86
	PERU	1				8	2	11	0.30
	POWNAL	54	13		12	79	22	180	3.83
	READSBORO	16	2		1	22	1	42	1.17
	RUPERT	8	3		11	61	24	107	2.38
	SANDGATE	6	2		2	20	15	45	1.07
	SEARSBURG					7	1	8	0.38
	SHAFTSBURY	30	5	1	13	51	27	127	2.95
	STAMFORD	12				28	2	42	1.08
	SUNDERLAND	12	1			17	10	40	0.89
	WINHALL	3				12	3	18	0.41
	WOODFORD	3				22	1	26	0.55
		TOTAL	222	40	2	57	485	170	976

Table 7. 2021 Legal Deer Harvest by County, Town and Season

County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct. Muzzle	Regular	Dec. Muzzle	Total	Harvest/ Sq. Mile
CALEDONIA	BARNET	26	3		10	41	23	103	2.45
	BURKE	17	2		2	25	5	51	1.50
	DANVILLE	25	3		6	42	15	91	1.49
	GROTON	7	2		2	29	2	42	0.78
	HARDWICK	21	14		2	30	7	74	1.95
	KIRBY	4	4			18	5	31	1.24
	LYNDON	37	8		2	31	8	86	2.21
	NEWARK	4				14	1	19	0.51
	PEACHAM	4	3		6	9	4	26	0.55
	RYEGATE	18	14		7	30	14	83	2.31
	SHEFFIELD	2	1			21	1	25	0.69
	ST JOHNSBURY	25	8		4	36	10	83	2.52
	STANNARD	1				9	3	13	1.00
	SUTTON	4	4		3	17	11	39	1.03
	WALDEN	9	2			14	1	26	0.67
	WATERFORD	14	6		12	30	16	78	2.05
	WHEELOCK	7			1	14	2	24	0.60
	TOTAL	225	74	0	57	410	128	894	1.38
CHITTENDEN	BOLTON	6			2	22	11	41	0.98
	BUELS GORE					1		1	0.20
	BURLINGTON								0.00
	CHARLOTTE	21	2	1	5	29	12	70	1.71
	COLCHESTER	38	2		5	28	10	83	2.31
	ESSEX	28	2		5	30	11	76	1.95
	HINESBURG	9	3		1	29	13	55	1.41
	HUNTINGTON	25	5		4	36	15	85	2.24
	JERICO	31	2		1	33	7	74	2.11
	MILTON	31	3	1	11	24	18	88	1.73
	RICHMOND	18	2		4	41	23	88	2.75
	SHELBURNE	33	2		3	10	5	53	2.21
	SOUTH BURLINGTON							0	0.00
	ST GEORGE	1				1		2	0.50
	UNDERHILL	23	2	1	4	49	9	88	1.73
	WESTFORD	15			3	37	16	71	1.82
	WILLISTON	25	4		1	17	8	55	1.83
WINOOSKI								0.00	
	TOTAL	304	29	3	49	387	158	930	1.74
ESSEX	AVERILL					7	2	9	0.25
	AVERYS GORE					1		1	0.06
	BLOOMFIELD	7				18	3	28	0.70
	BRIGHTON	6	1			30	2	39	0.74
	BRUNSWICK					4	1	5	0.20
	CANAAN	5				11	3	19	0.58
	CONCORD	4	4		2	20	10	40	0.78
	EAST HAVEN	1				12	4	17	0.46

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ESSEX (cont.)	FERDINAND	1				4		5	0.09
	GRANBY					7	1	8	0.21
	GUILDHALL					7	1	8	0.24
	LEMINGTON	1				14	1	16	0.46
	LEWIS					4		4	0.10
	LUNENBURG	6	3		2	19	5	35	0.78
	MAIDSTONE					8		8	0.26
	NORTON	2	2			28	1	33	0.87
	VICTORY					3	1	4	0.09
	WARNERS GRANT					1		1	0.33
	WARREN GORE					1		1	0.11
	TOTAL	33	10	0	4	199	35	281	0.43
FRANKLIN	BAKERSFIELD	50	12	1	9	81	31	184	4.38
	BERKSHIRE	72	26	3	7	66	40	214	5.10
	ENOSBURG	104	28	4	14	115	37	302	6.29
	FAIRFAX	69	13		3	54	22	161	4.03
	FAIRFIELD	108	46	1	34	129	77	395	5.90
	FLETCHER	24	10	1	6	32	13	86	2.26
	FRANKLIN	89	26	1	18	91	39	264	6.95
	GEORGIA	45	14		6	49	21	135	3.46
	HIGHGATE	98	24	2	25	107	20	276	5.41
	MONTGOMERY	23	9	1		53	20	106	1.89
	RICHFORD	44	17	1	4	50	21	137	3.19
	SHELDON	58	24	2	11	54	24	173	4.44
	ST ALBANS	35	6		6	31	8	86	2.32
	SWANTON	31	7	1	6	59	27	131	2.73
	TOTAL	850	262	18	149	971	400	2,650	4.22
GRAND ISLE	ALBURGH	65	19	3	7	41	13	148	5.10
	GRAND ISLE	57	6	1	4	28	16	112	7.00
	ISLE LA MOTTE	19	1		2	15	4	41	5.13
	NORTH HERO	30	2		3	15	6	56	4.67
	SOUTH HERO	59	9	1	6	33	19	127	8.47
	TOTAL	230	37	5	22	132	58	484	6.05
LAMOILLE	BELVIDERE	1			2	22	7	32	0.89
	CAMBRIDGE	50	7		5	55	12	129	2.05
	EDEN	10	2		1	28	5	46	0.73
	ELMORE	16	3		1	14	2	36	0.92
	HYDE PARK	27	6		5	27	11	76	2.00
	JOHNSON	42	8		2	36	16	104	2.31
	MORRISTOWN	27	6		6	26	12	77	1.51
	STOWE	23	4		4	29	15	75	1.04
	WATERVILLE	19	2		2	22	7	52	3.25
	WOLCOTT	21	3		3	24	9	60	1.54
	TOTAL	236	41	0	31	283	96	687	1.49

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ORANGE	BRADFORD	26	8		6	36	18	94	3.13
	BRAINTREE	9	2		3	19	14	47	1.24
	BROOKFIELD	13	4		4	27	19	67	1.63
	CHELSEA	19	11		4	43	18	95	2.38
	CORINTH	14	4		6	22	7	53	1.10
	FAIRLEE	12	4		2	18	1	37	1.85
	NEWBURY	25	8		5	49	11	98	1.53
	ORANGE	8	1	1	1	17	4	32	0.82
	RANDOLPH	37	3		7	28	17	92	1.92
	STRAFFORD	19	3		7	44	13	86	1.95
	THETFORD	26	11	1	4	60	21	123	2.86
	TOPSHAM	7	6		3	29	8	53	1.08
	TUNBRIDGE	20	6		5	44	15	90	2.00
	VERSHIRE	10	2		4	18	3	37	1.03
	WASHINGTON	5			1	9	3	18	0.46
	WEST FAIRLEE	8	2			12	7	29	1.26
WILLIAMSTOWN	45	12		3	31	15	106	2.65	
	TOTAL	303	87	2	65	506	194	1,157	1.68
ORLEANS	ALBANY	14	7		4	38	10	73	1.92
	BARTON	25	6		7	50	9	97	2.26
	BROWNINGTON	19	8		2	43	8	80	2.86
	CHARLESTON	20	7			40	13	80	2.16
	COVENTRY	25	6			29	7	67	2.48
	CRAFTSBURY	18	2		1	32	7	60	1.54
	DERBY	64	26		8	75	16	189	3.86
	GLOVER	10	7		2	40	3	62	1.63
	GREENSBORO	6	1		1	27	8	43	1.13
	HOLLAND	18	10			46	7	81	2.13
	IRASBURG	33	23		3	49	9	117	2.93
	JAY	12	2		3	23	7	47	1.38
	LOWELL	9	3		4	39	6	61	1.09
	MORGAN	9	3		1	26	4	43	1.39
	NEWPORT	50	12		11	57	16	146	3.56
	TROY	24	16	1	2	51	9	103	2.86
	WESTFIELD	7	1			19	7	34	0.85
WESTMORE	7	2		1	25	4	39	1.15	
	TOTAL	370	142	1	50	709	150	1,422	2.07
RUTLAND	BENSON	10	8		15	45	30	108	2.51
	BRANDON	15	2	2	5	32	17	73	1.83
	CASTLETON	21	3		7	35	19	85	2.18
	CHITTENDEN	9	2	1	2	42	15	71	0.97
	CLARENDON	22	6	1	4	40	16	89	2.87
	DANBY	10	3		1	32	14	60	1.43
	FAIR HAVEN	20	3	2	4	27	9	65	3.82
	HUBBARDTON	8	1	3	3	25	10	50	1.85

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RUTLAND <i>(cont.)</i>	IRA	3	1		2	20	5	31	1.41
	KILLINGTON	4				7		11	0.23
	MENDON	6		1		21	5	33	0.87
	MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	9	2		3	30	13	57	2.48
	MOUNT HOLLY	9	5		2	33	5	54	1.13
	MOUNT TABOR				2	14	4	20	0.45
	PAWLET	17	11		11	52	21	112	2.60
	PITTSFIELD	2	2			10	2	16	0.80
	PITTSFORD	30	3	1	9	43	31	117	2.72
	POULTNEY	23	15		5	48	30	121	2.88
	PROCTOR	1	1		4	9	8	23	3.29
	RUTLAND	17	2		7	24	11	61	3.21
	SHREWSBURY	11	3		1	45	9	69	1.41
	SUDBURY	6	7		2	21	8	44	2.10
	TINMOUTH	6	3		4	25	16	54	1.86
	WALLINGFORD	21	3		1	31	20	76	1.77
	WELLS	29	5		2	27	22	85	3.86
	WEST HAVEN	9	7		3	27	16	62	2.30
	WEST RUTLAND	9	4		2	18	12	45	2.50
	TOTAL	327	102	11	101	783	368	1,692	1.85
WASHINGTON	BARRE	64	14	1	2	26	10	117	3.77
	BERLIN	38	4	1	7	29	12	91	2.53
	CABOT	11	1		1	28	4	45	1.22
	CALAIS	17	5		4	24	5	55	1.45
	DUXBURY	7	1	2	2	15	3	30	0.70
	EAST MONTPELIER	54	15		5	28	10	112	3.50
	FAYSTON	6			1	22	3	32	0.89
	MARSHFIELD	18	1	1		30	5	55	1.28
	MIDDLESEX	19	4	1	2	35	4	65	1.67
	MONTPELIER	35	3			5	1	44	4.40
	MORETOWN	19	5		6	27	7	64	1.60
	NORTHFIELD	15	2		4	25	4	50	1.11
	PLAINFIELD	20		1	1	29	6	57	2.71
	ROXBURY	6			2	7	1	16	0.38
	WAITSFIELD	22	2	1	2	14	5	46	1.77
	WARREN	7	2		3	17	8	37	0.93
	WATERBURY	20	5		3	31	7	66	1.38
	WOODBURY	4	1			9	2	16	0.42
	WORCESTER	2	1			11	2	16	0.41
	TOTAL	384	66	8	45	412	99	1,014	1.48

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WINDHAM	ATHENS	1				6		7	0.50
	BRATTLEBORO	35			2	28	9	74	2.31
	BROOKLINE	2	1		1	8	3	15	1.15
	DOVER	9				14	3	26	0.72
	DUMMERSTON	16	4		10	33	19	82	2.65
	GRAFTON	3			1	14	8	26	0.68
	GUILFORD	48	3		8	49	19	127	3.26
	HALIFAX	17			6	31	9	63	1.58
	JAMAICA	4	1			22	2	29	0.59
	LONDONDERRY	5	2			21	3	31	0.89
	MARLBORO	3			1	24	7	35	0.88
	NEWFANE	7			3	26	13	49	1.23
	PUTNEY	23	1		3	21	9	57	2.11
	ROCKINGHAM	14	4		3	28	5	54	1.32
	SOMERSET					5	1	6	0.24
	STRATTON	3				8	1	12	0.26
	TOWNSHEND	5			1	17	4	27	0.64
	VERNON	12			1	22	6	41	2.16
	WARDSBORO	4			2	9	4	19	0.66
	WESTMINSTER	8	4	1		26	5	44	0.98
WHITINGHAM	13	3		3	31	2	52	1.41	
WILMINGTON	20	6		1	34	2	63	1.58	
WINDHAM	2	1		1	7	2	13	0.50	
	TOTAL	254	30	1	47	484	136	952	1.21
WINDSOR	ANDOVER	4	1			12	1	18	0.62
	BALTIMORE	4				3	1	8	1.60
	BARNARD	1	1		1	14	5	22	0.46
	BETHEL	11	1		3	31	2	48	1.07
	BRIDGEWATER	6	1		1	27	8	43	0.86
	CAVENDISH	4	1	1	1	34	9	50	1.28
	CHESTER	17	2		2	47	6	74	1.32
	HARTFORD	42	7		9	38	18	114	2.53
	HARTLAND	33	7		10	44	17	111	2.47
	LUDLOW	4	3	1	2	20	4	34	0.94
	NORWICH	61	8		8	54	27	158	3.59
	PLYMOUTH	1				15	1	17	0.35
	POMFRET	7	2		2	27	11	49	1.26
	READING	6				28	1	35	0.85
	ROCHESTER	2	1		2	18	2	25	0.44
	ROYALTON	13	4		6	29	7	59	1.48
	SHARON	17	2		3	35	12	69	1.73
	SPRINGFIELD	41	4		9	61	21	136	2.78
	STOCKBRIDGE					18	4	22	0.48
	WEATHERSFIELD	31	3		2	46	16	98	2.28
WEST WINDSOR	7			3	17	4	31	1.24	

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WINDSOR (cont.)	WESTON	1	1			8	2	12	0.34
	WINDSOR	14			6	13	10	43	2.26
	WOODSTOCK	21	7		11	32	11	82	1.86
	TOTAL	348	56	2	81	671	200	1,358	1.40
STATE	TOTAL	4,426	1,074	54	869	7,039	2,396	15,858	1.73



Figure 11. Distribution of Vermont's 2021 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.