

2022 VERMONT WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST REPORT





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Overview

Hunters harvested a total of 17,461 deer during the Vermont deer seasons in 2022, providing about 3.5 million servings of local, nutritious venison. The total harvest was 2 percent more than the previous 3-year average of 17,133, while the buck harvest of 9,619 was 1 percent more than the previous 3-year average of 9,482 bucks. The total harvest was 10 percent more than the 15,858 deer harvested in 2021, while the total buck harvest was 5 percent more than the 2021 buck harvest of 9,133 (Figure 1).

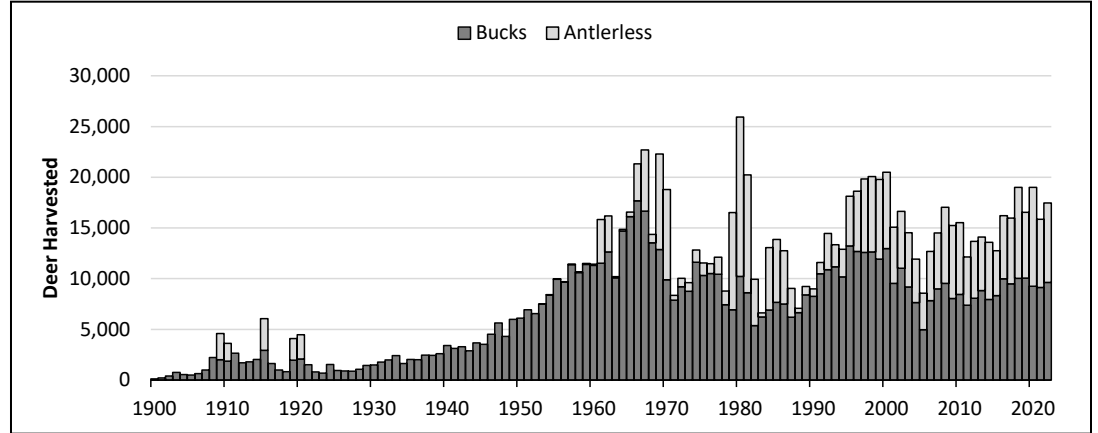


Figure 1. Annual antlered buck and total deer harvest in Vermont, 1900–2022.

Hunting conditions were variable during the 2022 seasons, but generally favorable for hunters. Temperatures were seasonable during early October, when most of the archery harvest occurs. Snow covered much of the state for most of the regular season in November. Deer often move more during the day when temperatures are cool, and snow helps hunters locate and see deer. Additionally, statewide surveys indicated that oak, beech, and apple production was fair to poor in most areas in 2022. Mast availability can greatly affect deer behavior, and harvests are often higher in poor mast years when deer move more to find food and are more concentrated near available food sources like fields.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department estimated little change in the deer population from 2021 to 2022. Antlerless harvests in recent years have helped stabilize deer numbers in most areas. 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 55% of the total harvest, with 37% adult does, 4% male fawns, and 4% female fawns (Figure 2, Table 1). The 16-day regular November season accounted for 42% of the total deer harvest, while 34% were harvested during archery season, 12% during the December muzzleloader season, 6% during the antlerless-only October muzzleloader season, 6% 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.

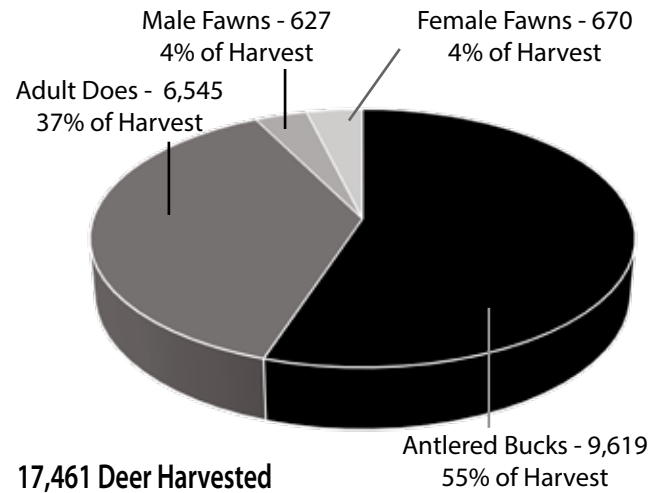
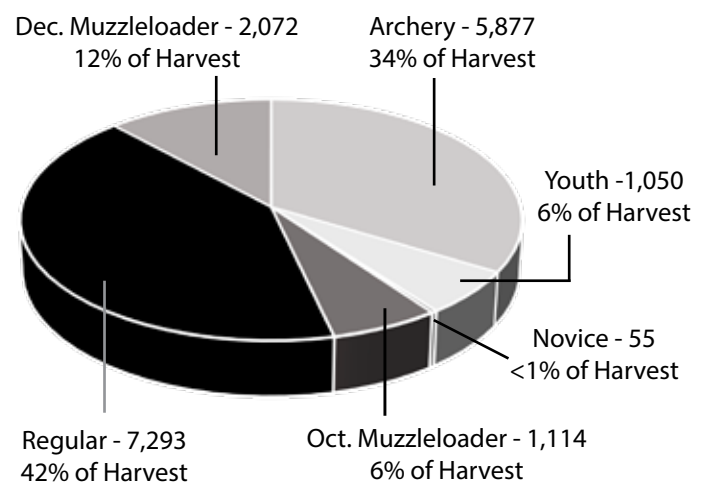


Figure 3. Distribution of the harvest by season.



17,461 Deer Harvested

Archery Season (October 1 – November 11 and November 28 – December 15, 2022)

Archers harvested 5,877 deer during the 60-day archery season. The 2022 harvest was 33% more than the 2021 harvest of 4,426 and 23% more than the previous 3-year average of 4,781. The archery harvest was comprised of 24% adult bucks, 65% adult does, and 11% fawns (Figure 4, Table 1).

The last 18 days of the archery season (after the November regular season) accounted for 10% or 573 deer of the overall archery harvest and 6% or 91 deer of the archery buck harvest. Conversely, the opening day of the season (Oct. 1) accounted for 11% or 641 deer of the total archery harvest and 13% or 190 deer of the archery buck harvest.

Hunters using crossbows accounted for 77% of the harvest, similar to the 76% harvested with crossbows in 2021. 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 2022.

Youth Season (October 22 – 23, 2022)

Youth hunters harvested a total of 1,050 deer during the 2-day youth season. This was 2% less than the 2021 harvest of 1,074, and 18% less than the previous 3-year average of 1,276. This was the lowest youth season harvest since the season was expanded to 2 days in 2002. The youth harvest was comprised of 33% adult bucks, 49% adult does, and 18% fawns (Figure 5, Table 1).

Novice Season (October 22 – 23, 2022)

Novice hunters harvested 55 deer during the novice season, similar to the 54 deer harvested in 2021. A total of 410 new, adult hunters (age 16+) were eligible for this season, down 23% from 530 eligible novice hunters in 2021. The novice harvest was comprised of 36% adult bucks, 40% adult does, and 24% fawns (Table 1).

October Muzzleloader Season (October 27 – October 30, 2022)

Hunters harvested a total of 1,114 deer during the October muzzleloader season, up 28% from 869 deer harvested in 2021. 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 82% adult does and 18% fawns. One legally antlerless adult buck (both antlers less than 3 inches long) was also reported. The total harvest represented 6% of the 17,483 antlerless permits that had been sold by the start of this season.

Regular Season (November 12 – 27, 2022)

Hunters reported a total of 7,293 antlered bucks during the traditional 16-day regular season. This was 4% more than the 7,039 bucks taken in 2021 and 1% more than the previous 3-year average of 7,189.

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

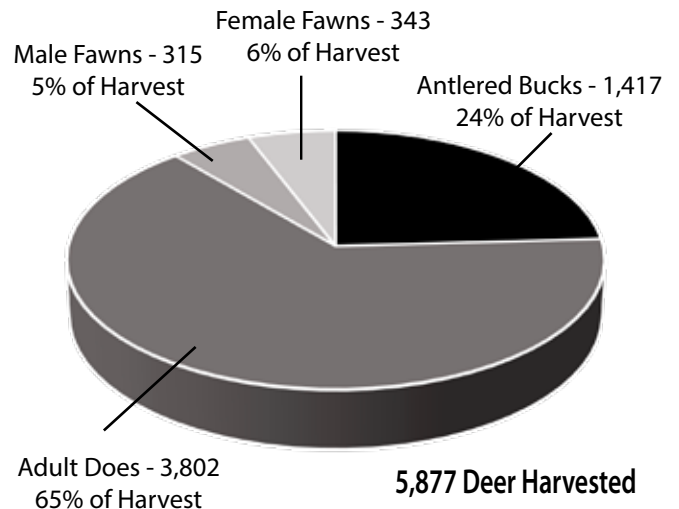


Figure 5. Age and sex distribution of the youth harvest.

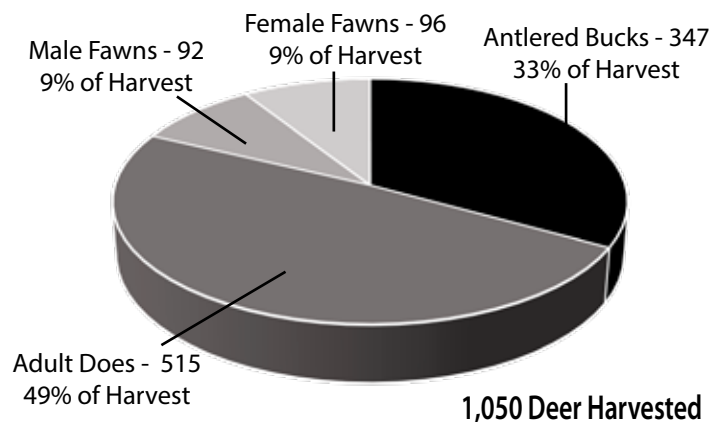


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**December Muzzleloader Season
(December 3–11, 2022)**

Muzzleloader hunters harvested a total of 2,072 deer during the 9-day December season. This was 14% less than the 2,396 deer taken in 2021 and 29% less than the previous 3-year average of 2,899. The harvest during this season was comprised of 26% adult bucks, 62% adult does, and 12% fawns (Figure 6, Table 1).

The combined harvest from the October and December muzzleloader seasons was 3,186 deer. This was 2% lower than the 3,265 deer taken in 2021, and 17% lower than the previous 3-year average of 3,827.

In 2022, a total of 19,400 antlerless deer permits were authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Board for 19 of the state’s 21 wildlife management units (WMUs). This was 3% less than 2021 (20,000 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 (2,644 antlerless deer harvested), varying from a high of 18% in WMUs D1, D2, and J2 to a low of 9% in WMU L (Table 2).

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

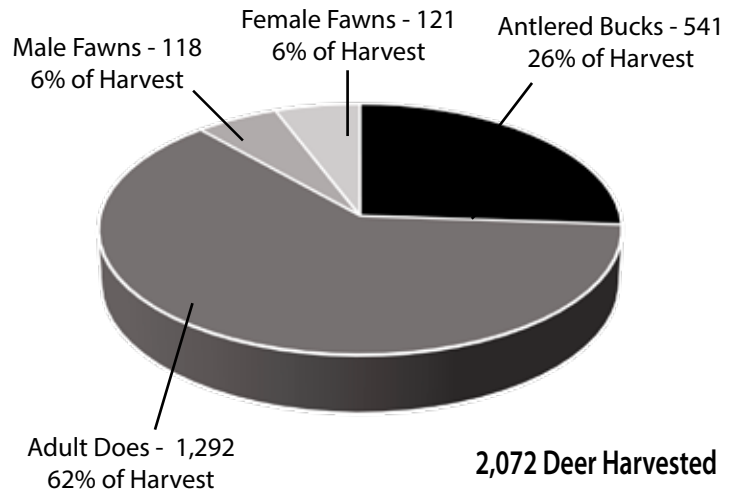


Table 1. 2022 Legal Deer Harvest Numbers by Season and Age–Sex

Season	Adult Buck	Adult Doe	Male Fawn	Female Fawn	Total
Archery	1,417	3,802	315	343	5,877
Youth	347	515	92	96	1,050
Novice	20	22	5	8	55
October Muzzleloader	1	914	97	102	1,114
Regular	7,293	0	0	0	7,293
December Muzzleloader	541	1,292	118	121	2,072
Total	9,619	6,545	627	670	17,461

Table 2. 2022 Muzzleloader Antlerless Permit Allotments and Harvest by WMU

WMU	Permits Available	Permits Distributed	Landowner Permits ¹	Antlerless Harvest			Fill Rate	2017-2021 Avg. Fill Rate
				October	December	Total		
A	800	800	9 (1%)	44	46	90	11%	15%
B	4,000	4,000	150 (4%)	235	346	581	15%	16%
C	500	500	128 (26%)	24	39	63	13%	24%
D1	800	800	206 (26%)	60	85	145	18%	25%
D2	200	200	115 (58%)	21	15	36	18%	20%
E1	0	0				0		-
E2	0	0				0		-
F1	1,500	1,453	7 (<1%)	68	99	167	11%	14%
F2	1,000	1,000	20 (2%)	46	58	104	10%	14%
G	700	700	49 (7%)	33	49	82	12%	18%
H	300	300	121 (40%)	22	27	49	16%	19%
I	500	500	25 (5%)	20	32	52	10%	16%
J1	800	800	108 (14%)	50	88	138	17%	19%
J2	1,500	1,500	224 (15%)	127	148	275	18%	18%
K	2,500	2,500	18 (1%)	117	179	296	12%	14%
L	300	300	11 (4%)	8	18	26	9%	18%
M	300	300	24 (8%)	20	32	52	17%	16%
N	1,500	1,500	7 (<1%)	71	90	161	11%	13%
O	1,500	1,500	54 (4%)	103	143	246	16%	15%
P	100	100	5 (5%)	6	8	14	14%	15%
Q	600	600	18 (3%)	38	29	67	11%	12%
Total	19,400	19,353	1,299 (7%)	1,113	1,531	2,644	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 2022 deer harvest. Deer harvest densities ranged from 7.2 deer harvested per square mile in WMU A to 0.5 deer harvested per square mile in WMU E2 (Figure 7). The Champlain Valley (WMUs A, B, F1, and F2) accounted for 30% of the total deer harvest in 2022 (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 2022, 8 towns recorded their highest total deer harvests ever, and another 66 towns

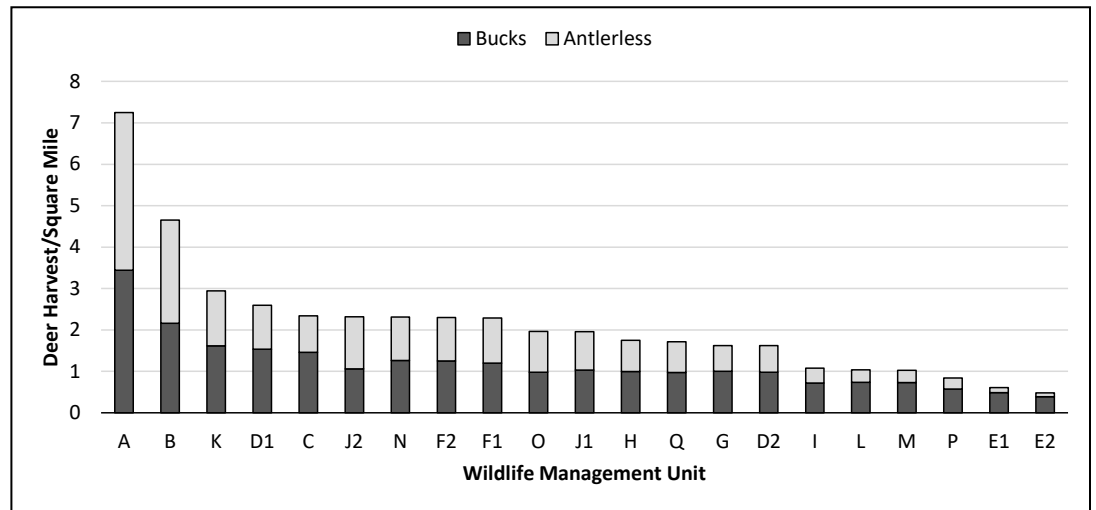


Figure 7. Antlered buck and total deer harvest density by wildlife management unit.

had total deer harvests among their 10 best. Conversely, 21 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 2022 deer harvest distribution by town and WMU is available at the end of this report.

Table 3. 2022 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	70	161	13	16	1	2	44	150	9	46	243	269	512	
B	259	801	82	147	5	5	235	929	56	346	1,331	1,534	2,865	
C	101	234	13	40		3	24	419	31	39	564	340	904	
D1	151	358	38	99	4	2	60	634	46	85	873	604	1,477	
D2	53	174	7	35		3	21	302	17	15	379	248	627	
E1	13	36	3	2		1		130	6		152	39	191	
E2	5	29	5	1				115	5		130	30	160	
F1	51	162	23	16	2		68	280	23	99	379	345	724	
F2	45	147	10	29		2	46	262	18	58	335	282	617	
G	61	148	9	9	1	1	33	297	21	49	389	240	629	
H	89	311	14	28	1	1	1	22	388	23	27	516	389	905
I	32	92	4	8	1	2	20	239	27	32	303	154	457	
J1	95	325	25	23	2	5	50	392	29	88	543	491	1,034	
J2	105	526	32	78		5	127	563	48	148	748	884	1,632	
K	60	228	34	55		1	117	572	42	179	708	580	1,288	
L	29	74	3	9		1	8	215	20	18	267	110	377	
M	20	67	1	14			20	279	28	32	328	133	461	
N	40	138	16	40	1		71	334	17	90	408	339	747	
O	78	253	10	39	1	1	103	401	45	143	535	539	1,074	
P	31	92	3	13	1		6	216	11	8	262	119	381	
Q	29	104	2	2			38	176	19	29	226	173	399	
Total	1,417	4,460	347	703	20	35	1	1,113	7,293	541	1,531	9,619	7,842	17,461

Heaviest Deer

A total of 125 deer were reported with scaled weights of 200 pounds or more. The heaviest deer weighed 233 pounds and was taken in the town of Barton. 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 2.0 deer per 10 hours of hunting in 2022. 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 2021 (0.30). Sighting rates continued to vary considerably among WMUs, with 3-year average rates ranging from 5.8 deer per 10 hours in WMU A to 0.7 deer per 10 hours in WMU E1 (Figure 8).

Table 4. Top 15 Heaviest Bucks Reported During the 2022 Deer Hunting Seasons.

Season	WMU	Town	Weight	Points
Rifle	D1	BARTON	233	8
Archery	F1	SHOREHAM	231	7
Rifle	F1	WALTHAM	231	10
Rifle	J2	CONCORD	230	9
Rifle	D1	HOLLAND	226	8
Archery	B	SHELDON	224	8
Rifle	J2	WATERFORD	224 (238)	9
Rifle	J2	BARNET	222	9
Rifle	B	WESTFORD	221	5
Rifle	B	COLCHESTER	221	8
Rifle	E1	BLOOMFIELD	221	8
Rifle	M	WOODSTOCK	221	8
Archery	D1	TROY	220	10
Rifle	M	WOODSTOCK	220	7
Archery	H	HARDWICK	219 (233)	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.

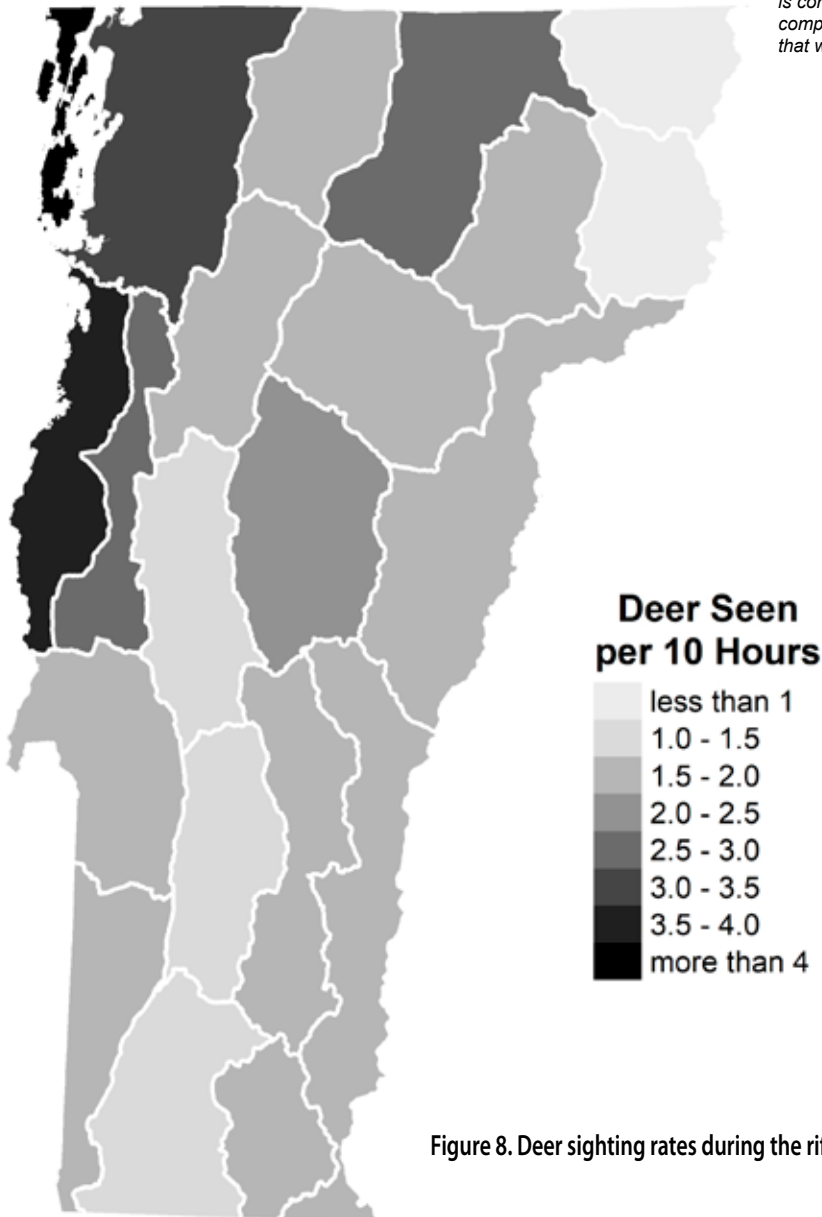


Figure 8. Deer sighting rates during the rifle season, 2020-2022, by WMU.

Bag Limits

A total of 79,664 people purchased or renewed a hunting license that allowed them to take deer in 2022. Surveys have shown that about 85% of hunting license holders actually hunt deer in a given year, resulting in an estimated 67,700 active deer hunters in 2022.

A total of 14,089 individual hunters, or about 21% of active hunters, were successful at harvesting a deer in 2022. Of those, 2,179 (16% of successful hunters, 3.2% of active hunters) harvested two deer, 419 (3% of successful, 0.6% of active) harvested 3 deer, and 119 (0.8% of successful, 0.2% 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 2022.

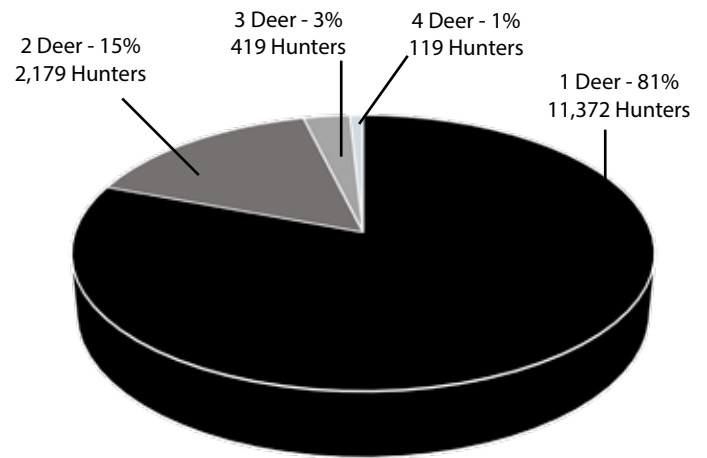


Table 5. 2022 Legal Deer Harvest by County, Town and Season

County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct Muzzle	Regular	Dec Muzzle	Total	Harvest/Sq. Mile
ADDISON	ADDISON	16	2		8	32	16	74	1.76
	BRIDPORT	17	6		8	29	11	71	1.61
	BRISTOL	23	4	1	3	34	2	67	1.68
	CORNWALL	15	2		5	19	11	52	1.79
	FERRISBURG	32	6		14	52	31	135	2.81
	GOSHEN	5	1		1	16		23	1.10
	GRANVILLE	2				15	1	18	0.35
	HANCOCK					5	4	9	0.23
	LEICESTER	4	1		2	11	2	20	0.95
	LINCOLN	37	2		7	43	17	106	2.30
	MIDDLEBURY	26	6		5	28	12	77	1.97
	MONKTON	16	5		4	29	7	61	1.69
	NEW HAVEN	40	9	1	12	58	24	144	3.51
	ORWELL	27	10	1	8	54	20	120	2.55
	PANTON	13	4		5	12	5	39	2.44
	RIPTON	10		1		26	4	41	0.84
	SALISBURY	16	1		4	16	4	41	1.41
	SHOREHAM	31	11	1	9	48	9	109	2.53
	STARSBORO	24	6		3	52	6	91	2.02
	VERGENNES	2							2
WALTHAM	8					12	2	22	2.44
WEYBRIDGE	13				6	17	7	43	2.53
WHITING	6	1				8	3	18	1.29
	TOTAL	383	77	5	104	616	198	1,383	1.80
BENNINGTON	ARLINGTON	14	1		5	40	10	70	1.67
	BENNINGTON	67	12		10	51	10	150	3.57
	DORSET	16	7		5	31	9	68	1.45
	GLASTENBURY					3		3	0.07
	LANDGROVE	1				3		4	0.44

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BENNINGTON <i>(cont.)</i>	MANCHESTER	16	1		1	25	5	48	1.14
	PERU	2			1	6	1	10	0.27
	POWNAI	61	13	1	14	74	19	182	3.87
	READSBORO	11	1		1	21		34	0.94
	RUPERT	12	11		12	49	22	106	2.36
	SANDGATE	8	6			24	4	42	1.00
	SEARSBURG	1				2		3	0.14
	SHAFTSBURY	24	9	1	11	54	19	118	2.74
	STAMFORD	11	1			23	4	39	1.00
	SUNDERLAND	3	1			16	2	22	0.49
	WINHALL	2				17	1	20	0.45
	WOODFORD	3				16	1	20	0.43
	TOTAL	252	63	2	60	455	107	939	1.40
CALEDONIA	BARNET	36	11	1	10	35	12	105	2.50
	BURKE	26	1			22	1	50	1.47
	DANVILLE	34	8	1	5	42	11	101	1.66
	GROTON	10				23	4	37	0.69
	HARDWICK	37	10		1	31	12	91	2.39
	KIRBY	17	4	1		20	1	43	1.72
	LYNDON	35	4		4	33	3	79	2.03
	NEWARK	12	3			20	1	36	0.97
	PEACHAM	9			6	30	5	50	1.06
	RYEGATE	35	5	1	14	31	8	94	2.61
	SHEFFIELD	7	1		1	15	1	25	0.69
	ST JOHNSBURY	49	6		6	33	5	99	3.00
	STANNARD	4				13		17	1.31
	SUTTON	13	8		1	25	5	52	1.37
	WALDEN	12	2			29		43	1.10
	WATERFORD	24	6	1	13	33	15	92	2.42
WHEELOCK	5	2	1	3	30	2	43	1.08	
	TOTAL	365	71	6	64	465	86	1,057	1.63
CHITTENDEN	BOLTON	12			6	21	6	45	1.07
	BUELS GORE					2		2	0.40
	BURLINGTON								0.00
	CHARLOTTE	23	3		5	25	14	70	1.71
	COLCHESTER	45	3		8	34	8	98	2.72
	ESSEX	34			2	28	11	75	1.92
	HINESBURG	30	4		5	29	8	76	1.95
	HUNTINGTON	37	2		9	52	15	115	3.03
	JERICO	27	1		2	20	5	55	1.57
	MILTON	53	8		11	45	22	139	2.73
	RICHMOND	30	1		5	28	8	72	2.25
	SHELBURNE	26	1		1	7	6	41	1.71
	SOUTH BURLINGTON								0.00

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County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct Muzzle	Regular	Dec Muzzle	Total	Harvest/ Sq. Mile
CHITTENDEN <i>(cont.)</i>	ST GEORGE				1	1		2	0.50
	UNDERHILL	28	4		3	29	8	72	1.41
	WESTFORD	45	2		5	35	14	101	2.59
	WILLISTON	25	1	1	8	16	7	58	1.93
	WINOOSKI								0.00
	TOTAL		415	30	1	71	372	132	1,021
ESSEX	AVERILL					10		10	0.28
	AVERYS GORE					1		1	0.06
	BLOOMFIELD	9				18	1	28	0.70
	BRIGHTON	9	3			24	3	39	0.74
	BRUNSWICK		1			7		8	0.32
	CANAAN	19	3			20	5	47	1.42
	CONCORD	10			1	31	1	43	0.84
	EAST HAVEN	8				14		22	0.59
	FERDINAND	1				15		16	0.30
	GRANBY					10		10	0.26
	GUILDHALL	1				15		16	0.48
	LEMINGTON	1				12		13	0.37
	LEWIS					3		3	0.08
	LUNENBURG	15	3		2	34	4	58	1.29
	MAIDSTONE	2				6		8	0.26
	NORTON	9	1			26		36	0.95
	VICTORY					7		7	0.16
	WARNERS GRANT								0.00
WARREN GORE					2		2	0.22	
TOTAL		84	11	0	3	255	14	367	0.56
FRANKLIN	BAKERSFIELD	65	21		6	84	29	205	4.88
	BERKSHIRE	70	27	2	20	68	39	226	5.38
	ENOSBURG	121	16		16	92	23	268	5.58
	FAIRFAX	80	17	1	19	67	29	213	5.33
	FAIRFIELD	158	49	3	69	130	65	474	7.07
	FLETCHER	47	3		10	46	18	124	3.26
	FRANKLIN	77	22		14	90	27	230	6.05
	GEORGIA	50	11	1	15	49	20	146	3.74
	HIGHGATE	131	22	1	10	101	39	304	5.96
	MONTGOMERY	32	10		4	50	6	102	1.82
	RICHFORD	52	12	2	7	54	14	141	3.28
	SHELDON	70	19		11	67	38	205	5.26
	ST ALBANS	41	6	1	9	32	9	98	2.65
	SWANTON	42	10		9	49	9	119	2.48
	TOTAL		1,036	245	11	219	979	365	2,855

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GRAND ISLE	ALBURGH	51	8	3	15	54	13	144	4.97
	GRAND ISLE	59	3		10	24	8	104	6.50
	ISLE LA MOTTE	23	1		5	22	10	61	7.63
	NORTH HERO	37	3		4	24	10	78	6.50
	SOUTH HERO	61	14		10	26	14	125	8.33
	TOTAL		231	29	3	44	150	55	512
LAMOILLE	BELVIDERE	2		1		16	1	20	0.56
	CAMBRIDGE	55	8	1	7	65	24	160	2.54
	EDEN	17	3			33	2	55	0.87
	ELMORE	11	1			15	2	29	0.74
	HYDE PARK	36	9		6	34	4	89	2.34
	JOHNSON	43	3		1	48	11	106	2.36
	MORRISTOWN	38	5		3	37	8	91	1.78
	STOWE	30	3	1	4	51	14	103	1.43
	WATERVILLE	22			3	26	5	56	3.50
	WOLCOTT	42	6		8	32	8	96	2.46
TOTAL		296	38	3	32	357	79	805	1.74
ORANGE	BRADFORD	34	9		15	25	16	99	3.30
	BRAINTREE	13	3		6	26	13	61	1.61
	BROOKFIELD	24	1		5	23	5	58	1.41
	CHELSEA	25	8		5	44	11	93	2.33
	CORINTH	46	11		6	31	6	100	2.08
	FAIRLEE	21	6	1	8	21	6	63	3.15
	NEWBURY	46	9		6	42	10	113	1.77
	ORANGE	14	2		1	21	3	41	1.05
	RANDOLPH	46	9	1	4	33	24	117	2.44
	STRAFFORD	36	7		10	21	14	88	2.00
	THETFORD	64	11		1	48	19	143	3.33
	TOPSHAM	15	2		1	30	4	52	1.06
	TUNBRIDGE	44	6		9	45	14	118	2.62
	VERSHIRE	31	6		4	25	4	70	1.94
	WASHINGTON	13	2		1	20	11	47	1.21
	WEST FAIRLEE	11	1		1	18	1	32	1.39
WILLIAMSTOWN	64	3	2	10	41	14	134	3.35	
TOTAL		547	96	4	93	514	175	1,429	2.08
ORLEANS	ALBANY	14	7		6	26	6	59	1.55
	BARTON	43	11		1	37	7	99	2.30
	BROWNINGTON	33	6	1	5	32	3	80	2.86
	CHARLESTON	27	13		2	43	9	94	2.54
	COVENTRY	23	6		5	23	9	66	2.44
	CRAFTSBURY	28	7	1	2	43	6	87	2.23
	DERBY	80	23		9	67	17	196	4.00
	GLOVER	13	8	1	4	35	5	66	1.74
	GREENSBORO	13	1	1		30	5	50	1.32

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County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct Muzzle	Regular	Dec Muzzle	Total	Harvest/ Sq. Mile
ORLEANS <i>(cont.)</i>	HOLLAND	24	6	1	1	51	5	88	2.32
	IRASBURG	33	6		2	51	9	101	2.53
	JAY	11	1		1	22	3	38	1.12
	LOWELL	18	6			33	1	58	1.04
	MORGAN	17	5	2	4	27	3	58	1.87
	NEWPORT	62	13		2	56	13	146	3.56
	TROY	39	12		4	50	19	124	3.44
	WESTFIELD	7				17	1	25	0.63
	WESTMORE	1	3			16	3	23	0.68
	TOTAL		486	134	7	48	659	124	1,458
RUTLAND	BENSON	12	6		5	61	11	95	2.21
	BRANDON	20	2	1	8	37	14	82	2.05
	CASTLETON	26	9		7	43	21	106	2.72
	CHITTENDEN	13	1		5	43	8	70	0.96
	CLARENDON	38	9		4	47	11	109	3.52
	DANBY	15	1		4	29	9	58	1.38
	FAIR HAVEN	11	4		5	20	5	45	2.65
	HUBBARDTON	21	2		8	33	15	79	2.93
	IRA	8	6		5	19	7	45	2.05
	KILLINGTON					6	2	8	0.17
	MENDON	6	1			16	1	24	0.63
	MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	12	3		10	20	12	57	2.48
	MOUNT HOLLY	24	1		1	48	9	83	1.73
	MOUNT TABOR	2			1	8	4	15	0.34
	PAWLET	21	3		17	66	21	128	2.98
	PITTSFIELD	1	2			12	1	16	0.80
	PITTSFORD	32	8		12	53	20	125	2.91
	POULTNEY	26	13	1	17	56	22	135	3.21
	PROCTOR	6	1		6	3	3	19	2.71
	RUTLAND	20	1		5	21	13	60	3.16
	SHREWSBURY	9	2		3	34	5	53	1.08
	SUDBURY	7	6		2	28	4	47	2.24
	TINMOUTH	13	2		3	27	20	65	2.24
	WALLINGFORD	29	8		2	38	12	89	2.07
	WELLS	22	9		5	39	12	87	3.95
	WEST HAVEN	13	7		6	38	8	72	2.67
	WEST RUTLAND	15	3		3	18	16	55	3.06
	TOTAL		422	110	2	144	863	286	1,827

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County	Town	Archery	Youth	Novice	Oct Muzzle	Regular	Dec Muzzle	Total	Harvest/ Sq. Mile
WASHINGTON	BARRE	91	7	1	7	42	14	162	5.23
	BERLIN	46	7		5	43	9	110	3.06
	CABOT	17	1		2	31	2	53	1.43
	CALAIS	28	3			28	3	62	1.63
	DUXBURY	11	3	2	2	13	3	34	0.79
	EAST MONTPELIER	70	8		5	44	6	133	4.16
	FAYSTON	13			2	24	3	42	1.17
	MARSHFIELD	20	2	1	1	34	3	61	1.42
	MIDDLESEX	48	4		5	45	3	105	2.69
	MONTPELIER	22	1		1	5	1	30	3.00
	MORETOWN	25	1		1	19	5	51	1.28
	NORTHFIELD	25	3	1	3	29	7	68	1.51
	PLAINFIELD	34	2		3	23	4	66	3.14
	ROXBURY	8				13	1	22	0.52
	WAITSFIELD	20	3		1	25	2	51	1.96
	WARREN	22	1			20	2	45	1.13
	WATERBURY	36	3		2	39	12	92	1.92
	WOODBURY	9		1		15	1	26	0.68
	WORCESTER	5	2		1	14		22	0.56
		TOTAL	550	51	6	41	506	81	1,235
WINDHAM	ATHENS		1		1	3		5	0.36
	BRATTLEBORO	45	1		9	29	7	91	2.84
	BROOKLINE	5				9	4	18	1.38
	DOVER	11				13	4	28	0.78
	DUMMERSTON	28	5		11	50	20	114	3.68
	GRAFTON	3	1			16	1	21	0.55
	GUILFORD	56	5		18	40	19	138	3.54
	HALIFAX	15	1		6	22	11	55	1.38
	JAMAICA	5	2		2	31	9	49	1.00
	LONDONDERRY	9	3	1		24	4	41	1.17
	MARLBORO	9			1	18	6	34	0.85
	NEWFANE	7			3	33	3	46	1.15
	PUTNEY	25	3		3	25	11	67	2.48
	ROCKINGHAM	25	2		5	26	6	64	1.56
	SOMERSET	1				6		7	0.28
	STRATTON					13		13	0.28
	TOWNSHEND	1			1	23	1	26	0.62
	VERNON	17	2		3	20	2	44	2.32
	WARDSBORO	3				16	3	22	0.76
	WESTMINSTER	16	2		3	22	10	53	1.18
WHITINGHAM	20	5			30	2	57	1.54	
WILMINGTON	35	2		5	25	4	71	1.78	
WINDHAM	4				11	1	16	0.62	
	TOTAL	340	35	1	71	505	128	1,080	1.38

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WINDSOR	ANDOVER	2	1		2	23	1	29	1.00
	BALTIMORE	1	1			5	3	10	2.00
	BARNARD	5			3	14	12	34	0.71
	BETHEL	11	2	1	4	21	6	45	1.00
	BRIDGEWATER	5			1	24	4	34	0.68
	CAVENDISH	18	1		3	30	8	60	1.54
	CHESTER	14	1		2	39	10	66	1.18
	HARTFORD	59	7		9	38	19	132	2.93
	HARTLAND	46	3	1	22	37	22	131	2.91
	LUDLOW	14	5		2	24	5	50	1.39
	NORWICH	91	7	1	14	42	33	188	4.27
	PLYMOUTH	3			1	14	2	20	0.41
	POMFRET	7	3		6	23	17	56	1.44
	READING	2	1		2	25	3	33	0.80
	ROCHESTER	9	2			20	8	39	0.68
	ROYALTON	33	5	1	4	24	14	81	2.03
	SHARON	23			5	18	5	51	1.28
	SPRINGFIELD	52	9		17	42	22	142	2.90
	STOCKBRIDGE	10	1			20	2	33	0.72
	WEATHERSFIELD	18	3		6	28	13	68	1.58
WEST WINDSOR	6	1		2	22	7	38	1.52	
WESTON	2				11		13	0.37	
WINDSOR	9	3		6	13	7	38	2.00	
WOODSTOCK	30	4		9	40	19	102	2.32	
	TOTAL	470	60	4	120	597	242	1,493	1.54
STATE	TOTAL	5,877	1,050	55	1,114	7,293	2,072	17,461	1.90

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:

anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/

Figure 10. Distribution of Vermont's 2022 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.

