

Nova Scotia Deer Harvest Information

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Reported Harvest	11,158	10,155	10,053	10,522	11,950
Total Antlered Deer Harvested	8,187	7,323	7,606	7,785	8,935
Total Antlerless Deer Harvested	2,980	2,559	2,464	2,226	2,903
Total License Sales	30,954	48,040	48,702	48,557	48,958
General Stamp Hunter Success (%)	36.0	18.6	19.1	18.7	21.0
Archery & Muzzleloader Stamps Issued	8918	14,762	16,537	17,007	17,541
Deer Harvested Under Archery & Muzzleloader Stamp	4,070	3,629	4,138	3,884	4,641
Archery and Muzzleloader Stamp Hunter Success (%)	45.6	24.5	25.0	22.8	26.5
Non-Resident Licenses	178	236	399	508	498
Fetuses per 100 Adult Does (> 2.5 years)	107	101	85	105	102
Mean Yearling Antler Beam Diameter (mm)	19.6	19.1	18.7	17.8	18.3
Proportion of Herd Nutritionally Stressed (%) **	8.8	9.4	10.6	14.5	27.8

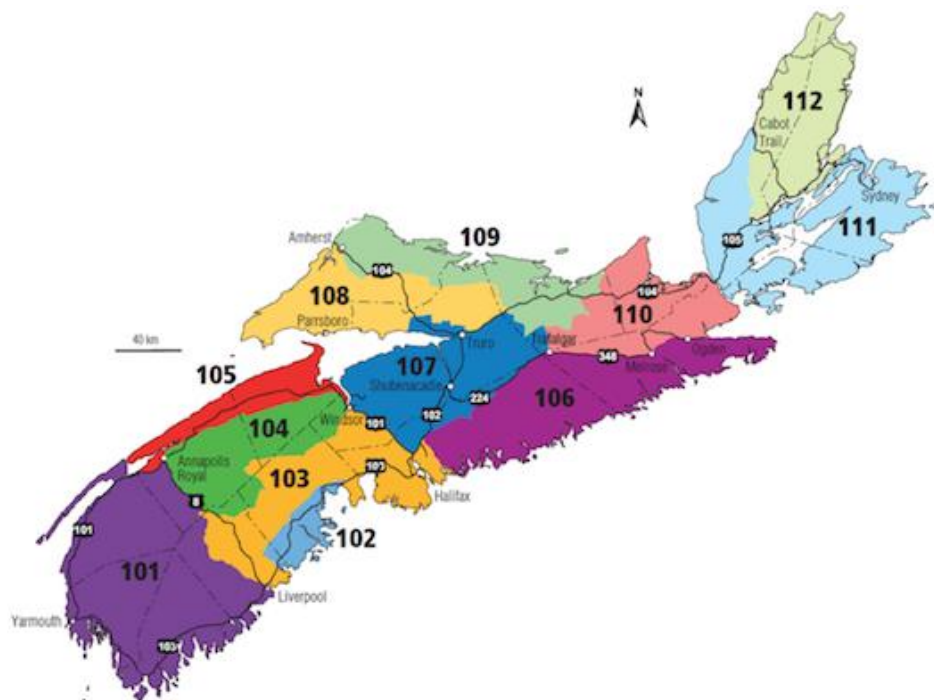
** Determined by assessing bone marrow fat content.

REMINDER: It is **MANDATORY** to report on your hunting license, regardless of success. The Department of Natural Resources relies on harvest reporting data for important management decisions, and so efforts to improve this reporting compliance level will be made over the coming hunting seasons.

Deer Harvest Information by Zone. Shows bucks killed and (antlerless) killed.

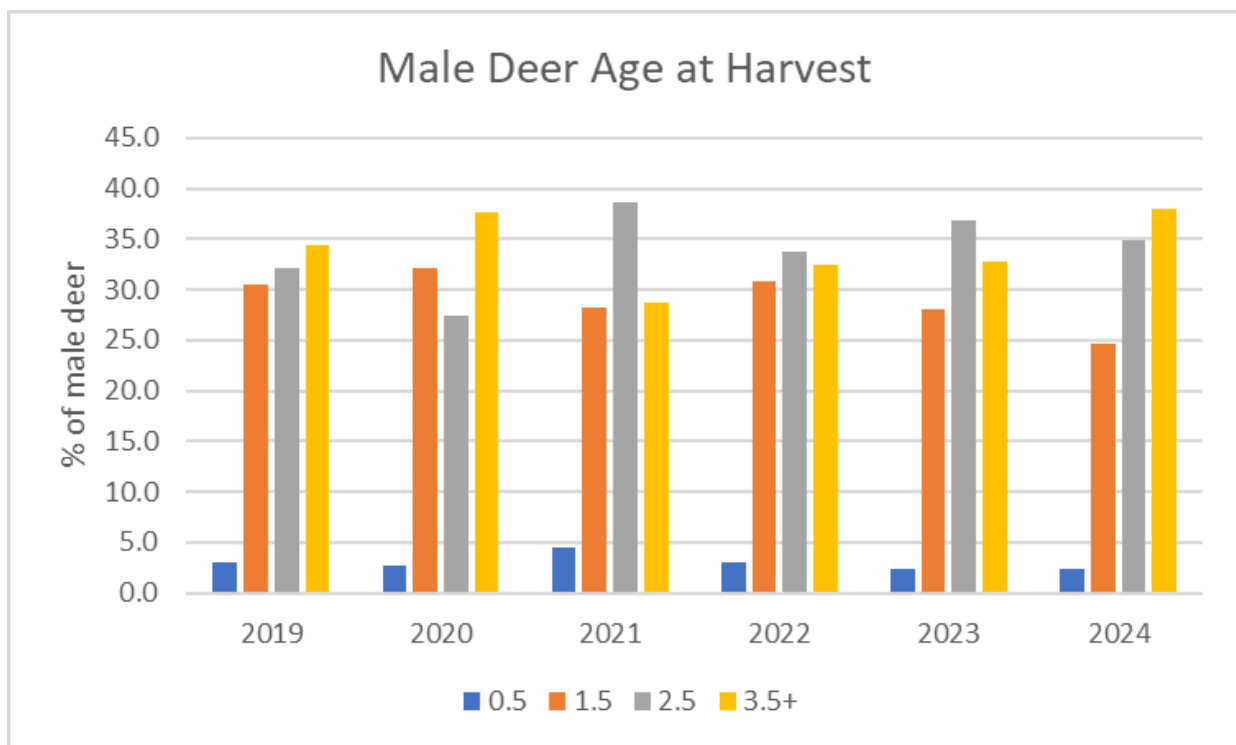
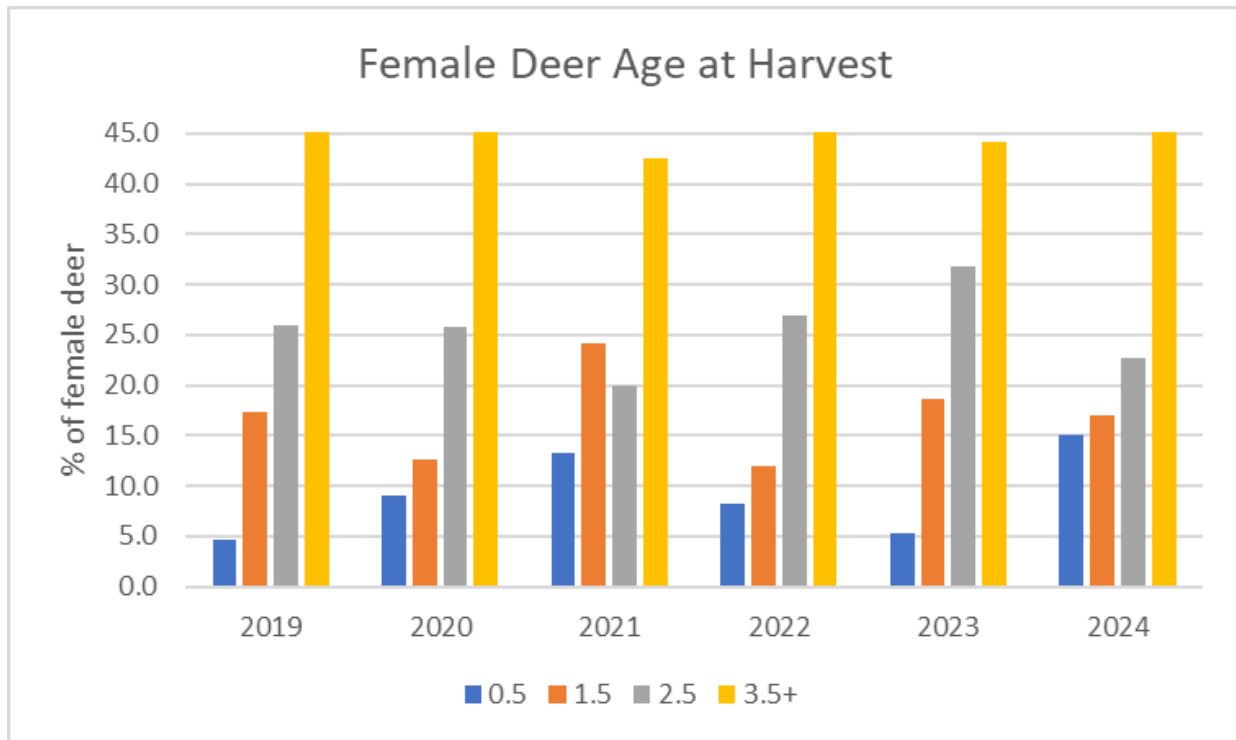
Deer management zones	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
101	1,629 (460)	1,421 (616)	1,517 (537)	1,314 (470)	1,653 (560)
102	552 (332)	628 (251)	605 (290)	611 (245)	646 (302)
103	1,064 (369)	1,071 (279)	1,091 (264)	1,176 (288)	1,325 (340)
104	358 (89)	346 (82)	433 (75)	419 (54)	394 (56)
105	466 (203)	373 (153)	380 (126)	341 (115)	301 (115)
106	462 (94)	443 (127)	451 (91)	564 (116)	592 (131)
107	1,640 (762)	1,333 (573)	1,386 (652)	1,407 (524)	1,581 (717)
108	412 (72)	362 (121)	362 (79)	363 (75)	436 (107)
109	758 (421)	620 (262)	557 (260)	615 (229)	756 (307)
110	279 (65)	302 (83)	316 (72)	372 (78)	417 (136)
111	433 (0)	374 (8)	427 (11)	520 (17)	690 (101)
112	46 (0)	37 (4)	81 (7)	71 (12)	136 (28)
*Total	8,149 (2,867)	7,310 (2,559)	7,606 (2,464)	7,773 (2,223)	8,935 (2,903)

*Totals do not equal Total Deer Harvest reported because of unknown sexes reported

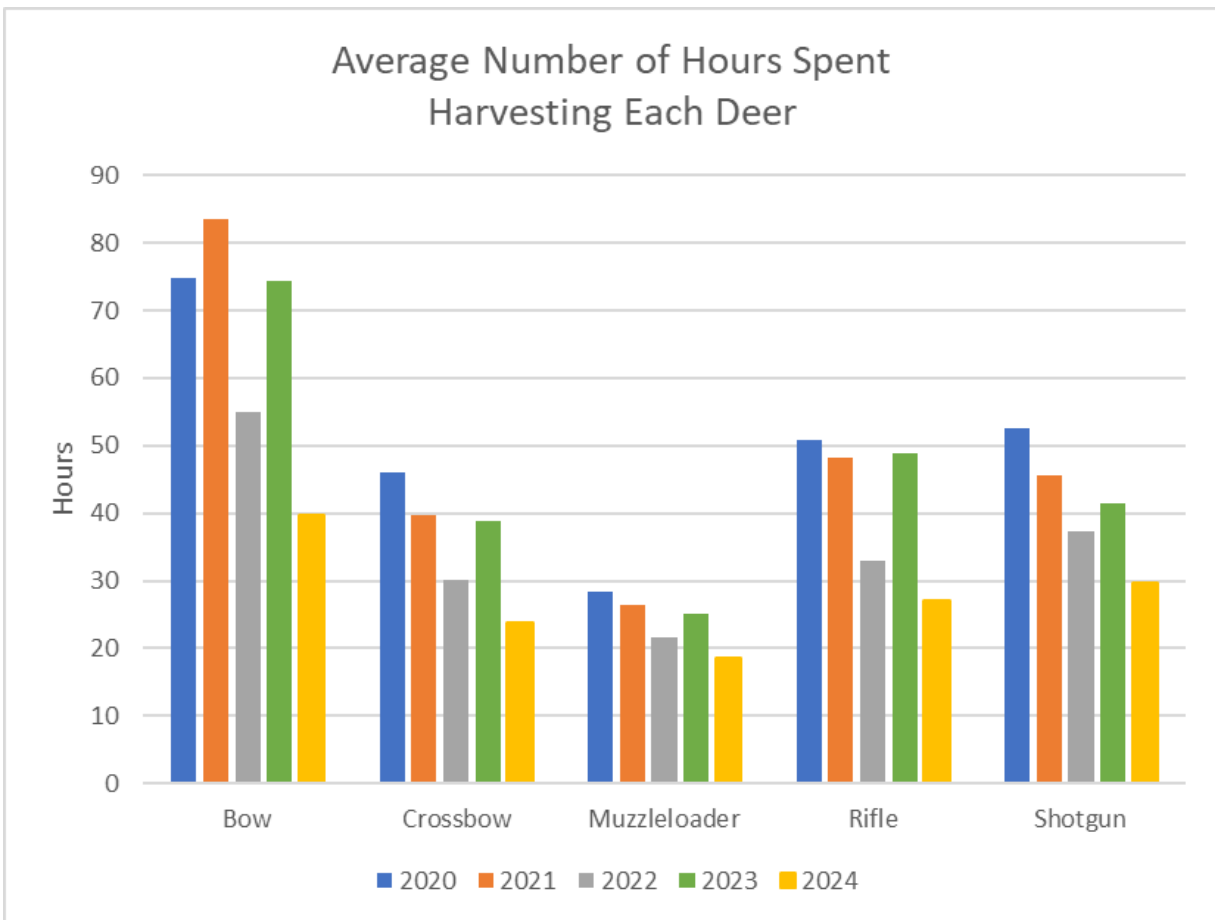


For more information on deer hunting zones and season information please visit <https://novascotia.ca/natr/hunt/>

Age Distribution of Harvested Deer

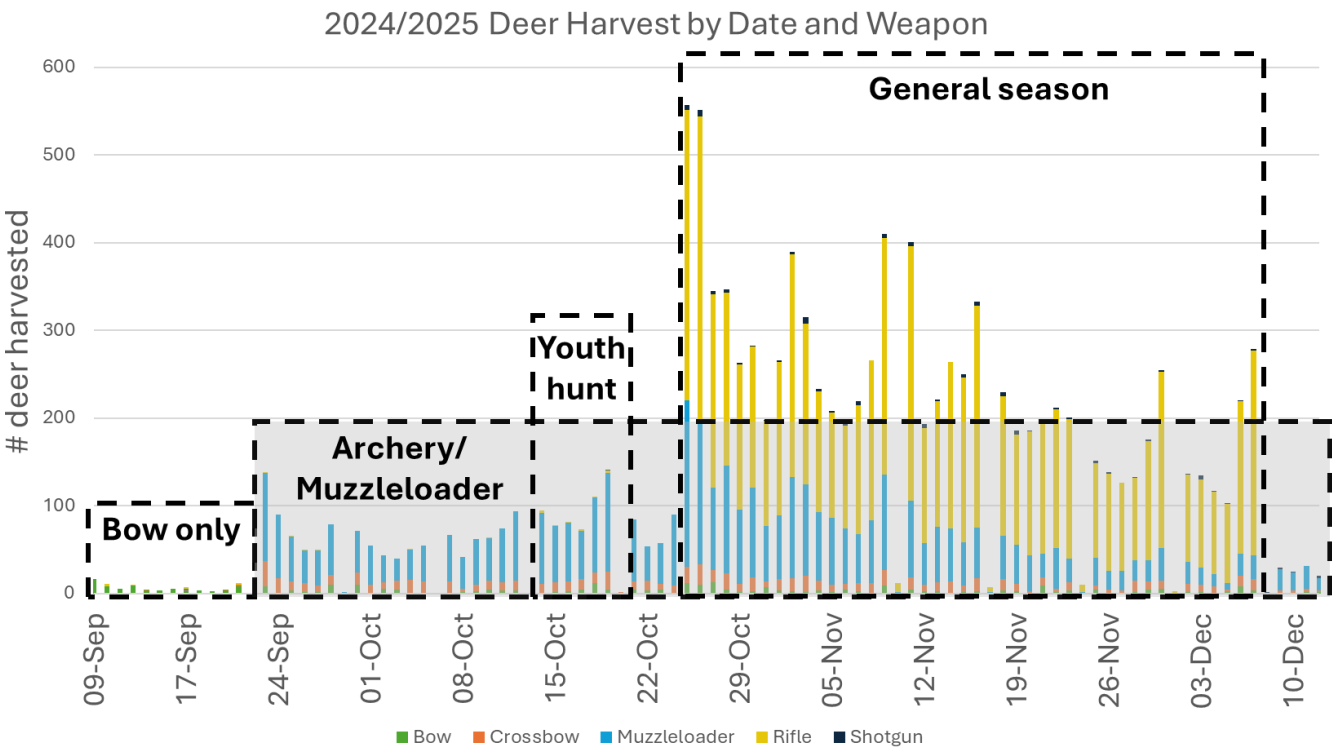


Harvest Effort



Harvest effort was calculated using the total number of hours hunters reported hunting with each weapon type and then dividing this sum by the total number of deer killed using each weapon type. To improve the accuracy of this measure, all hunters should report all hours they spent hunting, even when they are not successful.

2024-25 Deer Harvest by Date and Weapon



All results are based on records submitted before September 9th, 2025.