

Nova Scotia Deer Harvest Information

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Reported Harvest	10,155	10,053	10,522	11,950	11,345
Total Antlered Deer Harvested	7,323	7,606	7,785	8,935	8,231
Total Antlerless Deer Harvested	2,559	2,464	2,226	2,903	3,114
Total Licence Sales	48,040	48,702	48,557	48,958	46,077
Archery & Muzzleloader Stamps Issued	14,762	16,537	17,007	17,541	17,776
Deer Harvested Under Archery & Muzzleloader Stamp	3,629	4,138	3,884	4,641	4,827
Archery and Muzzleloader Stamp Hunter Success (%)	24.5	25.0	22.8	26.5	27.2
General Stamps Issued	33,042	31,766	31,042	30,919	27,804
Deer Harvested Under General Stamp	6,204	6,080	5,881	7,158	5,795
General Stamp Hunter Success (%)	18.6	19.1	18.7	21.0	20.8
Bonus Stamps Issued	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,397	2,027
Non-Resident Licences Issued	236	399	508	498	497
Fetuses per 100 Adult Does (> 2.5 years)	101	85	105	102	89
Mean Yearling Antler Beam Diameter (mm)	19.1	18.7	17.8	18.3	17.8
Proportion of Herd Nutritionally Stressed (%) **	9.4	10.6	14.5	27.8	17.1

** Determined by assessing bone marrow fat content.

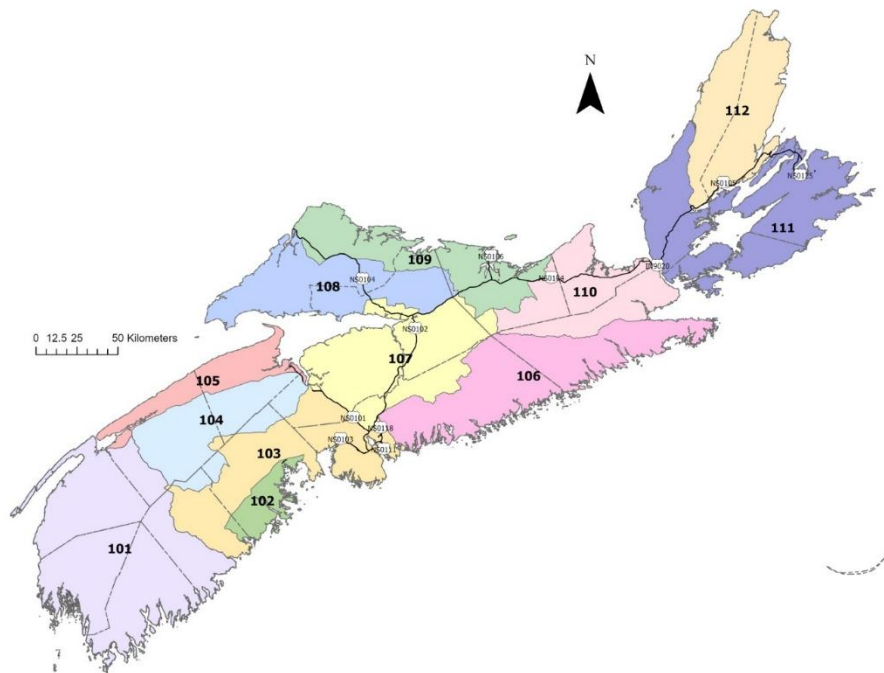
REMINDER: It is **MANDATORY** to report on your hunting Licence, regardless of success. The Department of Natural Resources relies on harvest reporting data for important management decisions, and so efforts to improve this reporting compliance level will be made over the coming hunting seasons.

Deer Harvest Information by Zone

Shows bucks and (antlerless) killed

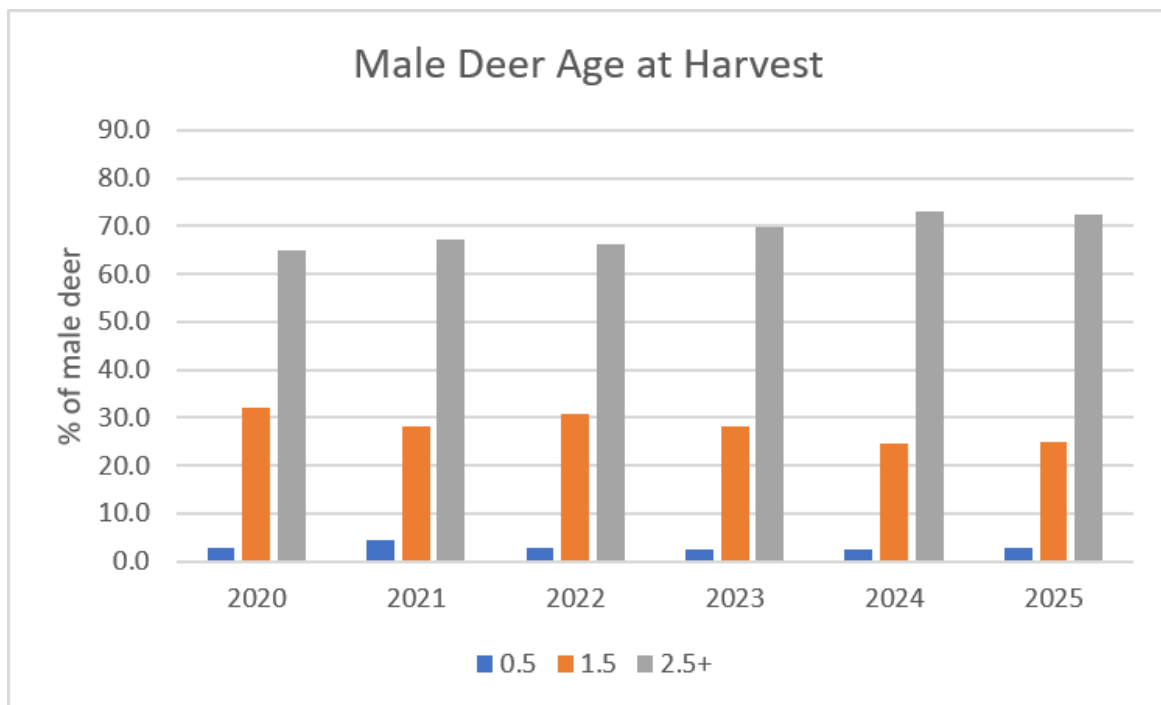
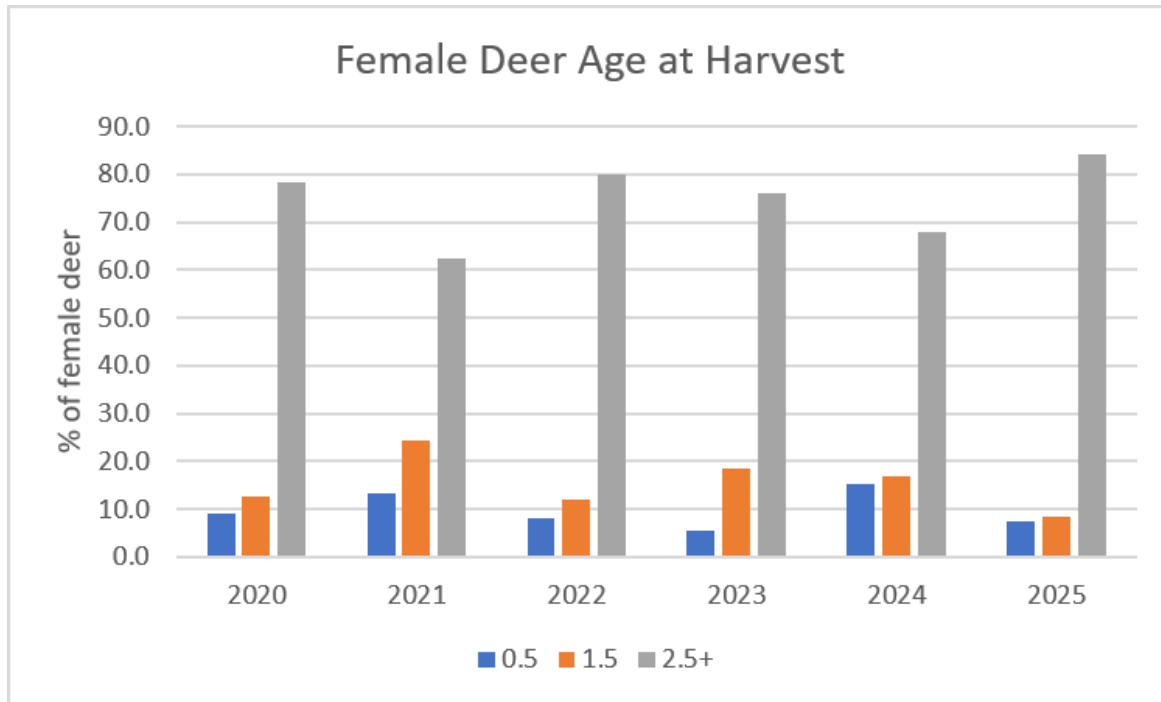
Deer management zones	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
101	1,421 (616)	1,517 (537)	1,314 (470)	1,653 (560)	1,508 (600)
102	628 (251)	605 (290)	611 (245)	646 (302)	621 (343)
103	1,071 (279)	1,091 (264)	1,176 (288)	1,325 (340)	1,241 (366)
104	346 (82)	433 (75)	419 (54)	394 (56)	496 (100)
105	373 (153)	380 (126)	341 (115)	301 (115)	288 (129)
106	443 (127)	451 (91)	564 (116)	592 (131)	551 (132)
107	1,333 (573)	1,386 (652)	1,407 (524)	1,581 (717)	1,323 (796)
108	362 (121)	362 (79)	363 (75)	436 (107)	409 (128)
109	620 (262)	557 (260)	615 (229)	756 (307)	677 (277)
110	302 (83)	316 (72)	372 (78)	417 (136)	389 (106)
111	374 (8)	427 (11)	520 (17)	690 (101)	636 (117)
112	37 (4)	81 (7)	71 (12)	136 (28)	92 (20)
*Total	7,310 (2,559)	7,606 (2,464)	7,773 (2,223)	8,935 (2,903)	8,233 (3,114)

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



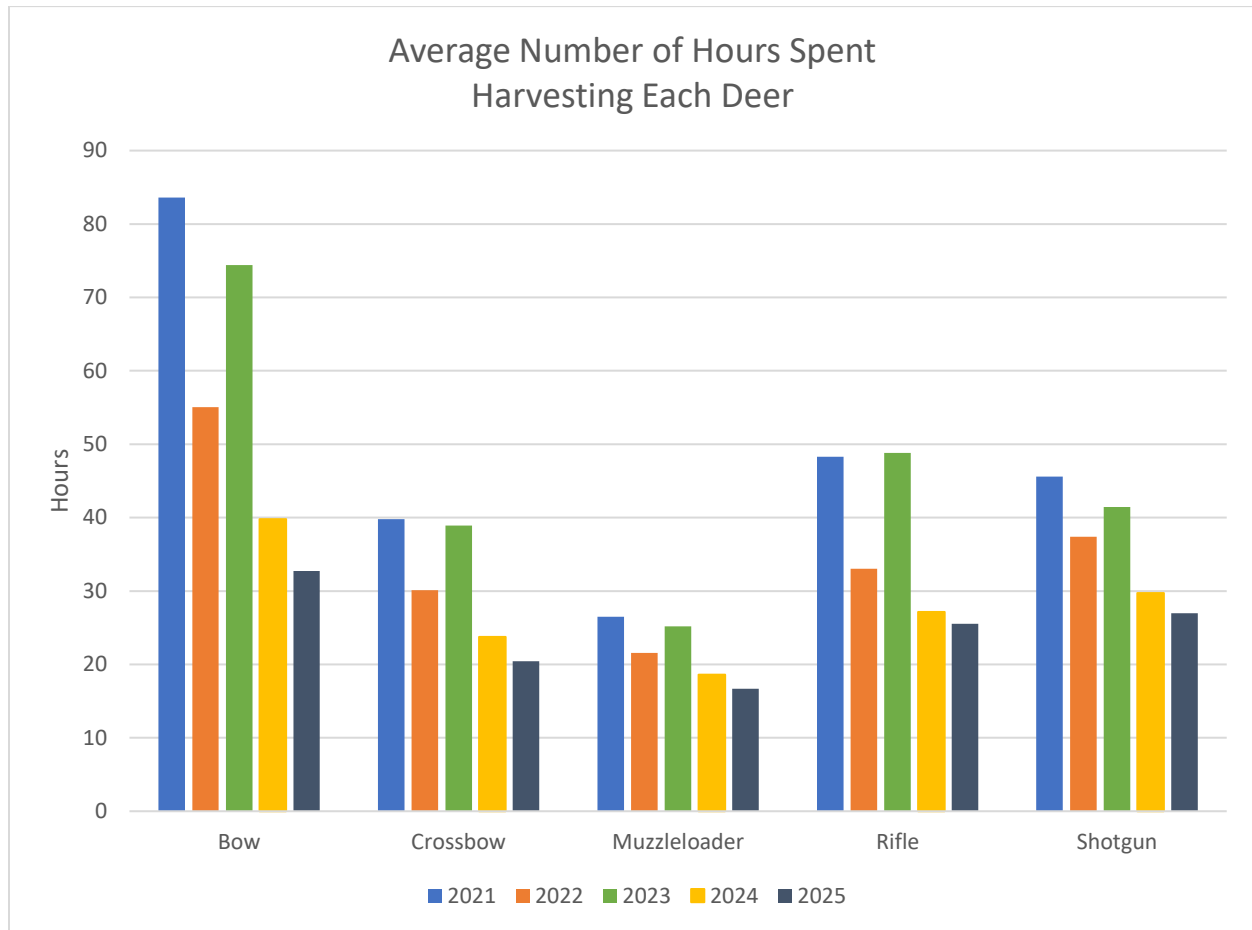
For more information on deer hunting zones and season information please visit [DNR Hunting in Nova Scotia](#) and [Hunting and Fur Harvesting Summary of Regulations](#). For an interactive DMZ map, please visit [Deer Management Zones Map](#).

Age Distribution of Harvested Deer



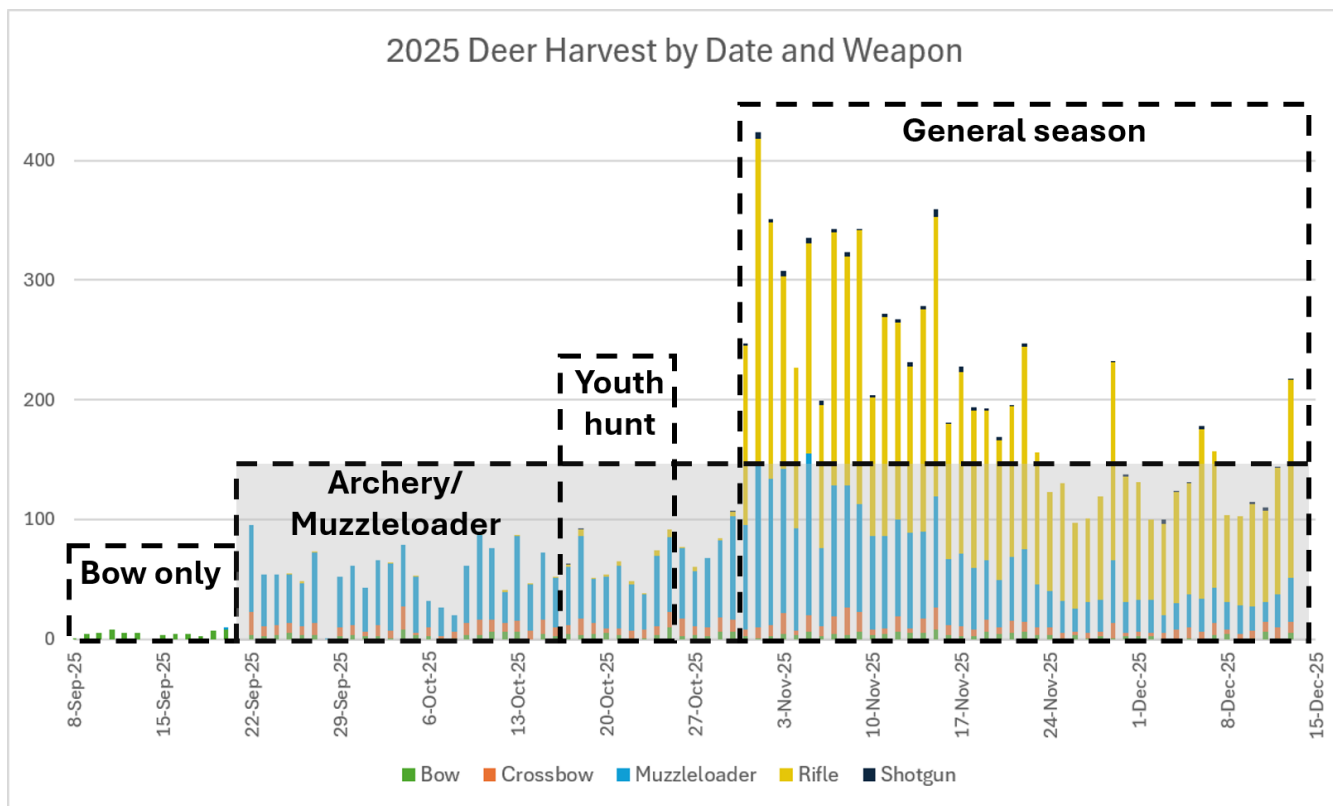
*Recent changes to the deer aging estimates has increased accuracy. Deer are now grouped into three age categories: 0.5 years (fawns), 1.5 years, and 2.5+ years.

Harvest Effort



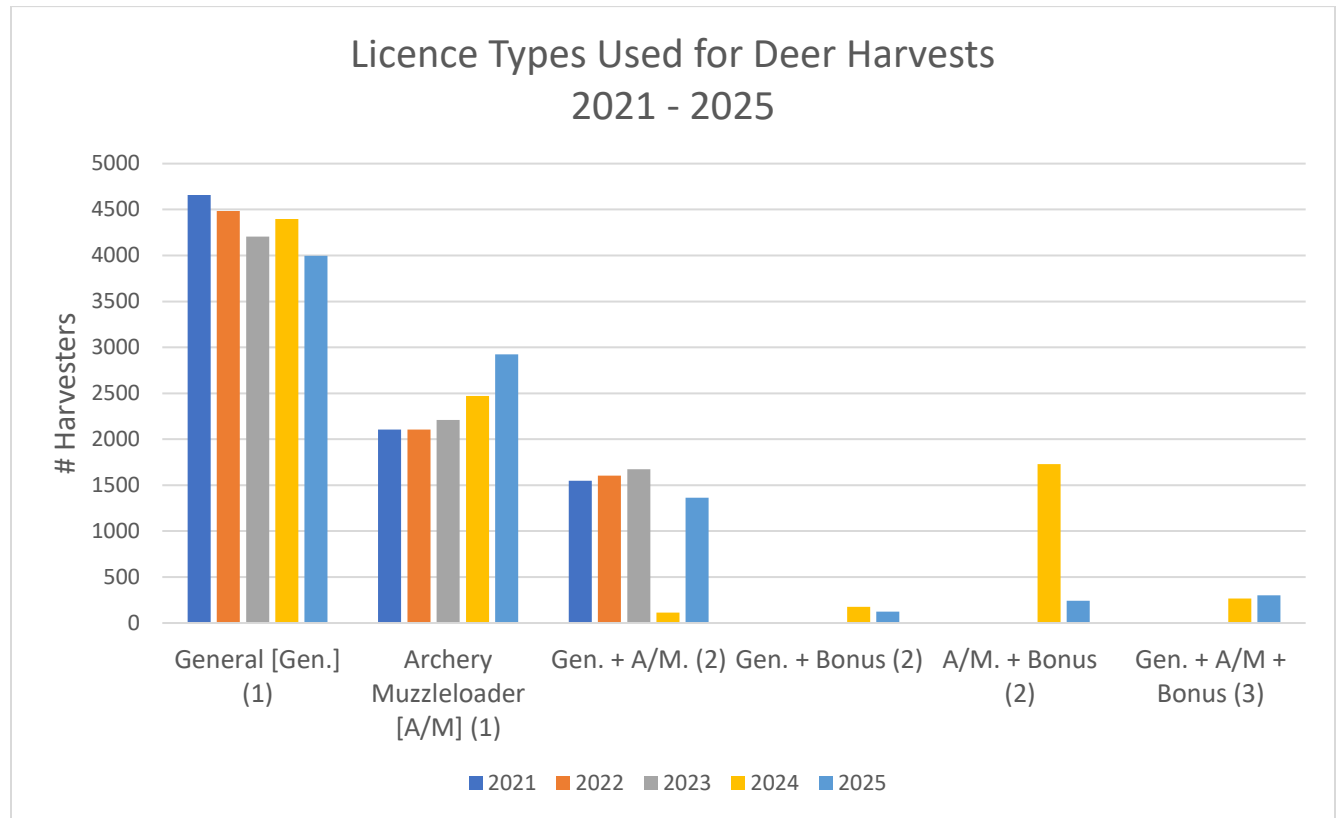
Harvest effort was calculated using the total number of hours hunters reported hunting with each weapon type and then dividing this sum by the total number of deer harvested using each weapon type. To improve the accuracy of this measure, all hunters should report all hours they spent hunting, even when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

2025 Deer Harvest by Date and Weapon



All results are based on records submitted before June 4th, 2026.

Deer Harvested per Licence Type



This graph shows the licence combinations used to harvest deer from 2021 to 2025. Numbers in brackets show how many deer were harvested by each hunter: (1) = one deer, (2) = two deer, and (3) = three deer. Hunters who harvested more than one deer used different licence types for each deer. Bonus stamps were reintroduced in 2024 after several years without being available.