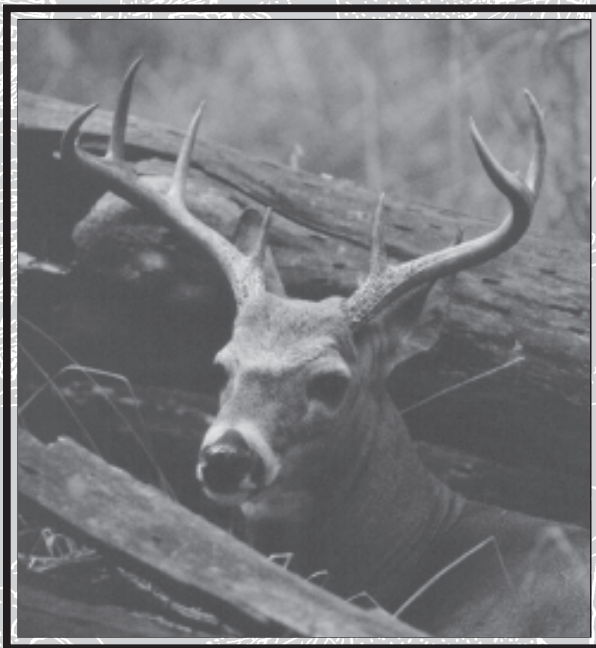


2004 VERMONT WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST REPORT



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Overview

Vermont deer hunters harvested 11,925 deer in 2004, including 7,648 antlered bucks (bucks with 3 inch or longer antlers) and 4,277 antlerless deer. The 2004 harvest ranked below the 30-year average (14,107), but remained well above the low harvest of 6,630 deer recorded in 1983 (Figure 1). Both the archery season and youth season produced harvests that were near averages for recent years, and muzzleloader hunters harvested over 600 bucks (604) for the sixth straight year. However, the 2004 November rifle season harvest fell below expectations. Antlered bucks made up 63% of the annual harvest, 27% were does and 10% were fawns (Figure 2). Of the 7,648 bucks with three-inch or longer antlers reported in 2004, 2,059 (27%) were taken in archery, youth and muzzleloader seasons. Expanded hunting opportunities in archery, youth, and muzzleloader seasons have resulted in greater numbers of bucks being taken outside of the traditional November rifle season in recent years.

Several factors may have caused the lower November harvest, including a reduced deer population, declining hunter numbers and hunting effort, poor hunting conditions in late November, deer behavior, declining deer habitat and reduced hunter access to private lands. Low-density deer populations translate to fewer sightings and harvest by hunters. The deer population was reduced by the severity of the winters of 2001, 2003 and 2004. Herd size estimates declined from a high of 160,000 deer in 2000 to 120,000 in 2004. Despite significant decreases in antlerless harvests in recent years, the herd has not increased to population levels prescribed in the 1997-2006 Deer Management Plan. The influence of winter severity on the deer population is significant in Vermont, and is reflected in all-season antlered buck harvests (Figure 3). Because the archery, youth and muzzleloader seasons produced harvests close to expectations, other factors besides deer numbers appear to have contributed to the decreased rifle season harvest in 2004.

Hunter license sales in Vermont continue to follow the nationwide decreasing trend (Figure 4), and fewer hunters afield can have a negative influence on harvest. Data from the department's 2004 hunter effort survey indicate Vermont hunters spent only a fraction of the available hunting time afield during the November rifle season. About 76% of licensed hunters actually hunted on opening weekend, compared to 83% of hunters participating on opening weekend in 1999 (Figure 5). Most hunting pressure occurred on the three weekends of the 16-day season. Less than half of Vermont deer hunters pursued deer on weekdays (Figure 6). Not only were fewer hunters in the woods during weekdays, but also those who did hunt spent fewer hours hunting each day than they did on weekends (Figure 7).

The November rifle season began with cold and dry hunting conditions. The weather soon became warm and dry, and then turned cold at the end of the season. Over much of the State, hunters did not find any snow for the entire 16-day period. Lack of snow severely limits hunters' ability to locate and assess deer activity, and to spot deer. Fall foods such as beechnuts and apples were scarce and scattered in 2004. Hunters reported that the lack of natural foods may have resulted in abnormal deer activity patterns that further hampered deer sightings and harvest.

Deer habitat has changed as Vermont's human population has increased from 330,000 to 610,000 people in the last 40 years. Houses have now been built in places that were once good

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deer wintering areas and good hunting lands. The number of dairy farms in the State (and land in agricultural use) has declined by 50% since 1960. Much of the farmland that provided early successional forest, with good browse and cover for deer, is now covered with more mature and less productive woodlands. Despite the long term reduction in the amount and quality of deer habitat, the size of Vermont's deer herd can increase above current levels if future winters are mild.

Throughout the state, private landowners are posting greater amounts of land against public hunting and restricting hunter access to deer. Registered posted land, which is recorded at local town clerks' offices, has increased from 106,007 acres in 1969 to 214,329 acres in 2004. Additional land is posted against trespass but goes unrecorded at town offices.

Harvest by Season

Archery season accounted for 30% (3,576) of the 11,925 deer harvested in 2004 (Figure 8). Youth Season produced 11% (1,353 deer), 47% (5,589) were taken in Rifle Season, and an additional 12% (1,407 deer) were recorded in Muzzleloader Season.

Archery Season: Archers harvested 3,576 deer in 2004 (Figure 9), including 2,074 adult does (58%), 1,073 (30%) bucks with three-inch or longer antlers, and 429 (12%) fawns (Figure 10). Three hundred twenty-two archers harvested a "second" deer during the archery season (Figure 11). The age and sex composition of these second deer compares closely with that of the first and resembles harvest patterns of the previous 10 years.

Youth Season: An estimated 7,000 youths (15 year-olds and under) reported 1,353 deer during the two-day youth season, or 11% less than the average harvest of 1,525 deer recorded during the first two weekend-long youth seasons held in 2002 and 2003. Youths took 649 adult does (48%), 322 fawns (24%), and 382 (28%) bucks with three-inch or longer antlers (Figure 12).

November Rifle Season: Hunters took 5,589 bucks with three-inch or longer antlers in the 16-day 2004 rifle season (Figure 13). The lack of tracking snow and sparse fall foods compounded the difficulties of locating deer among a herd that has been reduced by a pattern of severe winters, and likely contributed to the low November harvest. However, the pattern of daily harvest during the 2004 season remained consistent with previous years, as the majority of bucks (38%) were harvested on the opening weekend (Figure 14). This early kill was lower than the 45% – 50% of November harvests that were produced on opening weekends from 1994 to 2003. The second and third weekends also produced elevated daily harvests, correlating with heightened hunter pressure on these days (Figures 6, 7).

Muzzleloader Season: Muzzleloader hunters harvested 604 antlered bucks during the late 9-day season. This is the eighth consecutive year that hunters took more than 600 antlered bucks during muzzleloader season. Antlerless deer harvests were greatly reduced once again in 2004 due to reduced numbers of antlerless permits that were prescribed in response to severe winters (Table 1). The 4,814 antlerless permit holders were restricted to hunting within 7 of the 24 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs). They generated a harvest of 803 antlerless deer and a 16.6% success rate (Figures 15, 16).

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Geographic Distribution of Harvest

The deer harvest was well distributed across the state. Deer were harvested in all 14 counties (Table 2) and in all of the 24 WMUs (Table 3). However, only 5 WMUs (WMU A, B, F1, F2, and P) produced harvests in 2004 that approached the levels prescribed in the long-term Deer Management Plan (Table 4).

Number of Deer Bagged per Hunter

As in recent years, the overwhelming majority of successful Vermont deer hunters tagged one deer. Hunters harvesting one deer in 2004 accounted for 90% of the harvest, or 10,732 deer. Hunters harvesting two and three deer accounted for 8% (954 deer) and 2% (239 deer) of the harvest, respectively (Figure 17). Most of the antlered buck harvest (95 %) was also taken by hunters that harvested a single buck (7,292), as only 4% of successful buck hunters (335) took a second deer, and 21 hunters (less than 1%) tagged a third buck.

Large Deer

Each year many hunters ask about the largest body weights of deer harvested. Forty-six bucks that field dressed at 200 pounds or more were reported to the department over the 2004 seasons (Table 5).

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Table 1. Antlerless permit applications, authorized permit numbers, and harvest success.

WMU	Resident Landowner	Nonresident Landowner	Resident Lottery	Nonresident Lottery	Total Applications	Permits Available	Harvest	%
A	39	0	508	17	564	780	98	17.3
B	397	3	3573	45	4018	2495	408	16.3
F1	56	0	723	19	798	566	89	15.7
F2	92	0	545	11	648	165	37	22.4
H2	64	10	300	27	401	95	43	45.2
O2	68	4	818	5	895	490	86	17.5
Q	40	7	415	56	518	223	41	18.3
Total	756	24	6,882	180	7,842	4,814	802	17.4

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Table 2. 2004 Vermont deer harvest by town, county, and season.

ADDISON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
ADDISON		2	5	21	11	39	1.56
BRIDPORT		5	4	8	9	26	1.02
BRISTOL		6	5	20	3	34	0.96
CORNWALL		13	2	24	8	47	2.58
FERRISBURG		17	8	40	20	85	2.83
GOSHEN		0	0	5	0	5	0.23
GRANVILLE		0	0	1	0	1	0.02
HANCOCK		0	1	4	2	7	0.20
LEICESTER		4	1	9	3	17	0.89
LINCOLN		4	4	14	2	24	0.63
MIDDLEBURY		22	12	34	12	80	3.62
MONKTON		8	3	24	13	48	1.52
NEW HAVEN		15	10	48	15	88	3.64
ORWELL		18	15	37	6	76	2.49
PANTON		3	0	4	3	10	1.06
RIPTON		4	1	21	2	28	0.60
SALISBURY		6	2	14	4	26	1.37
SHOREHAM		8	8	26	8	50	1.77
STARKSBORO		7	3	21	3	34	0.85
VERGENNES		0	0	0	1	1	0.00
WALTHAM		2	0	5	5	12	2.40
WEYBRIDGE		1	4	6	11	22	2.29
WHITING		3	0	6	1	10	0.80
TOTAL		148	88	392	142	770	1.32

BENNINGTON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
ARLINGTON		16	8	68	2	94	2.41
BENNINGTON		47	15	79	2	143	4.70
DORSET		6	2	32	3	43	1.01
GLASTENBURY		1	0	10	0	11	0.25
LANDGROVE		0	0	1	0	1	0.12
MANCHESTER		6	2	23	3	34	0.93
PERU		1	0	6	1	8	0.22
POWNAL		41	17	76	5	139	3.14
READSBORO		7	6	19	2	34	1.06
RUPERT		18	18	64	2	102	2.45
SANDGATE		14	5	38	3	60	1.52
SEARSBURG		1	0	7	1	9	0.47
SHAFTSBURY		40	15	79	3	137	3.53
STAMFORD		5	0	18	1	24	0.59
SUNDERLAND		9	4	10	1	24	0.55
WINHALL		0	0	5	0	5	0.12
WOODFORD		2	0	15	3	20	0.44
TOTAL		214	92	550	32	888	1.43

CALEDONIA

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
BARNET		30	12	32	11	85	2.49
BURKE		5	5	20	3	33	1.33
DANVILLE		25	9	21	13	68	1.39
GROTON		16	6	26	0	48	1.58
HARDWICK		33	14	24	3	74	2.43
KIRBY		1	4	9	0	14	0.75
LYNDON		16	16	18	7	57	1.89
NEWARK		4	0	11	1	16	0.48
PEACHAM		20	7	17	3	47	1.23
RYEGATE		34	15	34	11	94	3.02
SHEFFIELD		1	0	12	0	13	0.48
ST JOHNSBURY		31	4	28	3	66	2.50
STANNARD		2	0	3	3	8	0.78
SUTTON		4	8	17	1	30	0.88
WALDEN		12	1	17	4	34	1.05
WATERFORD		36	29	38	10	113	3.63
WHELOCK		4	2	16	3	25	0.79
TOTAL		274	132	343	76	825	1.56

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CHITTENDEN

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
BOLTON		1	1	15	1	18	0.47
BUELLS GORE		0	0	2	0	2	0.47
BURLINGTON		1	0	0	0	1	0.00
CHARLOTTE		16	8	24	14	62	2.52
COLCHESTER		27	4	24	13	68	2.75
ESSEX		26	2	18	14	60	2.33
HINESBURG		18	6	29	11	64	2.18
HUNTINGTON		11	2	23	5	41	1.50
JERICO		30	2	30	16	78	2.45
MILTON		25	14	49	24	112	3.02
RICHMOND		14	2	24	8	48	1.78
SHELBURNE		25	1	3	2	31	1.85
SOUTH BURLINGTON		1	0	0	0	1	0.10
ST GEORGE		1	0	1	1	3	1.15
UNDERHILL		35	12	34	23	104	2.26
WESTFORD		32	14	34	20	100	3.37
WILLISTON		21	2	21	6	50	2.37
WINOOSKI		0	0	0	0	0	0.00
TOTAL		263	68	310	152	793	1.52

ESSEX COUNTY

AVERILL	2	1	5	0	8	0.22
AVERYS GORE	0	0	2	1	3	0.17
BLOOMFIELD	7	0	12	4	23	0.58
BRIGHTON	0	7	13	3	23	0.45
BRUNSWICK	0	0	5	2	7	0.29
CANAAN	15	4	3	2	24	0.76
CONCORD	16	6	33	4	59	1.17
EAST HAVEN	0	1	2	0	3	0.08
FERDINAND	0	0	6	1	7	0.13
GRANBY	0	0	4	0	4	0.10
GUILDHALL	0	1	5	1	7	0.21
LEMINGTON	3	0	6	0	9	0.26
LEWIS	0	0	1	0	1	0.03
LUNENBURG	10	5	19	4	38	0.85
MAIDSTONE	0	0	5	1	6	0.20
NORTON	2	1	14	1	18	0.47
VICTORY	0	0	3	1	4	0.09
WARNER'S GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
WARRENS GORE	0	0	1	0	1	0.09
TOTAL	55	26	139	25	245	0.43

FRANKLIN COUNTY

BAKERSFIELD	30	8	44	19	101	3.12
BERKSHIRE	41	15	54	33	143	4.63
ENOSBURG	45	18	40	13	116	2.99
FAIRFAX	26	8	37	35	106	3.32
FAIRFIELD	27	15	62	55	159	3.08
FLETCHER	20	4	34	31	89	2.89
FRANKLIN	56	27	60	57	200	6.97
GEORGIA	22	7	35	17	81	3.03
HIGHGATE	73	32	92	45	242	6.88
MONTGOMERY	23	5	30	5	63	1.27
RICHFORD	34	11	31	7	83	2.13
SHELDON	13	11	27	20	71	2.49
ST ALBANS	13	8	18	15	54	2.38
SWANTON	34	17	37	19	107	3.18
TOTAL	457	186	601	371	1615	3.20

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GRAND ISLE

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
	ALBURG	29	17	45	37	128	7.90
	GRAND ISLE	13	2	13	24	52	5.78
	ISLE LA MOTTE	9	6	21	10	46	10.70
	NORTH HERO	5	6	20	24	55	7.24
	SOUTH HERO	10	3	15	17	45	5.49
	TOTAL	66	34	114	112	326	7.20

LAMOILLE

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
	BELVIDERE	5	2	12	1	20	0.65
	CAMBRIDGE	39	9	44	24	116	2.11
	EDEN	18	5	31	4	58	0.94
	ELMORE	5	4	13	2	24	0.65
	HYDE PARK	19	7	20	3	49	1.41
	JOHNSON	19	7	32	8	66	1.66
	MORRISTOWN	22	5	31	4	62	1.36
	STOWE	45	12	39	2	98	1.48
	WATERVILLE	20	1	13	3	37	2.34
	WOLCOTT	16	8	24	4	52	1.40
	TOTAL	208	60	259	55	582	1.37

ORANGE

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
	BRADFORD	25	10	23	0	58	2.38
	BRAINTREE	1	1	8	1	11	0.34
	BROOKFIELD	13	2	23	3	41	1.15
	CHELSEA	19	8	23	5	55	1.59
	CORINTH	12	10	31	0	53	1.22
	FAIRLEE	6	10	25	1	42	2.27
	NEWBURY	45	10	79	5	139	2.67
	ORANGE	16	4	17	1	38	1.06
	RANDOLPH	25	2	30	0	57	1.68
	STRAFFORD	6	4	29	5	44	1.12
	THETFORD	21	8	50	5	84	2.05
	TOPSHAM	6	9	26	0	41	0.96
	TUNBRIDGE	21	2	8	0	31	0.78
	VERSHIRE	3	6	23	1	33	1.00
	WASHINGTON	16	1	23	6	46	1.36
	WEST FAIRLEE	5	4	12	1	22	1.07
	WILLIAMSTOWN	60	25	26	9	120	3.46
	TOTAL	300	116	456	43	915	1.54

ORLEANS

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
	ALBANY	13	3	15	4	35	1.12
	BARTON	28	8	18	5	59	1.83
	BROWNINGTON	12	3	19	5	39	1.75
	CHARLESTON	16	14	21	4	55	1.61
	COVENTRY	10	6	8	1	25	1.23
	CRAFTSBURY	29	5	21	1	56	1.67
	DERBY	23	13	31	5	72	1.98
	GLOVER	7	10	24	1	42	1.30
	GREENSBORO	19	6	23	1	49	1.52
	HOLLAND	19	11	21	3	54	1.81
	IRASBURG	25	4	14	5	48	1.59
	JAY	1	1	9	3	14	0.46
	LOWELL	9	4	13	3	29	0.58
	MORGAN	13	13	25	3	54	1.96
	NEWPORT	22	11	16	9	58	2.51
	TROY	10	5	10	3	28	0.95
	WESTFIELD	2	3	3	0	8	0.22
	WESTMORE	3	8	9	2	22	0.69
	TOTAL	261	128	300	58	747	1.33

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RUTLAND COUNTY

Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
BENSON	18	13	53	2	86	2.36
BRANDON	9	4	26	3	42	1.30
CASTLETON	22	14	43	4	83	2.67
CHITTENDEN	16	4	14	4	38	0.55
CLARENDON	62	8	40	3	113	4.15
DANBY	8	6	28	4	46	1.24
FAIR HAVEN	9	9	27	0	45	3.52
HUBBARDTON	11	12	30	1	54	2.34
IRA	8	3	14	2	27	1.38
KILLINGTON	0	0	4	0	4	0.09
MENDON	2	1	13	2	18	0.56
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	20	4	13	1	38	2.01
MT HOLLY	8	5	23	6	42	0.99
MT TABOR	3	2	11	1	17	0.42
PAWLET	48	17	70	6	141	3.94
PITTSFIELD	4	0	9	1	14	0.69
PITTSFORD	13	9	31	2	55	1.54
POULTNEY	29	14	45	6	94	2.72
PROCTOR	2	3	8	0	13	2.60
RUTLAND	18	10	23	2	53	4.69
SHREWSBURY	23	13	35	5	76	1.59
SUDBURY	7	3	15	1	26	1.41
TINMOUTH	18	3	15	5	41	1.59
WALLINGFORD	16	7	28	4	55	1.46
WELLS	33	11	31	5	80	4.30
WEST HAVEN	11	7	39	2	59	2.57
WEST RUTLAND	9	4	19	1	33	2.48
TOTAL	427	186	707	73	1393	1.75

WASHINGTON COUNTY

BARRE	55	11	44	4	114	6.55
BERLIN	33	10	41	5	89	2.88
CABOT	17	3	19	1	40	1.28
CALAIS	25	3	33	0	61	1.69
DUXBURY	7	3	8	1	19	0.44
EAST MONTPELIER	57	5	34	1	97	3.72
FAYSTON	15	1	10	5	31	0.94
MARSHFIELD	18	6	22	8	54	1.38
MIDDLESEX	14	4	25	4	47	1.25
MONTPELIER	17	0	4	0	21	8.40
MORETOWN	26	8	24	4	62	1.75
NORTHFIELD	18	3	27	2	50	1.21
PLAINFIELD	31	6	21	0	58	3.30
ROXBURY	1	1	6	0	8	0.20
WAITSFIELD	9	3	13	3	28	1.23
WARREN	10	4	11	3	28	0.69
WATERBURY	16	4	41	0	61	1.34
WOODBURY	13	2	14	5	34	0.98
WORCESTER	10	1	12	2	25	0.67
TOTAL	392	78	409	48	927	1.52

WINDHAM COUNTY

ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1	0.09
BRATTLEBORO	16	2	20	6	44	1.65
BROOKLINE	3	2	14	3	22	2.12
DOVER	3	2	19	6	30	0.87
DUMMERSTON	11	5	41	25	82	3.12
GRAFTON	2	1	9	2	14	0.37
GUILFORD	23	8	51	8	90	2.63
HALIFAX	8	3	25	5	41	1.09
JAMAICA	0	0	28	2	30	0.63
LONDONDERRY	1	1	13	0	15	0.44

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COUNTY
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Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest/Mi2
MARLBORO	3	0	15	4	22	0.57
NEWFANE	16	2	35	5	58	1.51
PUTNEY	14	0	12	8	34	1.34
ROCKINGHAM	5	1	29	5	40	1.13
SOMERSET	0	0	2	0	2	0.07
STRATTON	0	1	10	0	11	0.23
TOWNSHEND	3	0	11	6	20	0.50
VERNON	8	3	21	5	37	2.23
WARDSBORO	1	1	17	5	24	0.88
WESTMINSTER	3	1	13	3	20	0.51
WHITINGHAM	18	5	22	2	47	1.32
WILMINGTON	12	2	25	5	44	1.14
WINDHAM	0	1	5	2	8	0.32
TOTAL	150	41	438	107	736	1.00

**WINDSOR
COUNTY**

ANDOVER	0	2	8	1	11	0.39
BALTIMORE	5	1	3	1	10	2.33
BARNARD	1	2	14	0	17	0.39
BETHEL	9	3	19	3	34	0.83
BRIDGEWATER	3	2	16	6	27	0.58
CAVENDISH	8	0	18	2	28	0.80
CHESTER	16	3	35	7	61	1.24
HARTFORD	49	9	49	2	109	3.12
HARTLAND	45	21	50	4	120	3.07
LUDLOW	7	2	17	2	28	0.97
NORWICH	43	5	54	4	106	2.77
PLYMOUTH	2	3	9	0	14	0.33
POMFRET	10	10	24	0	44	1.24
READING	5	4	14	3	26	0.70
ROCHESTER	0	1	9	3	13	0.24
ROYALTON	5	2	20	1	28	0.79
SHARON	5	4	29	3	41	1.16
SPRINGFIELD	68	9	49	36	162	4.14
STOCKBRIDGE	1	1	6	0	8	0.18
WEATHERSFIELD	26	9	41	24	100	2.77
WEST WINDSOR	18	4	25	3	50	2.31
WESTON	1	2	7	1	11	0.33
WINDSOR	15	4	25	0	44	2.80
WOODSTOCK	16	14	27	1	58	1.49
TOTAL	358	117	568	107	1150	1.34
UNKNOWN	3	1	3	6	13	

STATEWIDE

3,576 1,353 5,589 1,407 11,925 1.52

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Table 3. 2004 Vermont deer harvest by wildlife management unit and season.

WMU	Archery		Youth		Muzzleloader		Total Bucks	Bucks mi2	Total Deer	Deer Mi2	
	Bucks	Antlerless	Bucks	Antlerless	Rifle	Bucks					Antlerless
A	31	38	13	21	113	14	98	171	3.8	328	7.2
B	185	381	73	135	692	97	408	1047	2.0	1971	3.8
C	60	109	14	39	202	30	0	306	0.9	454	1.3
D1	72	142	18	74	223	36	0	349	0.9	565	1.5
D2	48	123	32	82	282	41	0	403	0.7	608	1.1
E	17	38	9	17	130	25	0	181	0.3	236	0.4
F1	42	62	17	39	180	19	89	258	1.2	448	2.0
F2	48	74	10	25	224	30	37	312	1.4	448	2.0
G	27	82	5	23	203	18	0	253	0.7	358	1.0
H1	76	195	9	39	263	30	0	378	1.0	612	1.6
H2	38	134	12	53	167	16	43	233	1.3	463	2.6
I	19	37	5	15	126	14	0	164	0.4	216	0.5
J1	77	176	20	54	286	39	0	422	0.9	652	1.3
J2	57	161	26	68	414	29	0	526	1.1	755	1.6
K1	9	36	15	32	141	5	0	170	1.7	238	2.4
K2	76	194	32	76	376	44	0	528	1.8	798	2.8
L	12	48	10	19	129	16	0	167	0.5	234	0.7
M1	5	19	7	17	82	10	0	104	0.4	140	0.6
M2	22	114	9	36	203	6	0	240	1.1	390	1.8
N	63	132	26	48	454	24	0	567	1.9	747	2.5
O1	5	10	1	7	67	7	0	80	0.4	97	0.5
O2	39	96	2	24	201	22	86	264	1.0	470	1.8
P	20	40	8	15	212	14	0	254	0.5	309	0.7
Q	24	61	9	12	217	18	41	268	1.0	382	1.4
U	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	---	6	---
Total	1,073	2,503	382	971	5,589	604	803	7,648	1.0	11,925	1.5

Table 4. Vermont buck harvest by WMU 1992 – 2004.

WMU	Management Plan													
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 Objective	
A	122	159	193	177	160	148	162	177	224	234	177	203	171	150
B	706	751	766	1099	1113	1283	1261	1312	1197	851	1227	1174	1047	1100
C	421	352	359	559	447	465	359	382	431	303	427	311	306	425
D1	459	532	473	710	729	724	577	604	590	458	562	518	349	600
D2	336	412	394	595	577	586	560	542	609	451	471	461	403	500
E	249	277	240	299	307	366	311	388	394	264	297	229	181	325
F1	225	170	229	214	281	333	318	290	334	284	274	308	258	225
F2	256	328	266	357	389	383	380	344	387	313	365	310	312	325
G	356	422	348	423	424	509	420	363	358	287	295	281	253	400
H1	563	694	622	955	880	865	759	706	815	480	612	554	378	775
H2	294	295	380	441	384	362	422	442	459	338	336	381	233	350
I	347	340	256	333	315	333	257	285	365	190	283	171	164	325
J1	955	1004	1003	1106	1022	1082	1174	966	851	615	788	622	422	950
J2	1004	1104	986	1251	1030	1065	1073	771	864	748	782	699	526	900

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Table 4 (Cont.). Vermont buck harvest by WMU 1992 – 2004.

WMU	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Management Plan Objective
K1	315	267	262	319	282	311	320	299	366	195	150	210	170	250
K2	794	798	869	1066	1041	896	955	980	916	685	754	604	528	900
L	356	324	279	254	281	309	296	276	323	275	359	205	167	325
M1	391	343	324	338	322	324	318	222	284	193	238	144	104	350
M2	385	438	351	479	372	415	501	456	433	337	401	242	240	400
N	1017	899	729	923	856	835	980	953	1077	855	844	621	567	850
O1	196	167	135	158	130	115	121	135	146	104	169	85	80	175
O2	531	511	433	479	415	373	496	432	446	365	464	369	264	425
P	296	219	210	280	209	254	276	250	333	193	358	209	254	275
Q	412	400	319	374	273	260	345	332	408	378	385	279	268	350
Total Bucks*	10,986	11,206	10,426	13,189	12,239	12,596	12,641	11,907	12,610	9,396	11,018	9,190	7,645	11,650
Harvest/mi.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.4

*excludes unknown WMU's

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Table 5. Summary, by season and town of kill, of bucks harvested weighing 200 pounds* or more.

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Town of Kill</u>
240	Rifle	FERDINAND
238	Rifle	BURKE
234	Rifle	STOCKBRIDGE
230	Rifle	BRIGHTON
225	Rifle	FAIRFIELD
219	Rifle	FAIRFIELD
218	Rifle	WARREN
218*	Rifle	NORTON
217	Rifle	RICHFORD
217	Rifle	NORTON
216	Rifle	MONTGOMERY
215	Rifle	NORWICH
214	Rifle	EDEN
212	Rifle	ORWELL
212	Rifle	JOHNSON
212	Rifle	WELLS
211	Rifle	WATERBURY
211	Rifle	LUNENBURG
210	Rifle	WINDHAM
210	Rifle	LUNENBURG
210	Rifle	CALAIS
210	Rifle	BRISTOL
210	Rifle	BRIGHTON
209	Muzzleloader	BLOOMFIELD
209	Rifle	BLOOMFIELD
208*	Rifle	JOHNSON
208	Rifle	LEMINGTON
207	Rifle	ROXBURY
207	Rifle	BRUNSWICK
206	Rifle	READING
206	Rifle	LINCOLN
206	Rifle	DANVILLE
206	Rifle	CONCORD
205	Rifle	BLOOMFIELD
205	Rifle	GOSHEN
205	Rifle	DANVILLE
203	Rifle	CONCORD
203*	Rifle	NEWBURY
203	Rifle	MILTON
202	Rifle	STAMFORD
202	Rifle	JOHNSON
201	Rifle	NORTON
200*	Rifle	WHEELOCK
200	Rifle	READING
200	Rifle	DUXBURY
200	Bow	BLOOMFIELD

* Weights of bucks certified as being completely dressed out (all internal organs removed).

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Figure 1. Vermont Deer Harvests 1975 – 2004.

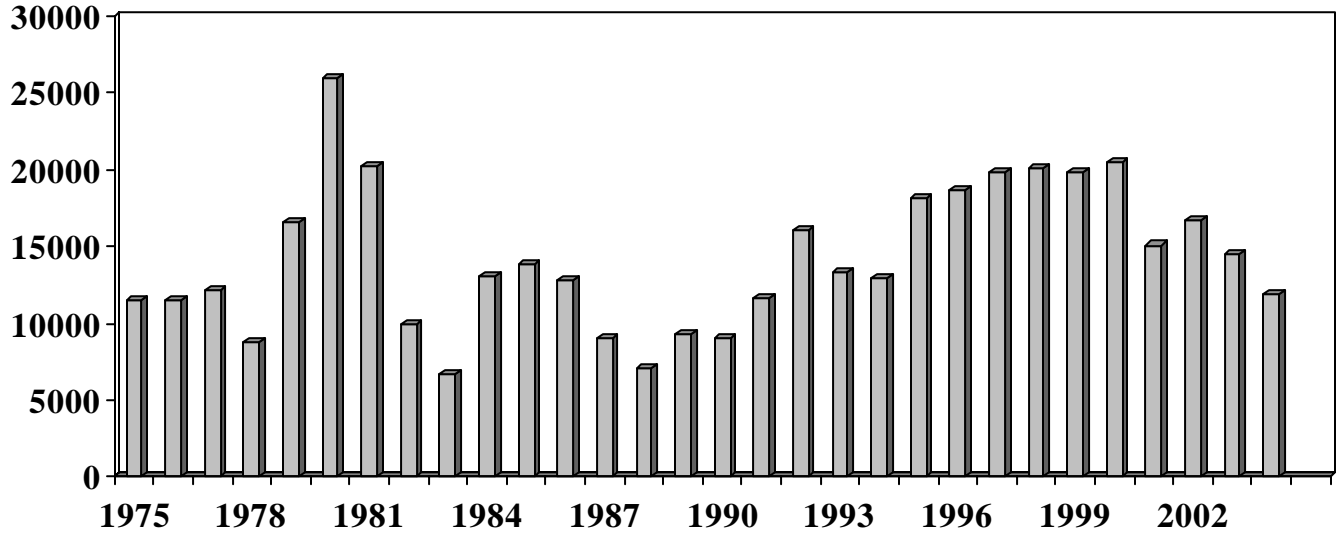
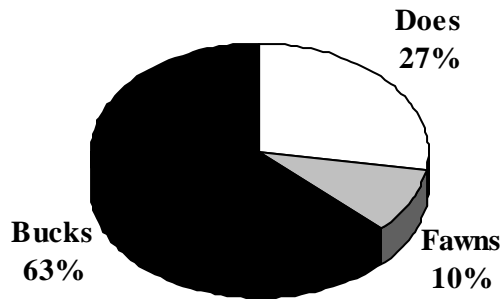


Figure 2. 2004 Deer Harvest Percent by Season and by Age and Sex.



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Figure 3. Statewide Winter Severity Index and Buck Harvest Comparison 1995 – 2004.

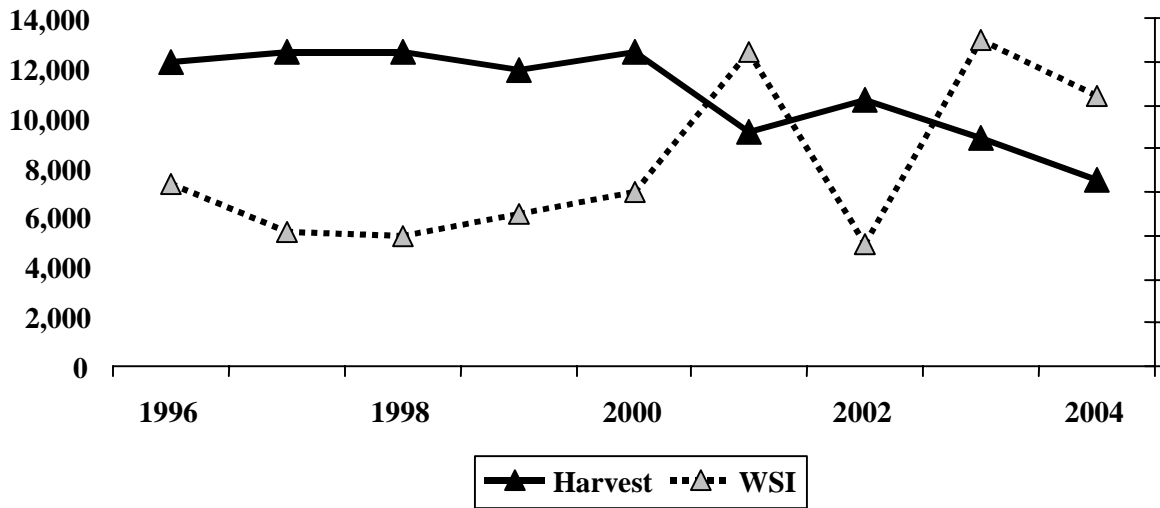
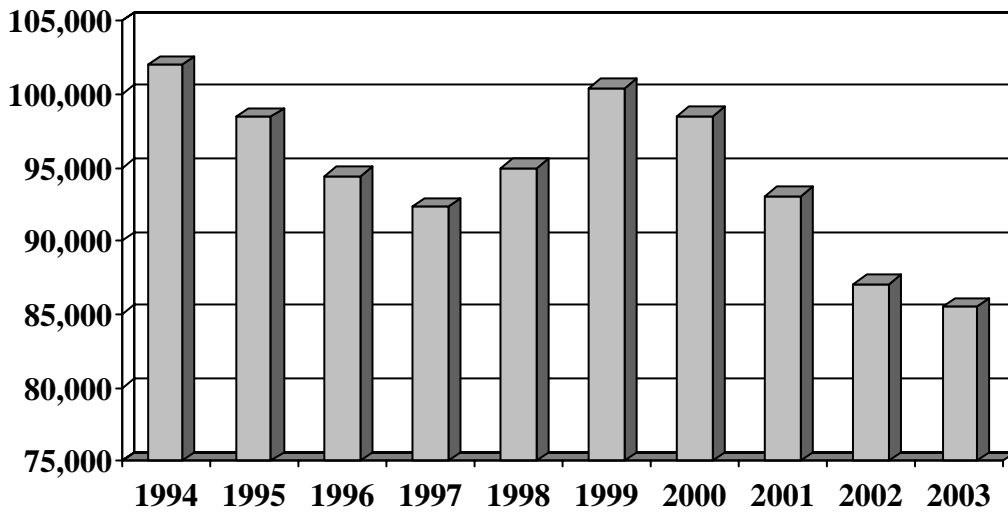


Figure 4. Vermont Hunting License Sales (resident and nonresident) 1994 – 2003.



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Figure 5. Comparative Participation Rates by Vermont Hunters During Opening Weekend of Deer Season 1999 – 2004.

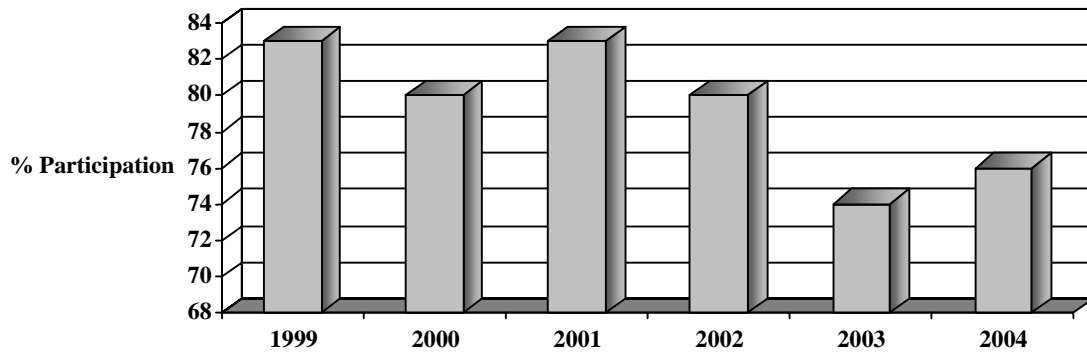
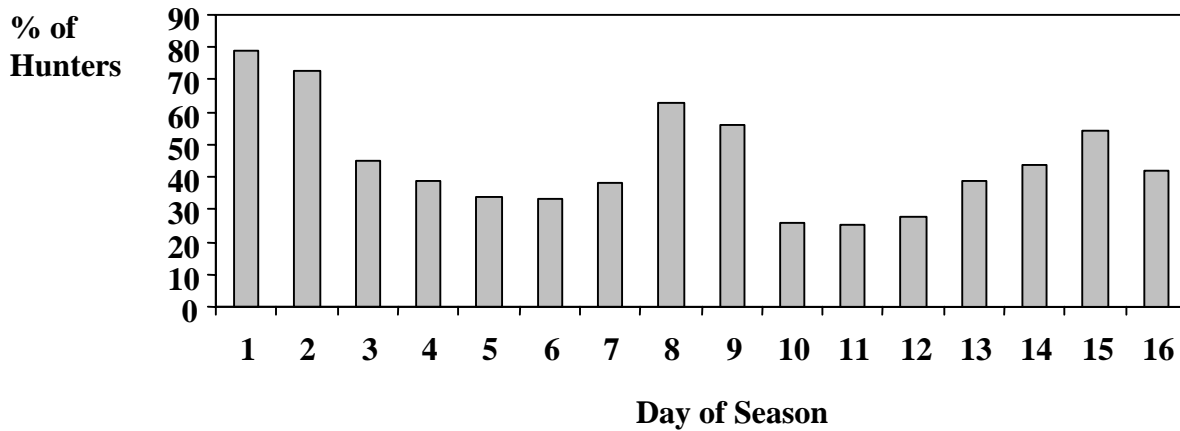


Figure 6. Percent of Total Hunters Afield by Each Day of 2004 Rifle Season.



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Figure 7. Mean Hours Hunted Per Day During the 2004 Rifle Season.

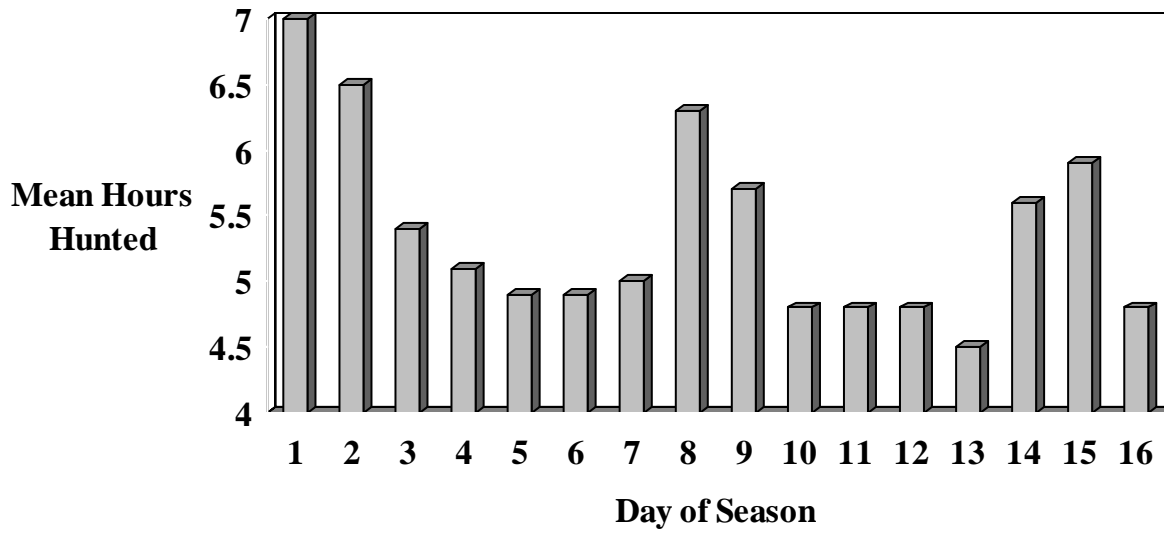
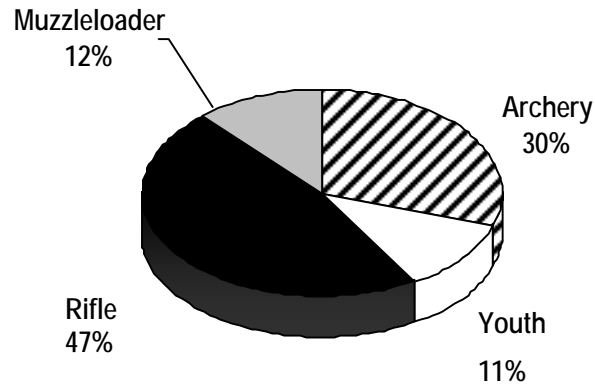


Figure 8. 2004 Deer Season Harvest Breakdown by Season.



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Figure 9. Archery Harvest Totals 1975 – 2004.

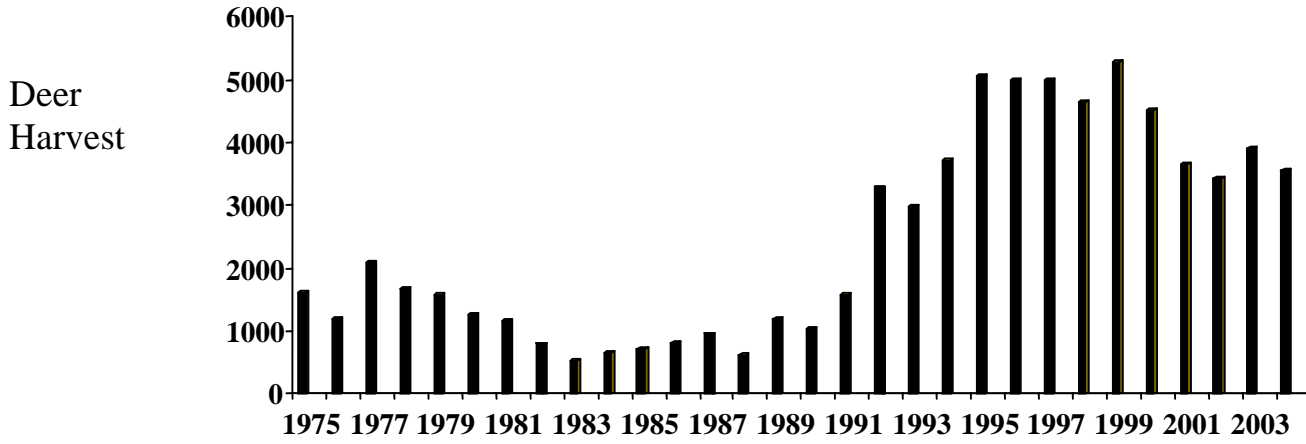
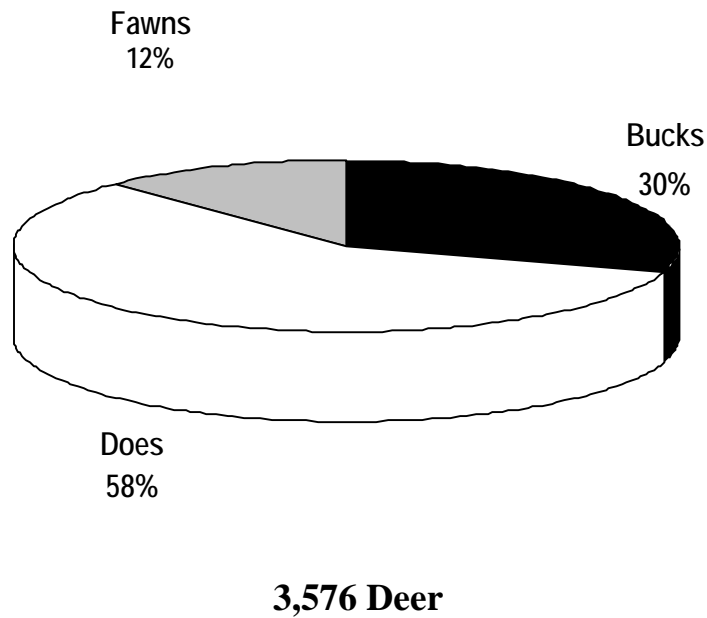


Figure 10. 2004 Archery Harvest by Sex and Age.



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Figure 11. Comparative Sex and Age of 1st and 2nd Archery Harvest.

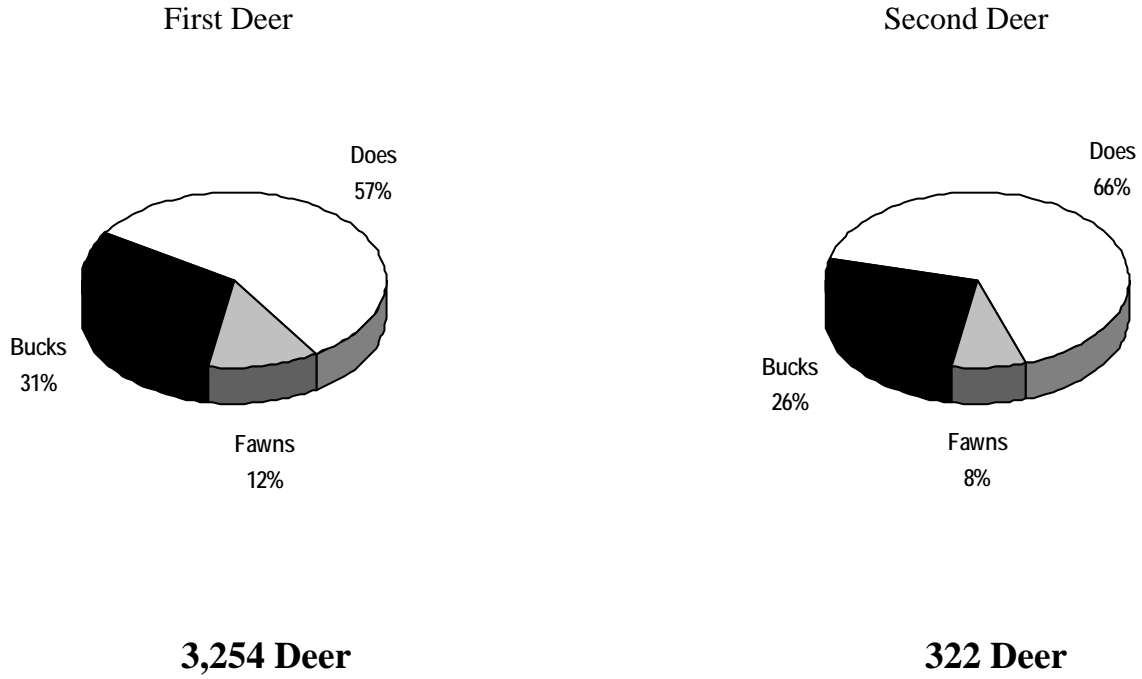
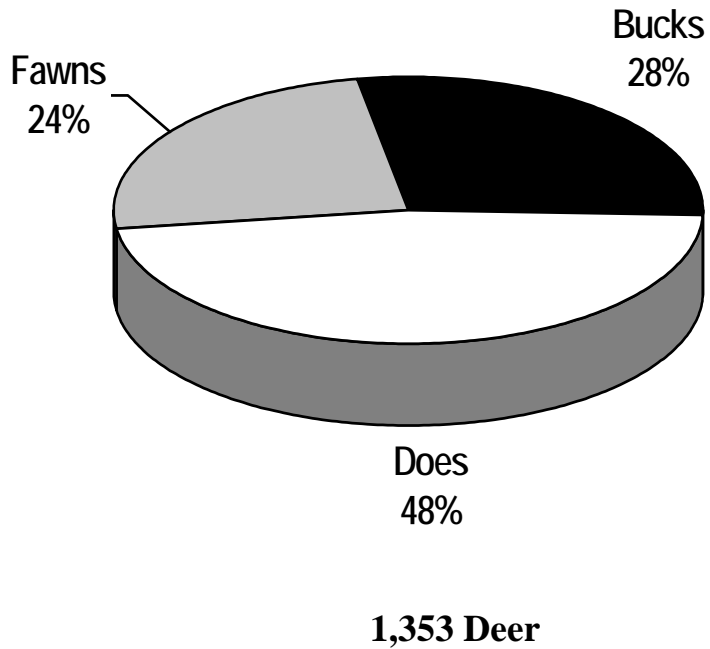
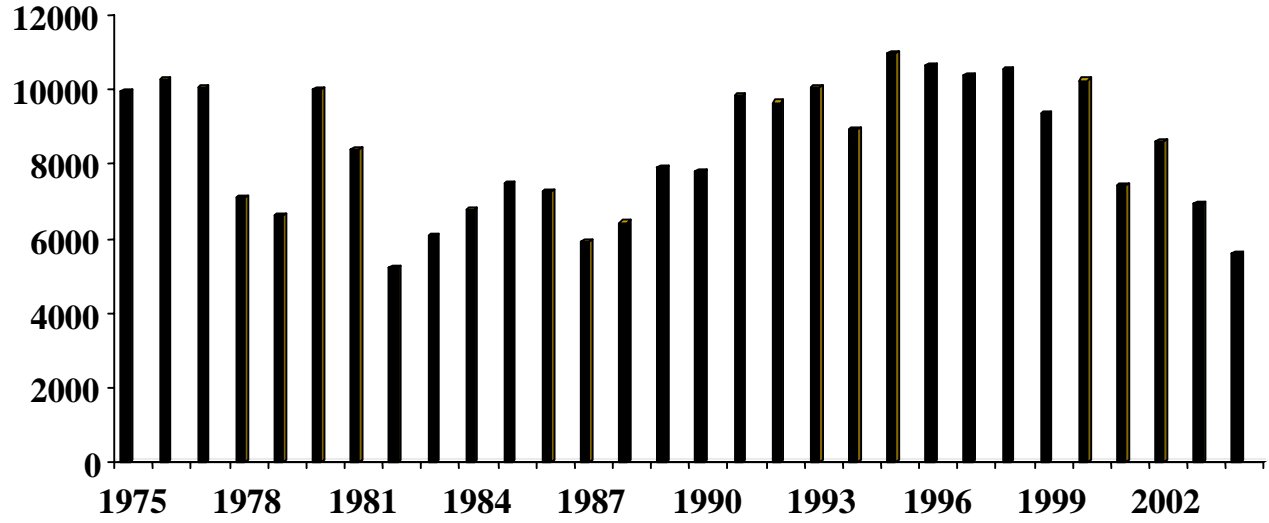


Figure 12. Sex and Age Distribution of 2004 Youth Season Harvest.



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Figure 13. Vermont Rifle Season Buck Harvest 1975 – 2004.



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Figure 14. 2004 Rifle Season Buck Harvest by Day of Season.

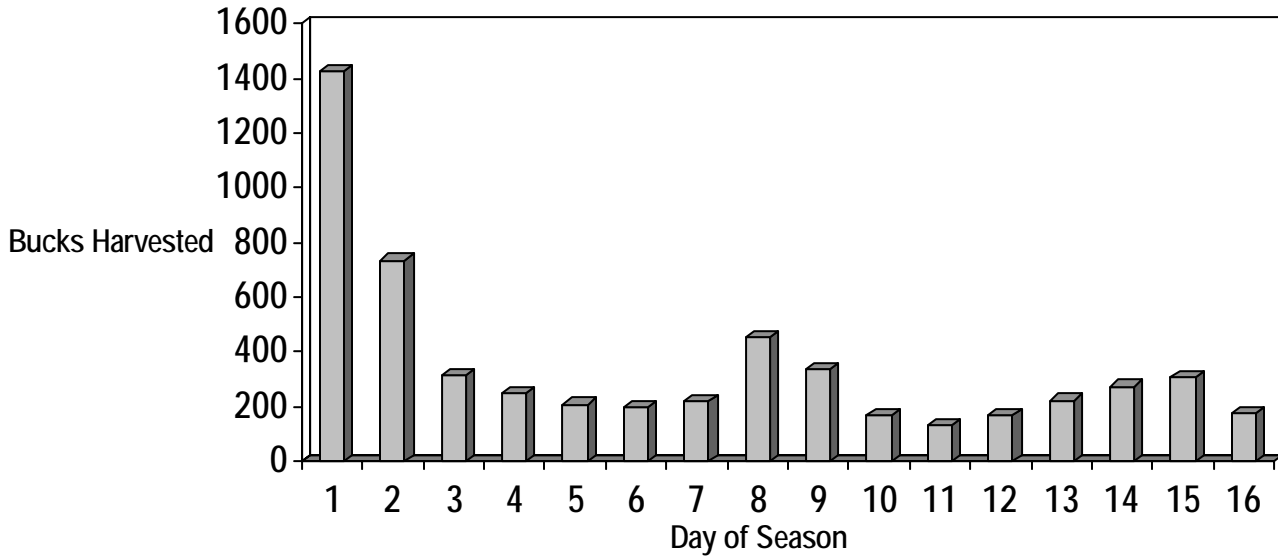
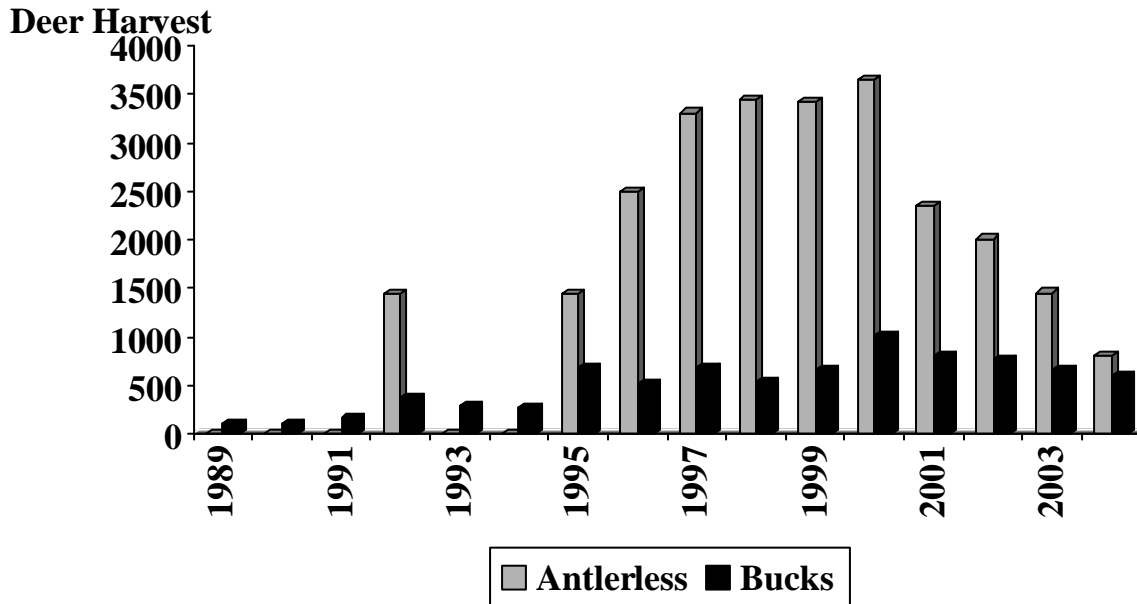
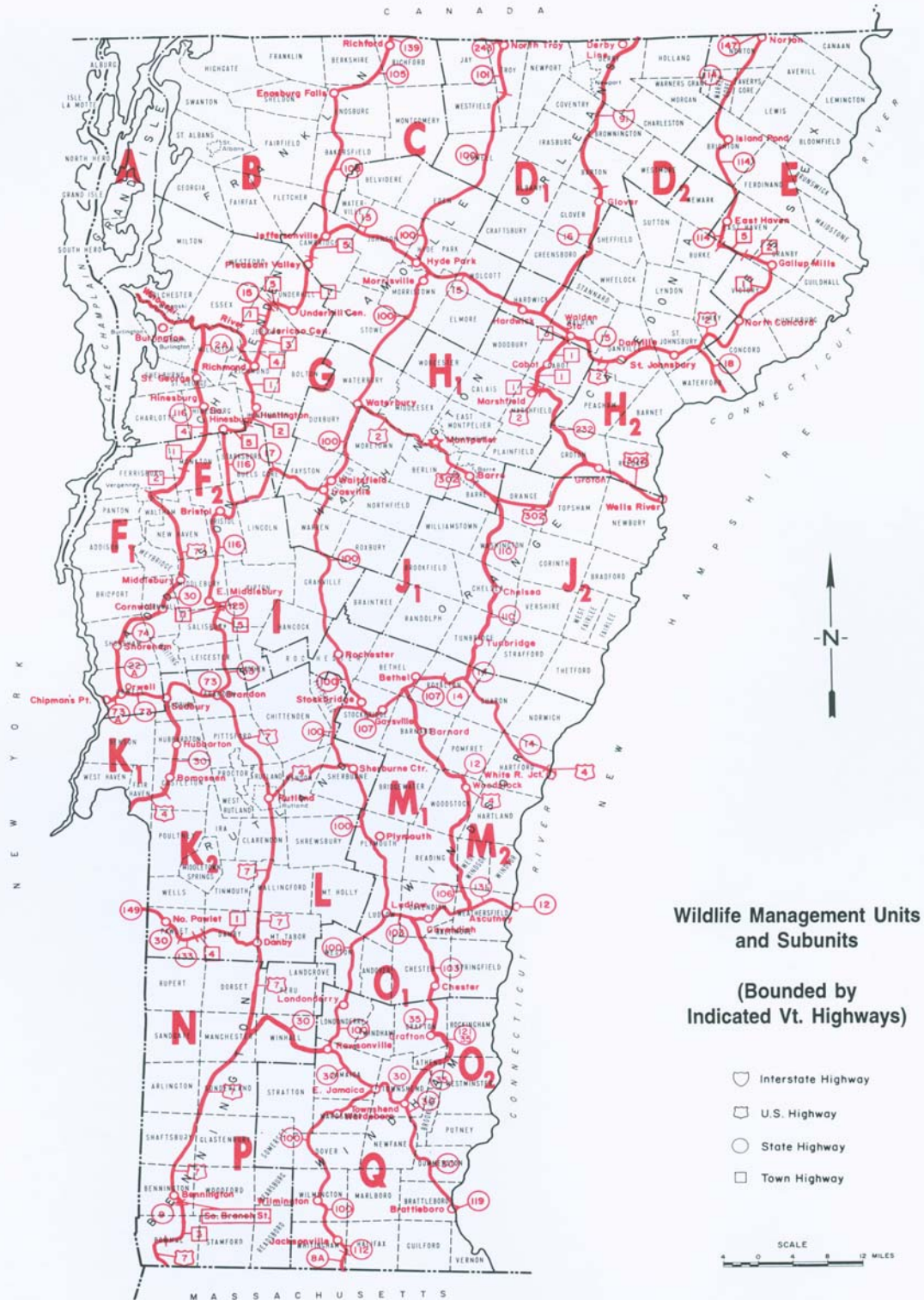


Figure 15. Comparative Buck and Antlerless Muzzleloader Season Harvests 1989 – 2004.



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Figure 16. Vermont's Wildlife Management Units.



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Figure 17. Numbers of Hunters Harvesting 1, 2, or 3 Deer in 2004 and a Comparison with 2003.

