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| Notable Numbers from the 2015 Deer Harvest |
| Last week DEC announced the 2015 Deer Harvest Estimates. A full report of the harvest is available at [Deer and Bear Harvests](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42232.html).  **Notable Numbers from the 2015 Deer Harvest**   * 52,581 --- estimated number of bucks taken in 2015 that were 2.5 years old or older. Only 47% of bucks taken statewide were yearlings (52% in units without antler restrictions). Bucks don’t get older if they get shot when they’re young. [Consider passing up shots on young, small-antlered bucks](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27663.html). * 67% --- proportion of eligible junior hunters that participated in the 2015 Youth Deer Hunt. [Junior Hunter Mentoring Program.](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html) * 15.9 and 0.6 --- number of deer taken per square mile in the units with the highest (WMU 8N) and lowest (WMUs 5C and 5F) harvest density. * ±2% --- precision of the New York state deer harvest estimate. * 56% --- proportion of successful deer hunters that ignored their responsibility to report their harvest as required by law. * 13,936 --- number of hunter harvested deer checked by DEC staff in 2015. * 37 to 1 --- ratio of deer taken by hunters to deer taken on damage permits in 2015. * 30% --- proportion of the Southern Zone deer take that occurred during the opening weekend of the regular firearms season. * 33,508 --- number of deer tested in New York for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the past 10 years, including 2,447 deer tested in 2015-16. DEC has not detected any additional cases of CWD in New York since the disease was found in 5 captive deer and 2 wild deer in 2005. [Learn How You Can Help Protect NY’s Deer from CWD](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7507.html). * 87.7% --- proportion of DMPs (doe tags) that went unfilled in 2015, slightly more than the 85.1% that were unfilled in 2014. |