

Mississippi 2025 Deer Population Estimates

[Hunters continue to battle CWD in state deer herds](#) August 4, 2025 Mississippi State University Extension Service

About 270,000 deer are harvested each year in the state from a deer population estimated at 1.75 million... [this is assumed to be for 2024 since there is no new hunting data yet to support a population update, previously the state had provided us with a preliminary estimate of 1,582,437 for 2024]

[White-Tailed Deer Program](#), Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (no date on this on the MDWFP website, but updated in 2025)
Mississippi's deer population is estimated to be 1.75 million, with hunters harvesting approximately 280,000 deer annually

[MS buck weights, antlers appear in decline as deer population estimate is at record high](#)
October 7, 2025 Mississippi, The Clarion Ledger

... Mississippi's deer population is increasing ... The average weight of mature bucks has decreased significantly in some areas over the past few decades. ... Mississippi has the highest estimated deer density in the Southeast at 33 deer per square mile... That's 36% higher than the Southeast average of 21 deer per square mile. Kentucky has the second highest deer density estimate in the Southeast at 25 deer per square mile. Mississippi is 24% higher than that...

See below: Mississippi land area = 46,924.6 square miles. At 33 per square mile, the population estimate is 1,548,511 which is the state's reported preliminary 2014 population estimate