

[Hunters, harvest needed to help deer](#) October 15, 2024 Mississippi

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... An estimated 1.5 million deer inhabit Mississippi according to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife... Mississippi once had a statewide population as low as 1,200 deer in the early 1900s due to habitat degradation and over hunting..

[Deer Population and Management with William McKinley](#) November 6, 2024

Mississippi, MS Outdoors Podcast, Youtube Video

... Matt Wyatt is joined by William McKinley, the Deer Program Coordinator at MDWFP, to discuss Mississippi's thriving deer population and what hunters can do to maintain healthy herds. William dives into the data behind deer management, explains the importance of hunters leading the conservation effort ...

19 minutes into the interview McKinley gives these numbers, “1200 deer just 80, 90, 100 years ago ... our numbers now are at 1.6 million ...”

[Source of Graph:](#) More Than a Hunt, Deer Population vs. Harvest Percentage

“. Over the last few years, our harvest percentage has decreased to 14%. Harvest percentage is measured in conjunction with the deer population size, which means when harvest percentage goes down, the population size goes up.”

