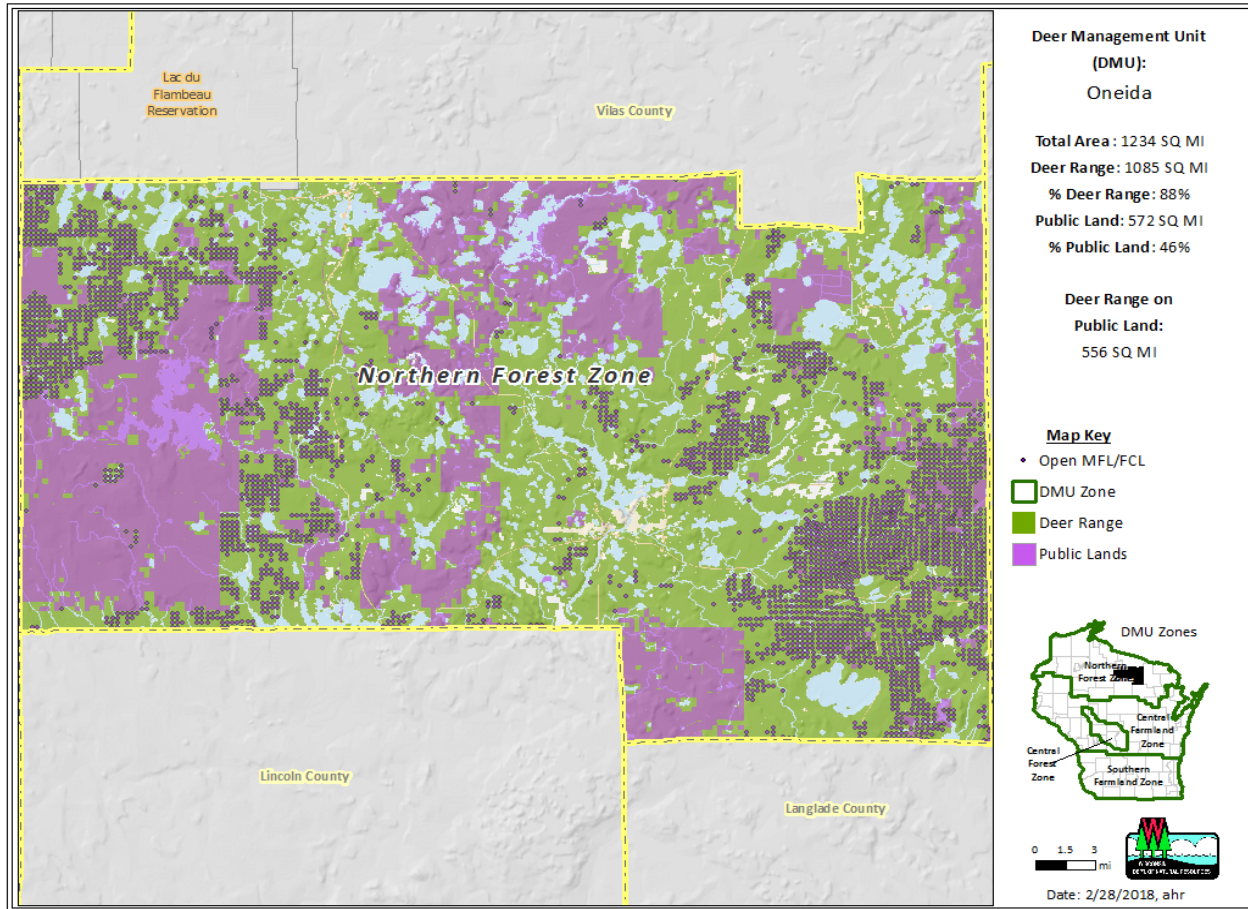


Oneida County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Oneida County Deer Management Unit is located in the Northern Forest Zone. Approximately 86 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. There are a variety of forest cover-types within the unit. The far western portion is comprised of mostly aspen stands and forested wetlands with only a small amount of hardwoods in the southwest. Much of the central one-third is comprised of large areas of young aspen with many inclusions of pine and red oak. Eastern portions of the unit have large areas of northern hardwoods in the south, large industrial pine plantations centrally and large conifer swamps throughout. Over 50 percent of the land base is open to public hunting including the Oneida County Forest, Willow Flowage, Woodboro Lakes Wildlife Area, Thunder Marsh Wildlife Area, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, the American Legion State Forest and a number of State Natural Areas, as well as thousands of acres of industrial forest land and properties open to the public through the open Managed Forest Land and Forest Crop Land programs. Hunter densities on opening day of the 9-day gun deer season average 12-14 hunters per square mile of deer range. Harvest rates average about 2 antlered bucks per square mile of deer range.

Deer Management Unit Harvest History

Fawn to doe ratios collected in late summer give information on fawn recruitment and survival and are used as an input into the formula for annual deer herd abundance estimation. Fawn to doe ratios were summarized using groups of county deer management units. County deer management units were grouped based on location, habitat characteristics, and deer demography.