

MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE-DEER INVOLVED CRASHES

Michigan motorists reported 53,592 vehicle-deer crashes in 2011. As a result of those collisions, 1,464 people were injured and eight people were killed. Three of the eight people killed were motorcycle riders, one was a passenger car driver, three were passengers, and one was a pedestrian. Of the 53,827 vehicles involved, 39,563 (73.5%) were passenger cars, 9,500 (17.6%) were pickups, and 2,702 (5%) were minivans, vans, or motorhomes. All other vehicle types (including motorcycle, snowmobile, ORV/ATV, large truck, moped) totaled 2,062 (3.8%).

Motor vehicle-deer crashes occurred most often in Michigan's heavily populated southern counties; Kent County had the highest number with 1,750 such crashes in 2011.

