

MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE-DEER INVOLVED CRASHES

Michigan motorists reported 48,918 vehicle-deer crashes in 2012. As a result of those collisions, 1,329 people were injured and eight people were killed. Three of the eight people killed were motorcycle riders, one was a passenger car driver, two were passengers, one was a small truck driver, and one was a moped driver. Of the 49,119 vehicles involved, 36,634 (74.6%) were passenger cars, 8,580 (17.5%) were pickups, and 2,258 (4.6%) were minivans, vans, or motorhomes. All other vehicle types (including motorcycle, snowmobile, ORV/ATV, large truck, moped) totaled 1,647 (3.6%).

Motor vehicle-deer crashes occurred most often in Michigan's heavily populated southern counties; Oakland County had the highest number with 1,683 in 2012, replacing Kent County (the county with the highest number for the last three years).

