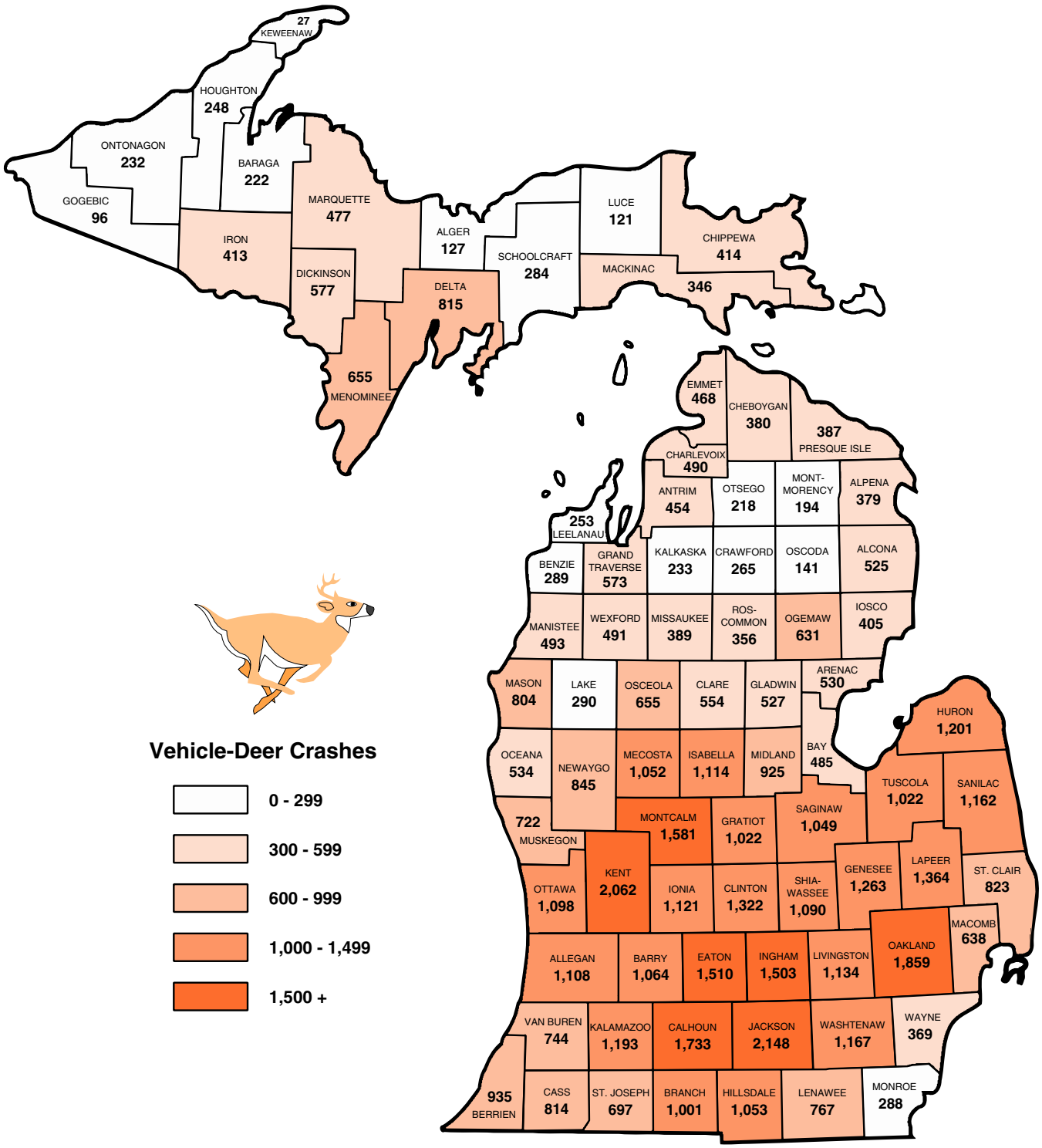
MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE-DEER INVOLVED CRASHES

Michigan had 61,010 reported motor vehicle-deer crashes during 2008. 1,648 people were injured and 12 people were killed as a result of those collisions. 8 of the 12 people killed were motorcycle drivers. Of the 61,220 vehicles involved, 42,254 (69.0%) were passenger cars, 11,976 (19.6%) were pickups, and 3,866 (6.3%) were minivans, vans, and motorhomes. All other vehicle types (including motorcycle, snowmobile, ORV/ATV, large truck, moped) totaled 3,124 (5.1%).

Motor vehicle-deer crashes occurred most often in Michigan's heavily populated southern counties; Jackson County had the highest number with 2,148 such crashes in 2008, replacing Kent County (the county with the highest number since 1984.)