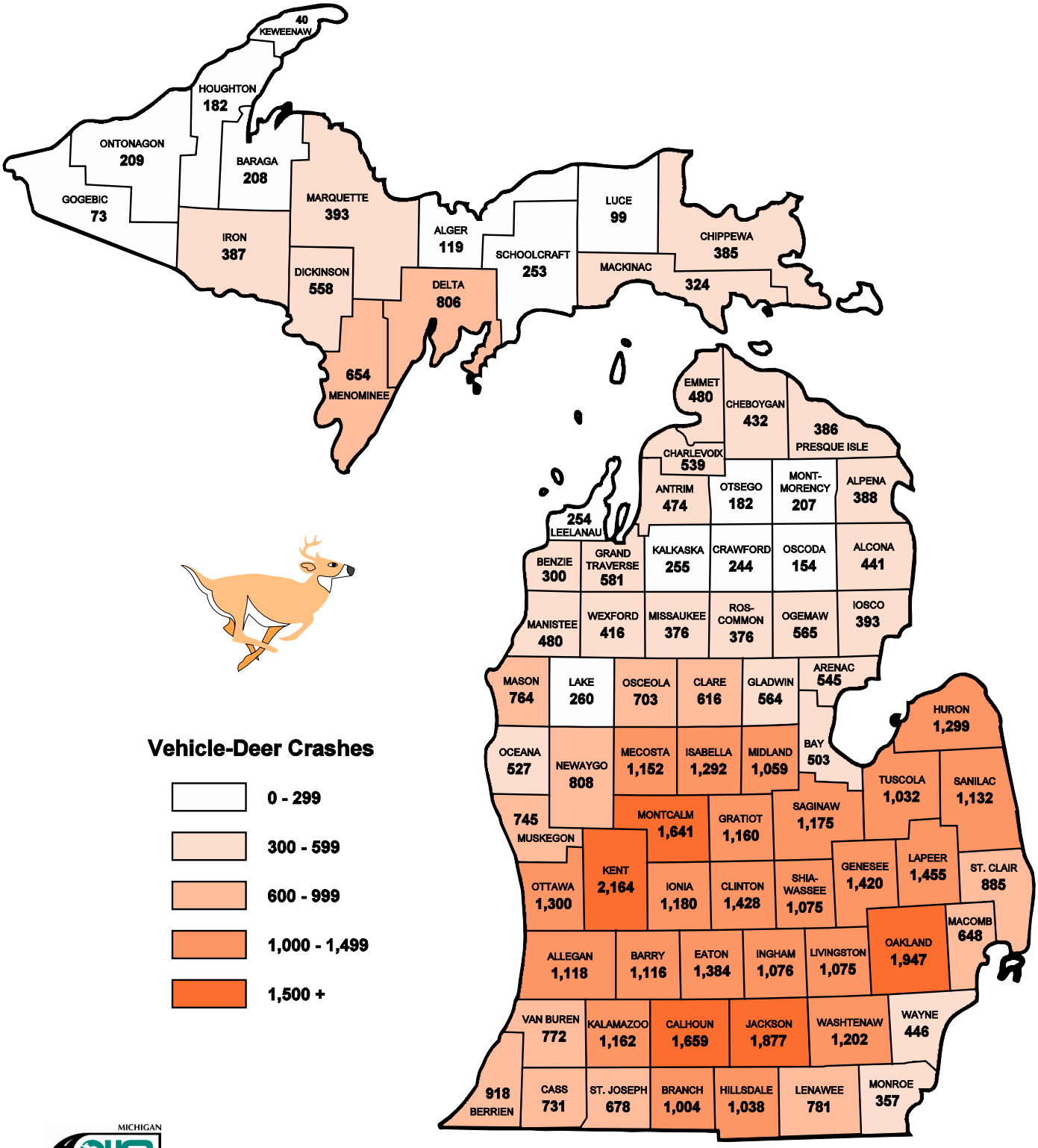
MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE-DEER INVOLVED CRASHES

Michigan had 61,486 reported motor vehicle-deer crashes during 2009. 1,571 people were injured and 10 people were killed as a result of those collisions. 8 of the 10 people killed were motorcycle drivers and the other 2 were motorcycle passengers. Of the 61,681 vehicles involved, 43,271 (70.2%) were passenger cars, 11,864 (19.2%) were pickups, and 3,666 (5.9%) were minivans, vans, and motorhomes. All other vehicle types (including motorcycle, snowmobile, ORV/ATV, large truck, moped) totaled 2,880 (4.7%).

Motor vehicle-deer crashes occurred most often in Michigan's heavily populated southern counties; Kent County had the highest number with 2,164 such crashes in 2009.