



HILLSDALE COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS TRENDS

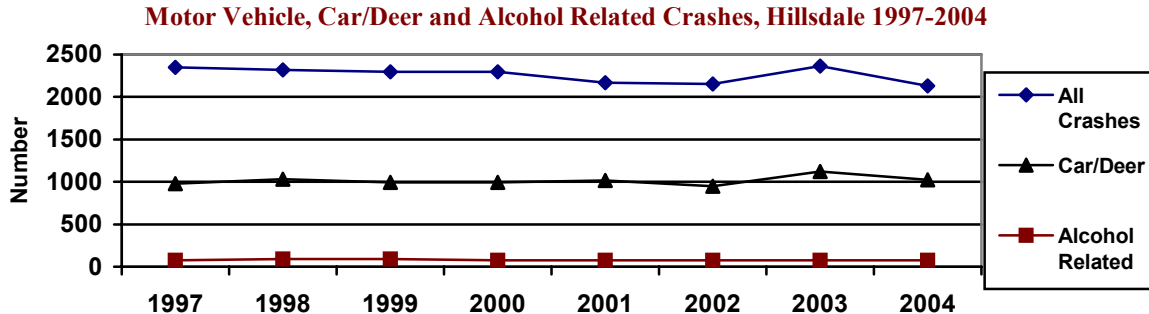
Motor Vehicle Accidents

An average of 2260 crashes occurred in Hillsdale County each year during 1997 to 2004. Car/deer crashes averaged 1,016 a year but the number of crashes in 2003 was the highest in recent memory. Crashes involving alcohol averaged 80 per year during this period, representing approximately an average of 3.6% of all reported crashes.

Number of Motor Vehicle, Car/Deer and Alcohol Related Crashes in Hillsdale County and the Percentage of All County Crashes that Involved Alcohol, 1997-2004

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Hillsdale Crashes	2347	2320	2298	2298	2170	2154	2367	2128
Crashes Involving Deer	977	1030	993	992	1036	951	1125	1023
Alcohol Related Crashes	73	94	89	74	79	79	78	76
% Crashes Alcohol Related	3.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.7%	3.3%	3.6%

Source: Michigan State Police Accident Reports, 1997-2004



Although alcohol was involved in about 4% of all crashes, they represent a much larger percentage of all deaths and injuries that occurred as a result of motor vehicle crashes.

Number of Hillsdale Crash Deaths & Injuries, the Number of Alcohol Related Deaths & Injuries, and the Percentage of Deaths & Injuries with Alcohol Involvement, 1997-2004

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Crash Deaths	9	10	14	8	12	8	14	8
Alcohol Related Deaths	2	1	2	3	3	4	6	3
% Deaths Alcohol Related	22%	10%	14%	38%	25%	50%	43%	38%
Number of Injuries	570	549	547	518	414	464	493	468
Alcohol Related Injuries	56	51	65	38	48	57	47	49
% Alcohol Related Injuries	10%	9%	12%	7%	12%	12%	9.5%	10.5%

Source: Michigan State Police Accident Reports, 1997-2004

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