

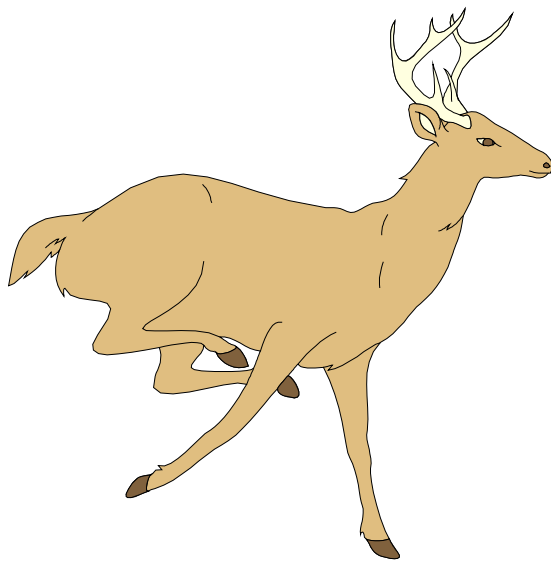
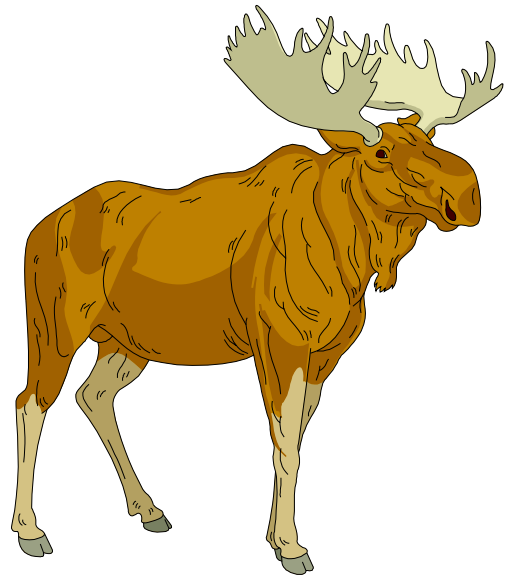
Large Animal Crashes

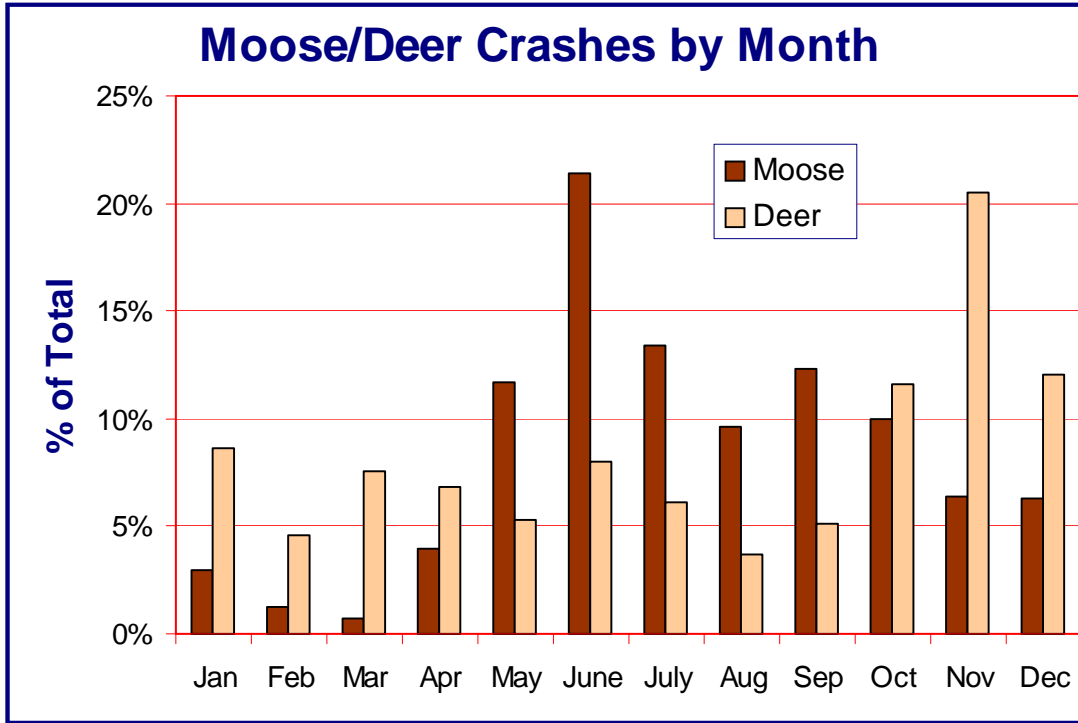
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Maine is known for its terrific scenery and the accompanying wildlife. Moose, deer, turkeys and other creatures may find their way onto any road, anywhere, and anytime. Moose and deer have the highest crash activity involvement from dusk to dawn. The peak months for moose and deer crashes is shown in the chart on page 39. In recent years overall animal crash activity has been decreasing. To maintain this trend, Maine has a multi-agency task force to address related safety issues.

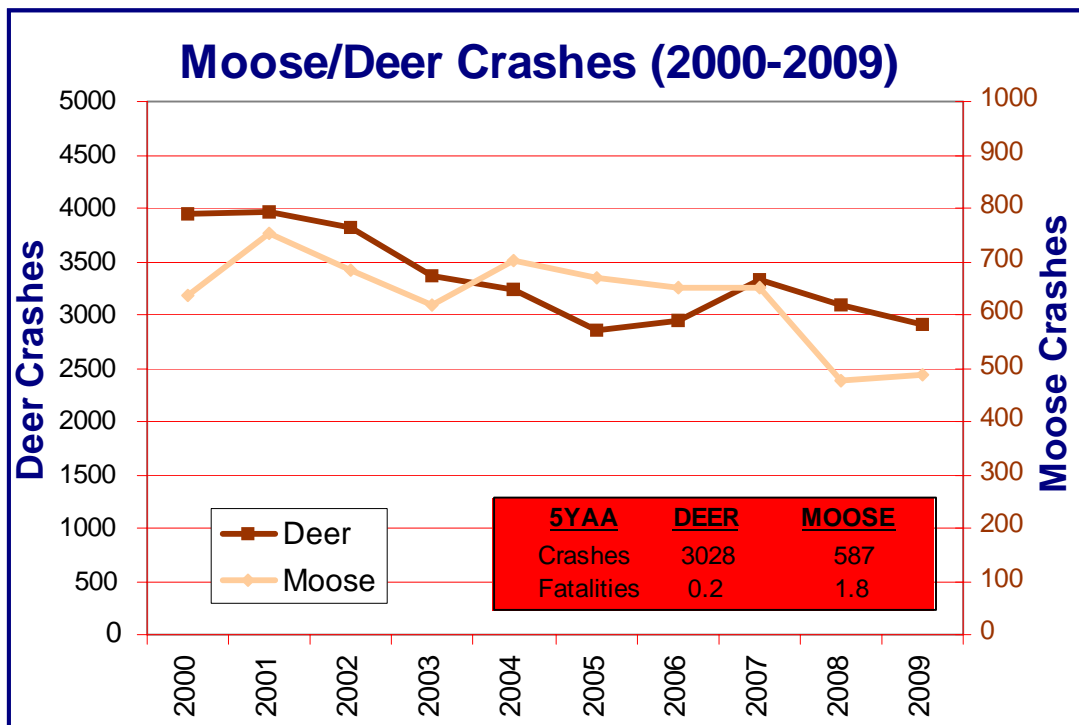
Moose do not represent the most frequent Maine animal crash type, but they are the highlighted species due to their sheer size. Impact with these animals can be devastating with countless stories about these tall, heavy animals entering the passenger compartment upon impact causing serious injury and death.

Deer crashes are more frequent and although the animal is smaller, injuries or even fatalities do sometimes result.





The seasonality for moose and deer crashes is different. Moose crashes are at their peak in late spring/early summer and Deer crashes peak in the fall.



Both Moose and Deer crashes have decreased during the past ten years.