

Russell County Rural Health Works



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Introduction

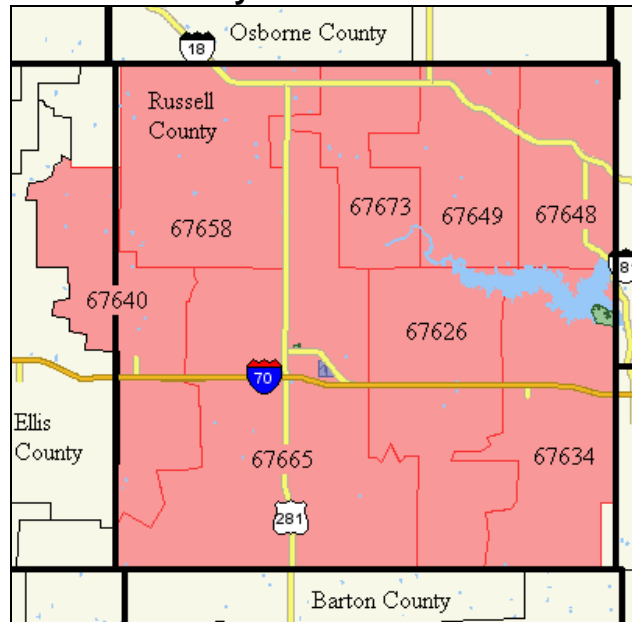
Kansas Rural Health Works (KRHW) is dedicated to helping rural communities build affordable and sustainable local health care systems. Health care is important to seniors, young families and companies. But rural health care systems are facing many challenges: hospitals are closing; services have been cut; doctors won't come to the area or they don't stay; Medicare and Medicaid payments are too low. Rural residents can revitalize their local health care system. KRHW provides the tools. Local visionary leadership puts these tools to work. KRHW helps communities keep health care dollars at home. Sponsored by the Kansas Rural Health Options Project with funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Traffic Data Summary

Following are a variety of data and statistics about traffic accidents in Russell County. The data is reported by county.

- The rate of traffic accidents in Russell County exceeds the rate for the state as a whole, with deer-vehicle collisions accounting for many of the accidents.
- Each year there are about 280 total vehicle crashes in Russell County.
- In 2008, the most recent year for which data were available, there were 31 accidents involving injury and three with a fatality.
- Among the reasons for injury and death is the failure to use seatbelts. In 20 percent of the incidents involving injury or death, vehicle occupants were not using seatbelts.

Russell County Health Market Area



ZIP codes within the Russell County Health Area. Source: Claritas, Inc. 2009

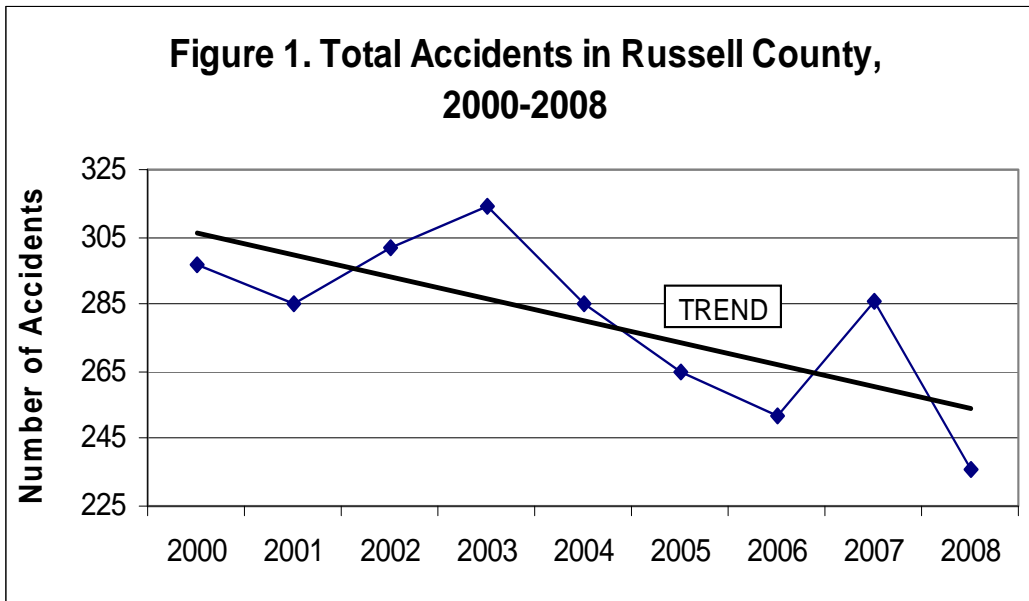
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The rate of traffic accidents in Russell County exceeds the rate for the state as a whole, with deer-vehicle collisions accounting for many of the accidents. Each year there are about 280 total vehicle crashes in Russell County. The declining trend is positive, but must be considered in the context of declining population. In 2008, the most recent year for which data were available, there were 49 accidents involving injury and three fatalities. Among the reasons for injury and death is the failure to use seatbelts. In 20 percent of the incidents involving injury or death, vehicle occupants were not using seatbelts.

Table 1. 2008 Traffic Accident Facts for Russell County and Kansas

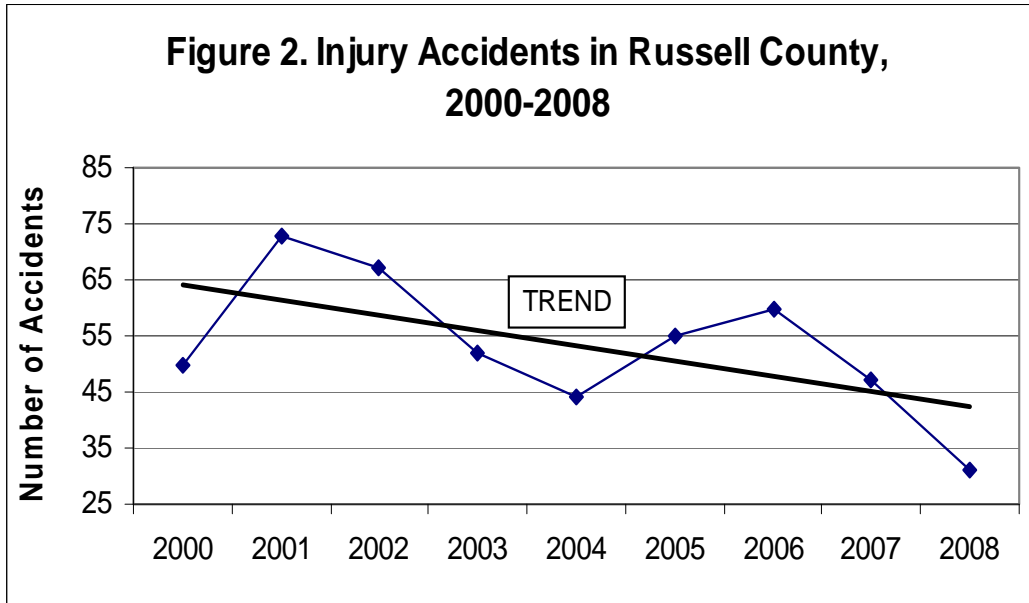
Accidents	Russell	Kansas	Rate per 1,000 Population	
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Total	236	65,858	35.5	23.5
Fatal Accidents	3	348	0.5	0.1
Injury Accidents	31	14,866	4.7	5.3
Property Damage Only	202	50,644	30.4	18.1
Deer Involved	85	9,371	12.8	3.3
Speed Related	23	7,917	3.5	2.8
Alcohol Related	8	3,366	1.2	1.2
People				
Deaths	3	385	0.5	0.1
Injuries	49	21,058	7.4	7.5
% Restraint Use			80.4%	80.9%

Kansas Traffic Accident Facts, 2009

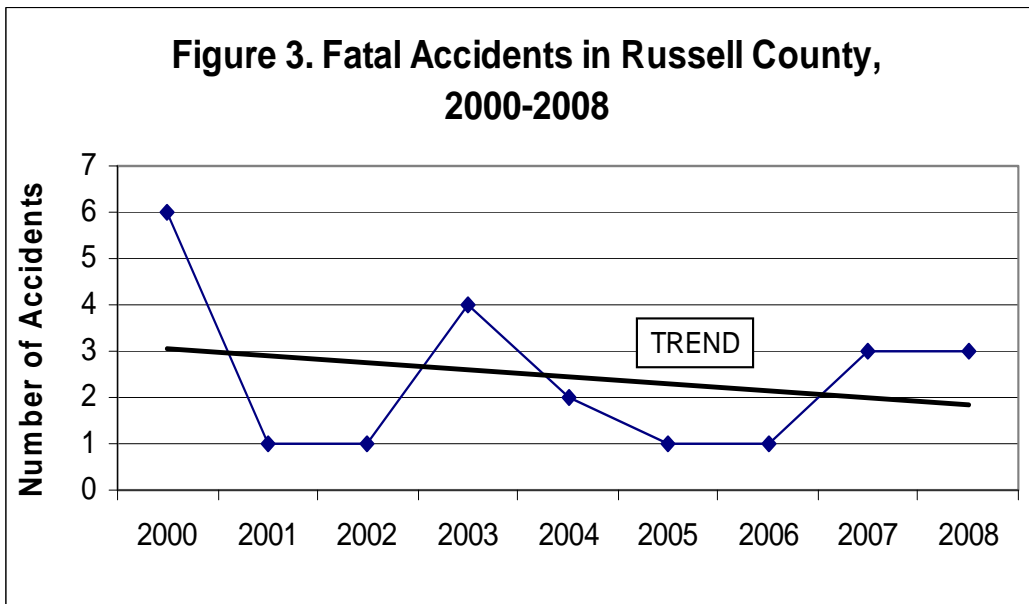


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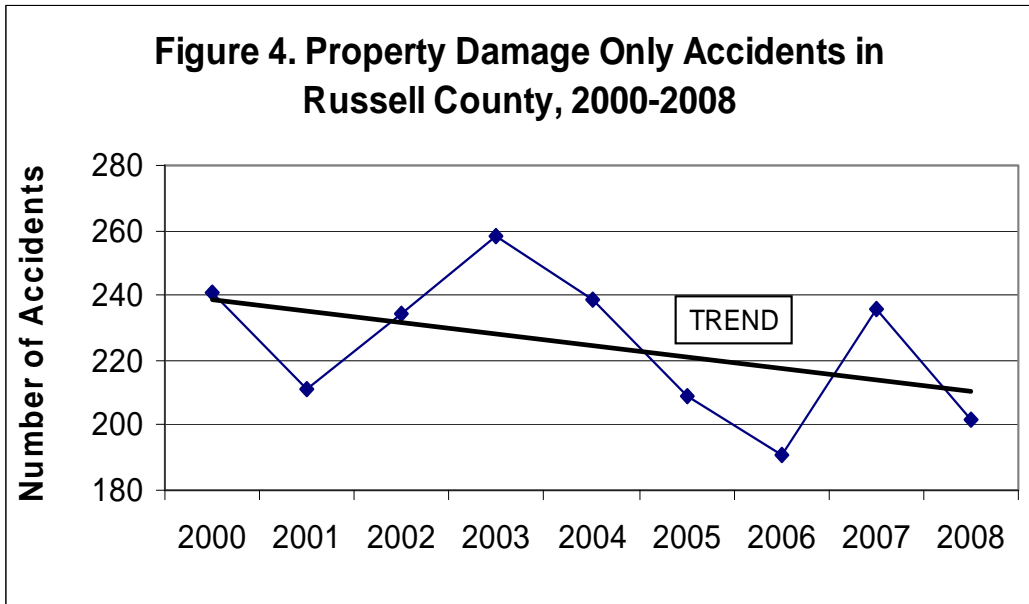


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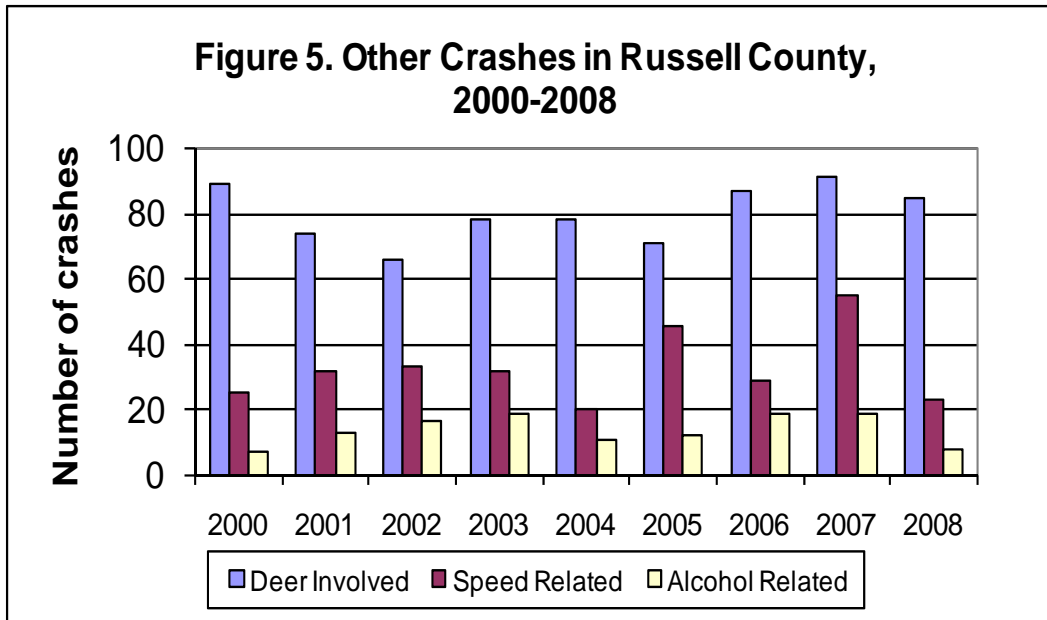


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