



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Snowmobile Unit 2024-2025 Accident and Fatality Report

INTRODUCTION

- This summary compiles incident statistics for the 2024-2025 snowmobile season. The snowmobile season coincides with the State's fiscal year; thus, this summary includes all **reported** accidents that occurred between April 1st, 2024 through March 31st, 2025.
- During the 2024-25 season, there were 122 reported accidents involving 141 operators (117 non-fatal accidents; 5 fatal accidents)

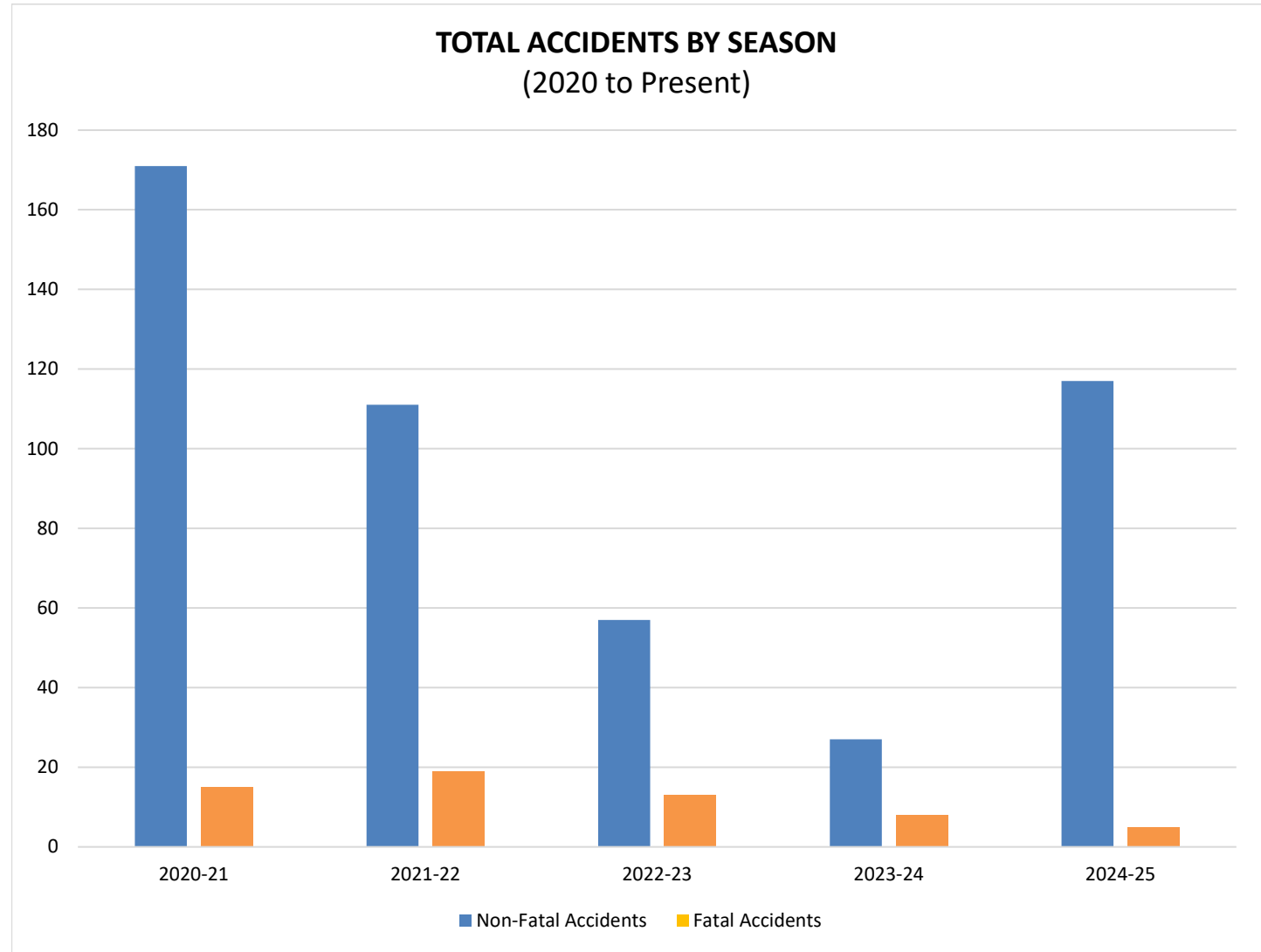
TOTAL ACCIDENTS BY SEASON (2020 to Present)

2024-25 Season:

122 Total Accidents

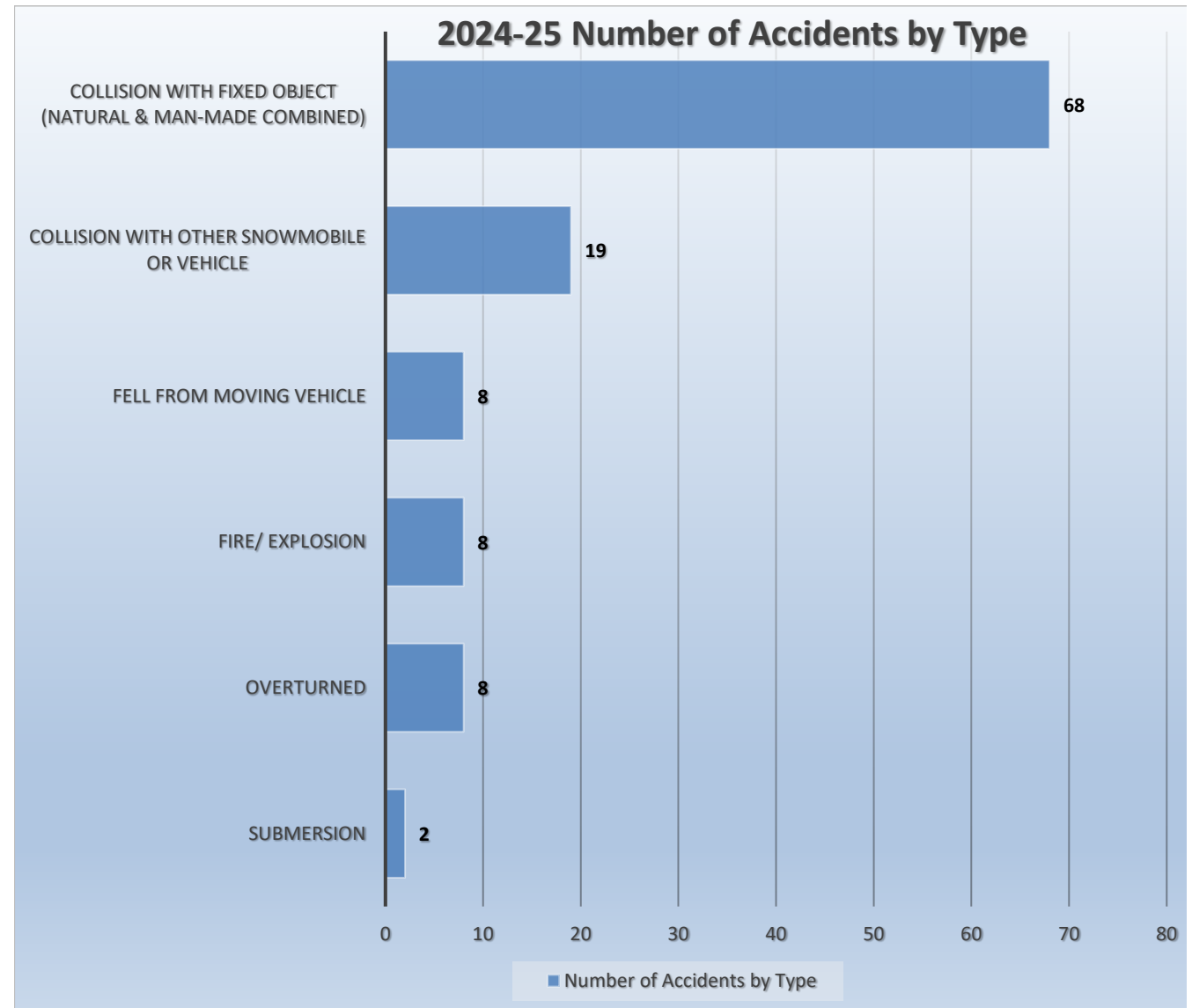
Non-Fatal Accidents = 117

Fatal Accidents = 5



TYPE OF ACCIDENTS (2024-25)

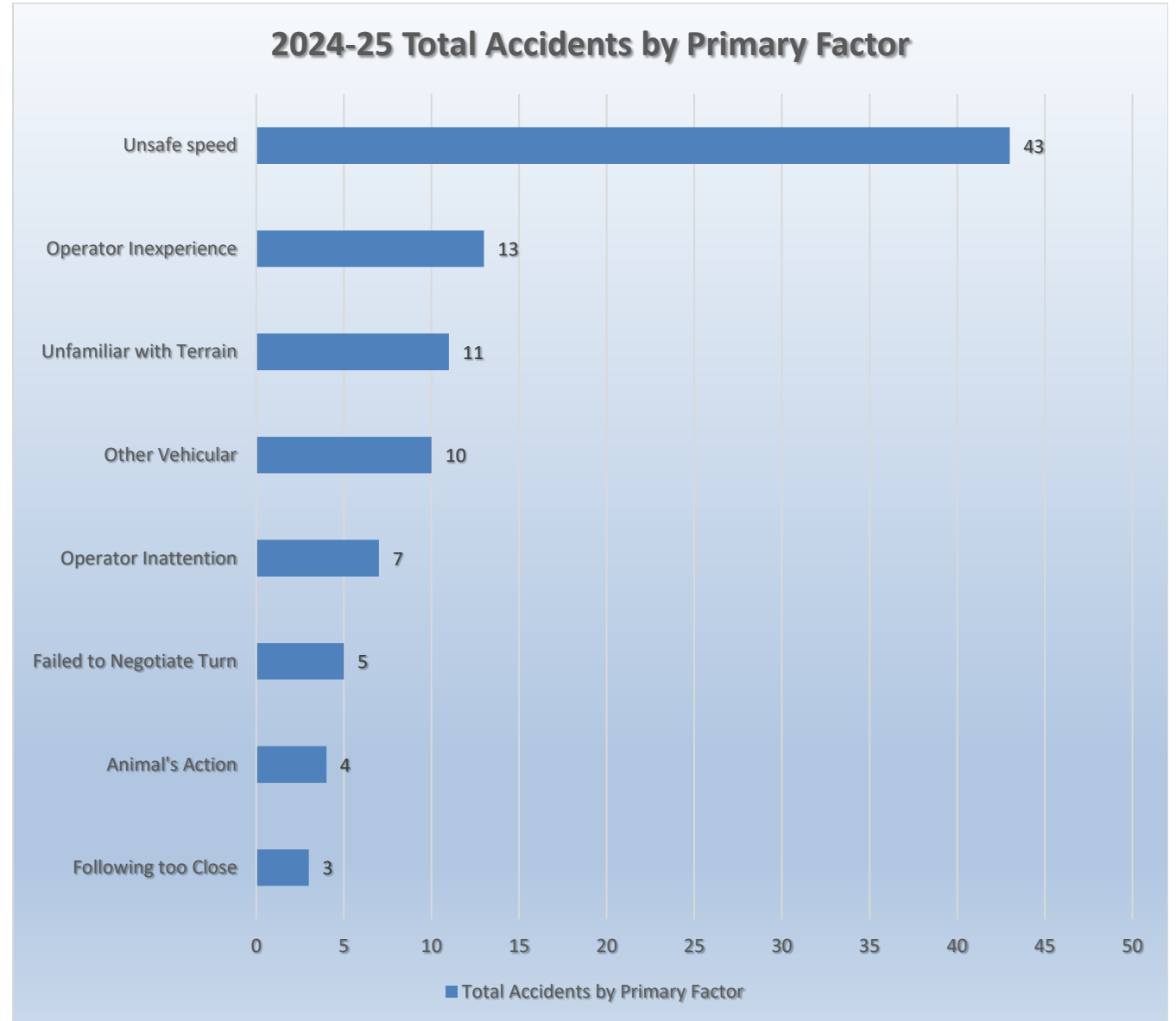
Most accidents that occurred during the 2024-25 season were **Collisions with Fixed Objects** (68), such as trees, embankments, signposts, bridges and culverts.



PRIMARY FACTORS

The leading primary factors in accidents during the 2024-25 season:

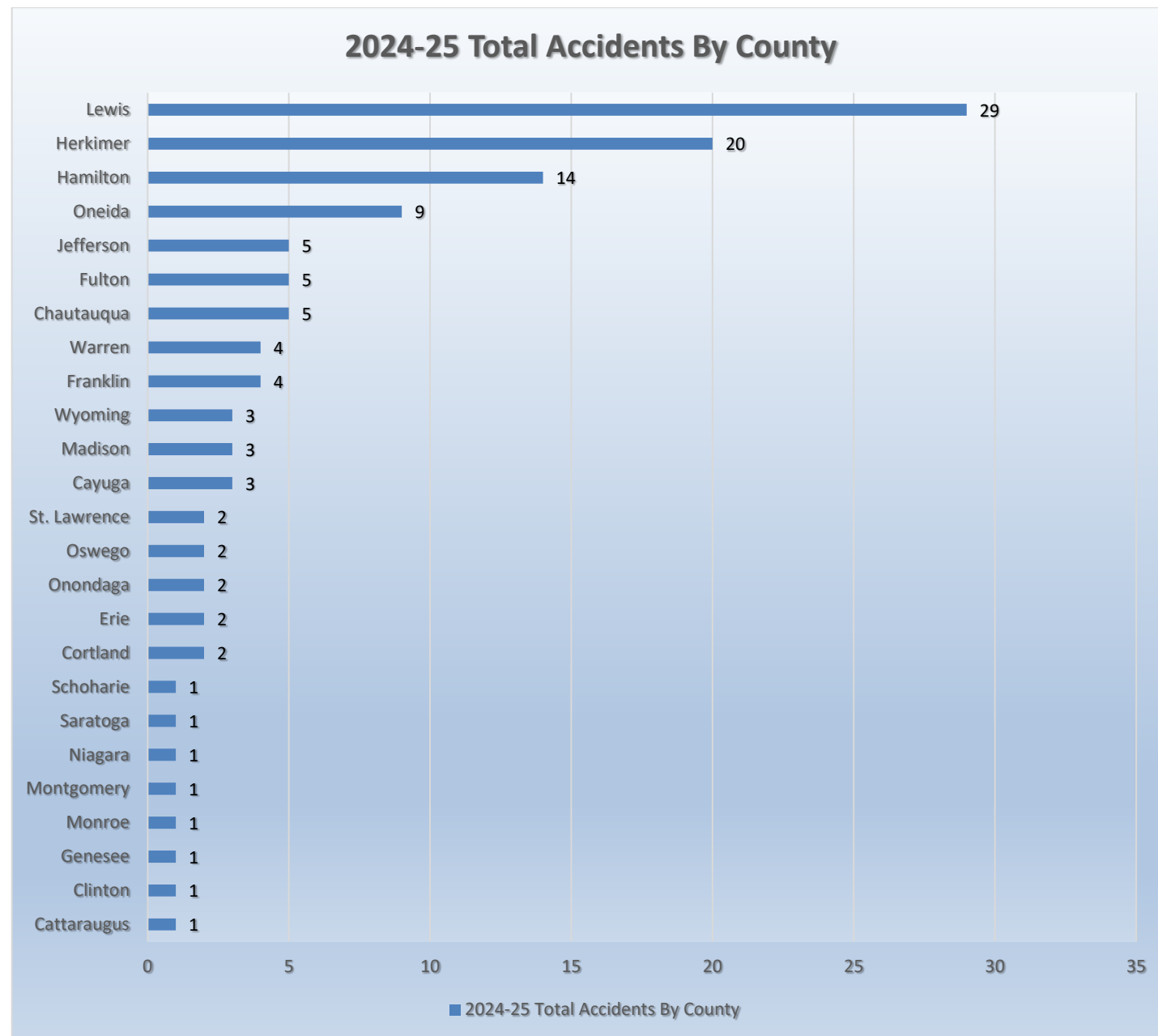
- **Unsafe speed (43)**
- **Operator Inexperience (13)**
- **Unfamiliar with Terrain (11)**
- **Other Vehicular (10)**
- **Operator Inattention (7)**
- **Failed to Negotiate Turn (5)**
- **Alcoholic Involvement (2)**



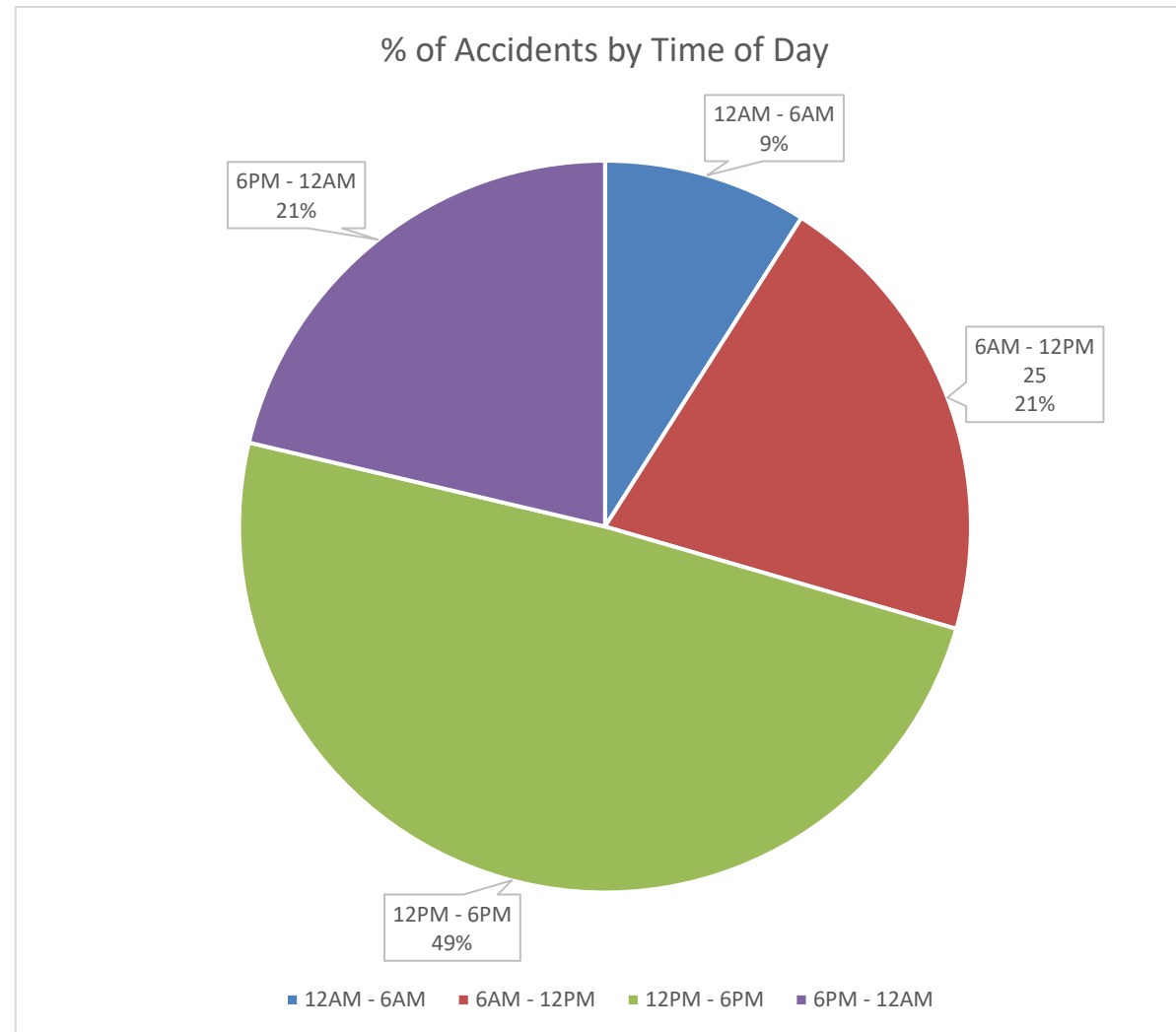
ACCIDENTS BY COUNTY 2024-25



Lewis = 29 Total (No Fatalities)
Herkimer = 20 Total (**1 Fatality**)
Hamilton = 14 Total (No Fatalities)
Total Accidents = 122

1 Fatality in Each of these 5 Counties:
Cayuga, Franklin, Herkimer, Jefferson,
Oneida




2024-25 ACCIDENT % BY TIME OF DAY

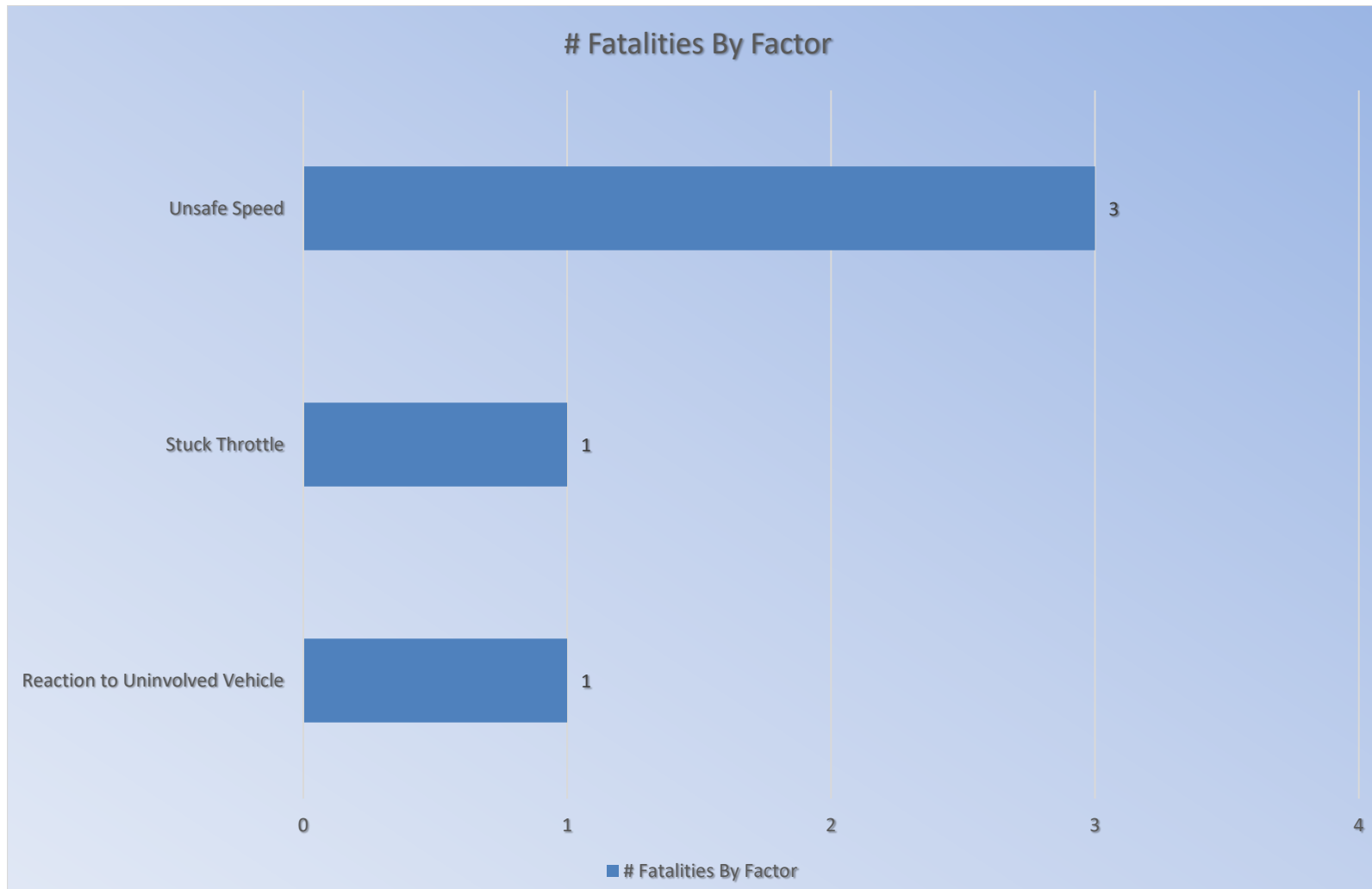




Age Group	Number Of Accidents 2024-25
09-20	12
21-30	25
31-40	15
41-50	21
51-60	28
61-83	21



2024-25 LEADING FACTORS IN FATALITIES



Unsafe Speed was the top primary factor in (3) fatalities

Failure to Negotiate a Turn was determined to be a secondary factor in (2) fatalities noted in the chart.

FATALITIES
BY COUNTY
2024-25

County	# of Fatalities by County 2024-25
Herkimer	1
Cayuga	1
Oneida	1
Franklin	1
Jefferson	1

2024-25 Fatality Details

2024-25 Summary of Snowmobile Related Fatalities

Date	Time	County	Accident Type	Leading Factor
1/7/2025	2:15 PM	Cayuga	Collision with Fence	Stuck Throttle
1/11/2025	9:11 PM	Jefferson	Collision with Tree	Unsafe Speed
1/22/2025	9:41 PM	Oneida	Collision with Tree	Unsafe Speed
2/1/2025	2:42 PM	Franklin	Collision with Snow Embankment	Unsafe Speed
2/9/2025	2:48 AM	Herkimer	Collision with Unattended Snowmobile	Reaction to Other Uninvolved Vehicle

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- The many snowmobile clubs across New York State who maintain safe snowmobile trails through their volunteer labor;
- The New York State Snowmobile Association;
- All snowmobilers committed to safe and ethical riding, including the many who stop to furnish assistance in the event of an accident.

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