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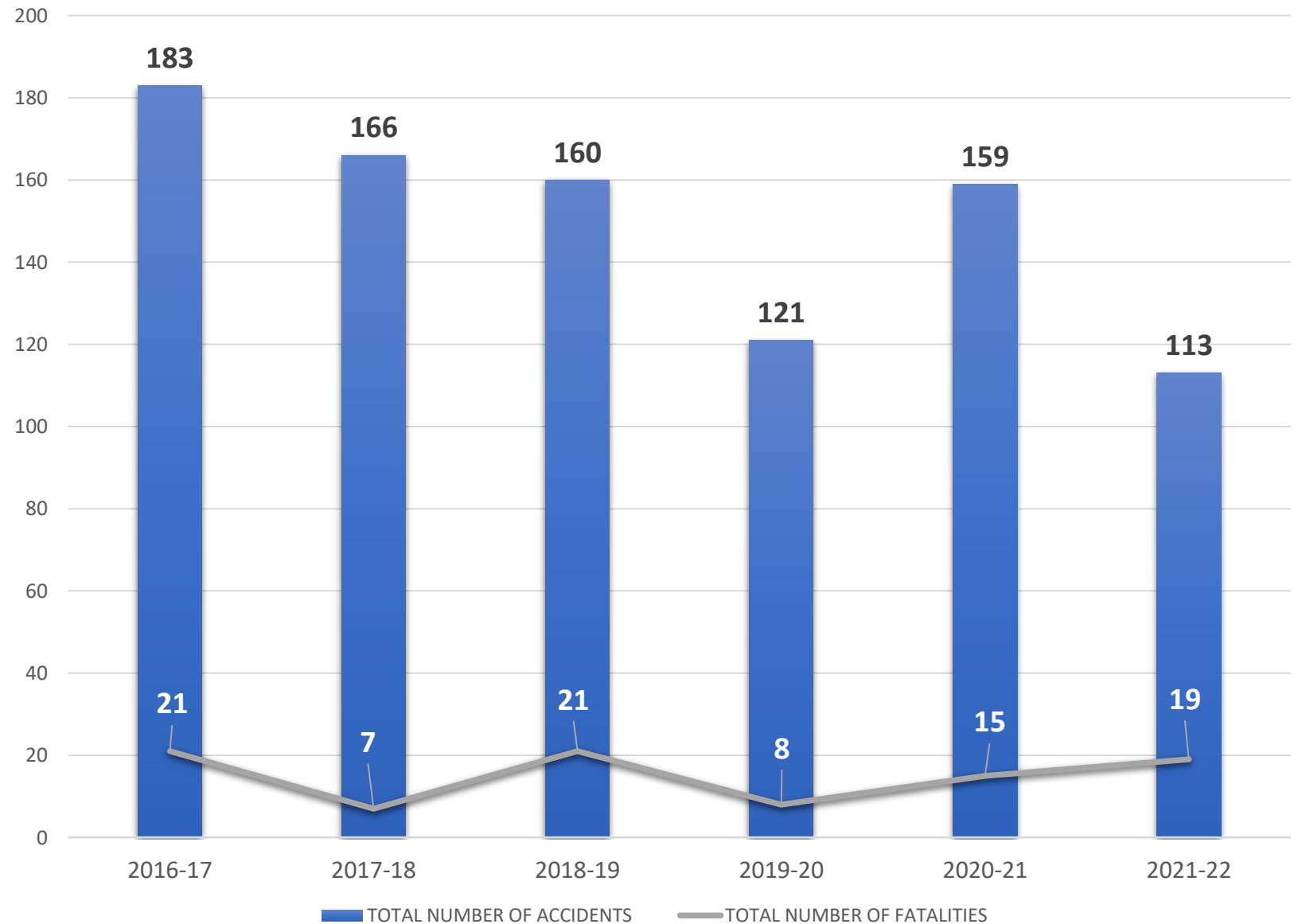
## **Snowmobile Unit 2021-2022 Accident Report Summary**

# INTRODUCTION

- This summary compiles accident statistics for the 2021-2022 snowmobile season. The snowmobile season coincides with the State's fiscal year; thus, this summary includes all **reported** accidents that occurred between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 through March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.
- In total, there were 113 reported accidents in 2021-2022. These accidents involved 130 operators and resulted in 91 injuries and 19 fatalities.

# ACCIDENT COUNT BY SEASON

**2021-22** season =  
113 accidents,  
including 19 fatalities

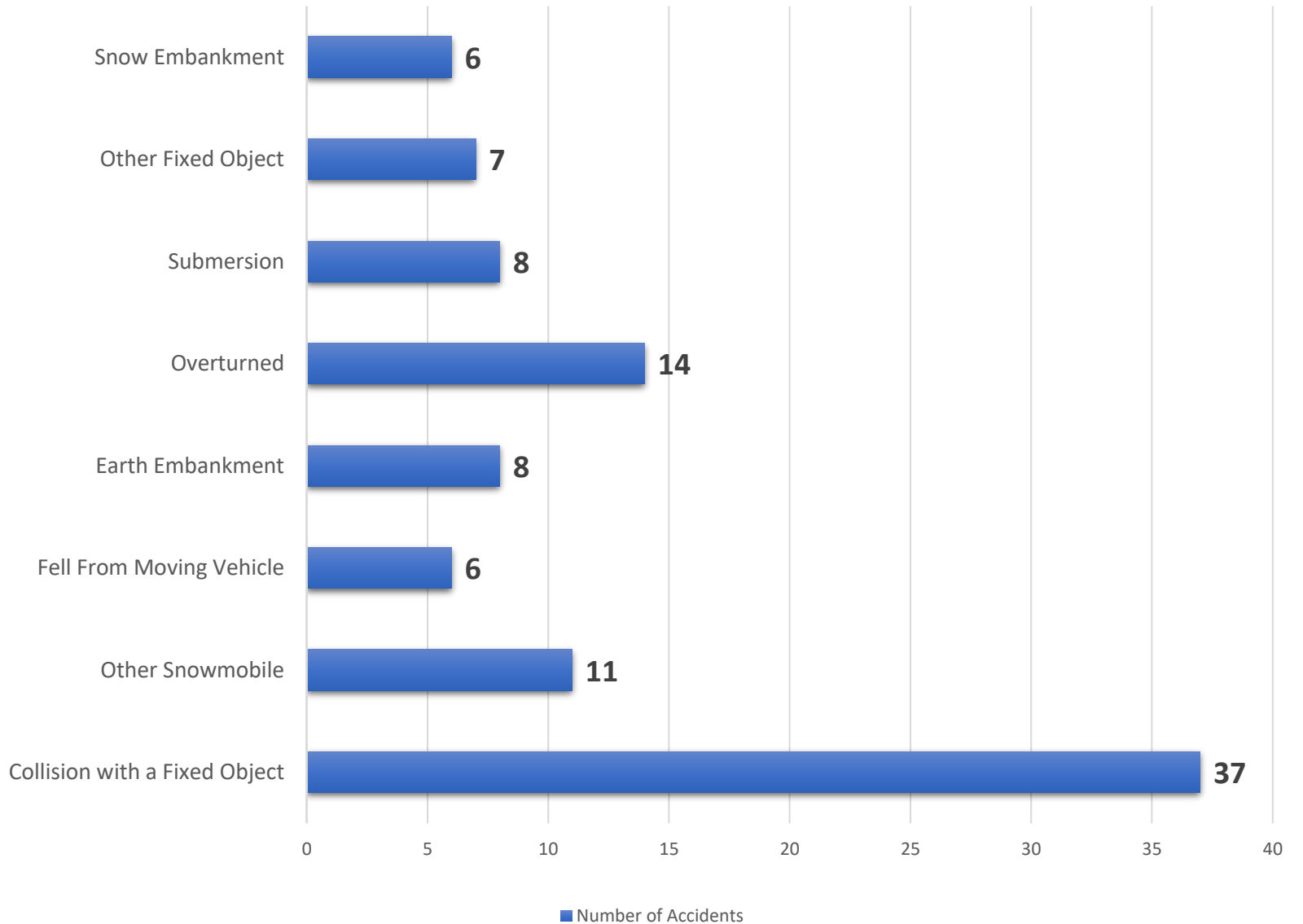


# TYPE OF ACCIDENT

Most accidents that occurred were collisions with fixed objects (37), such as trees, embankments, trailers, guide rails, and parked snowmobiles.



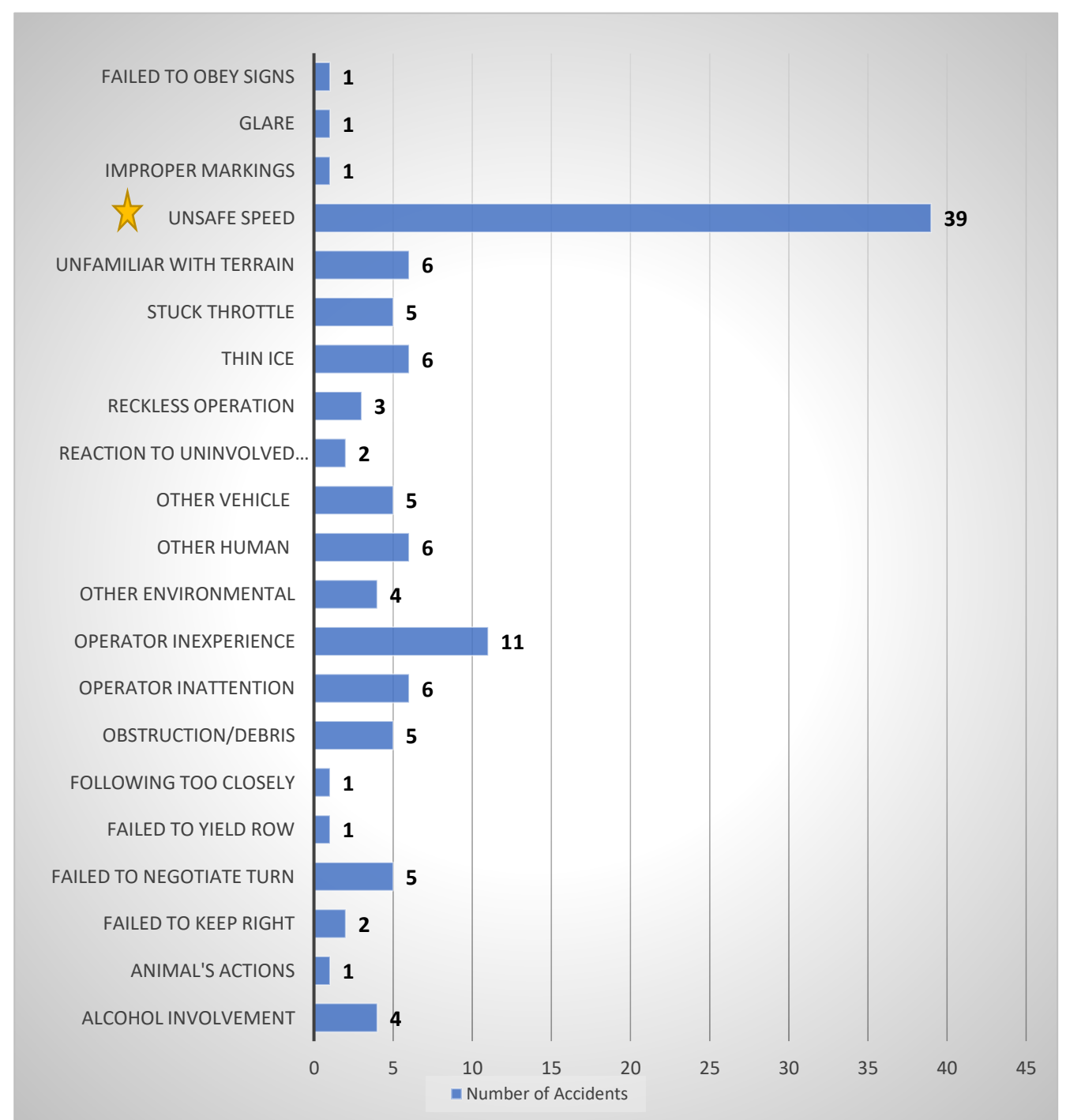
Collision with a Fixed Object



# LEADING FACTORS

The top three factors for accidents this season were...

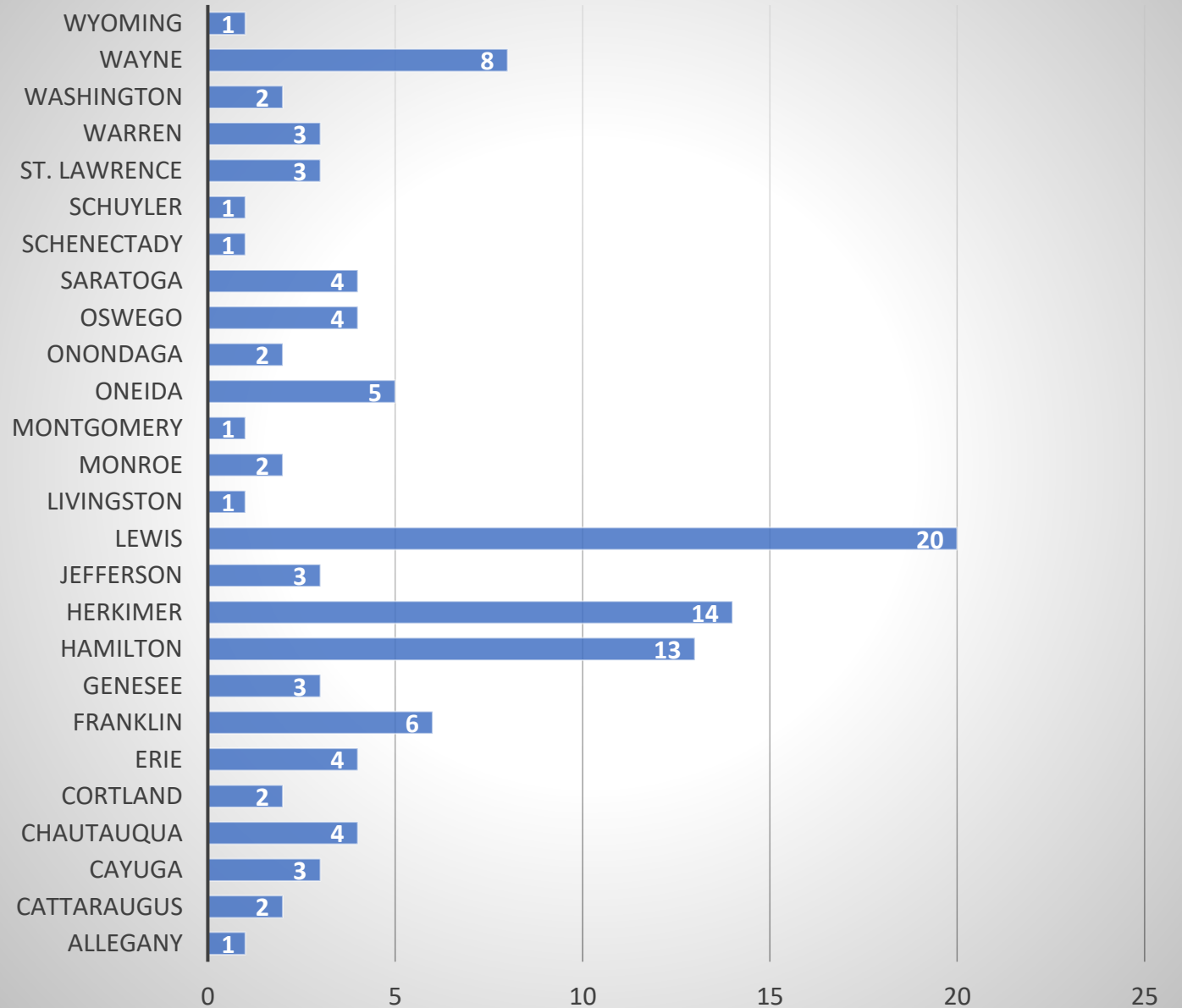
- **Unsafe speed (39)**
- **Operator Inexperience (11)**
- **Unfamiliar with Terrain (6)**



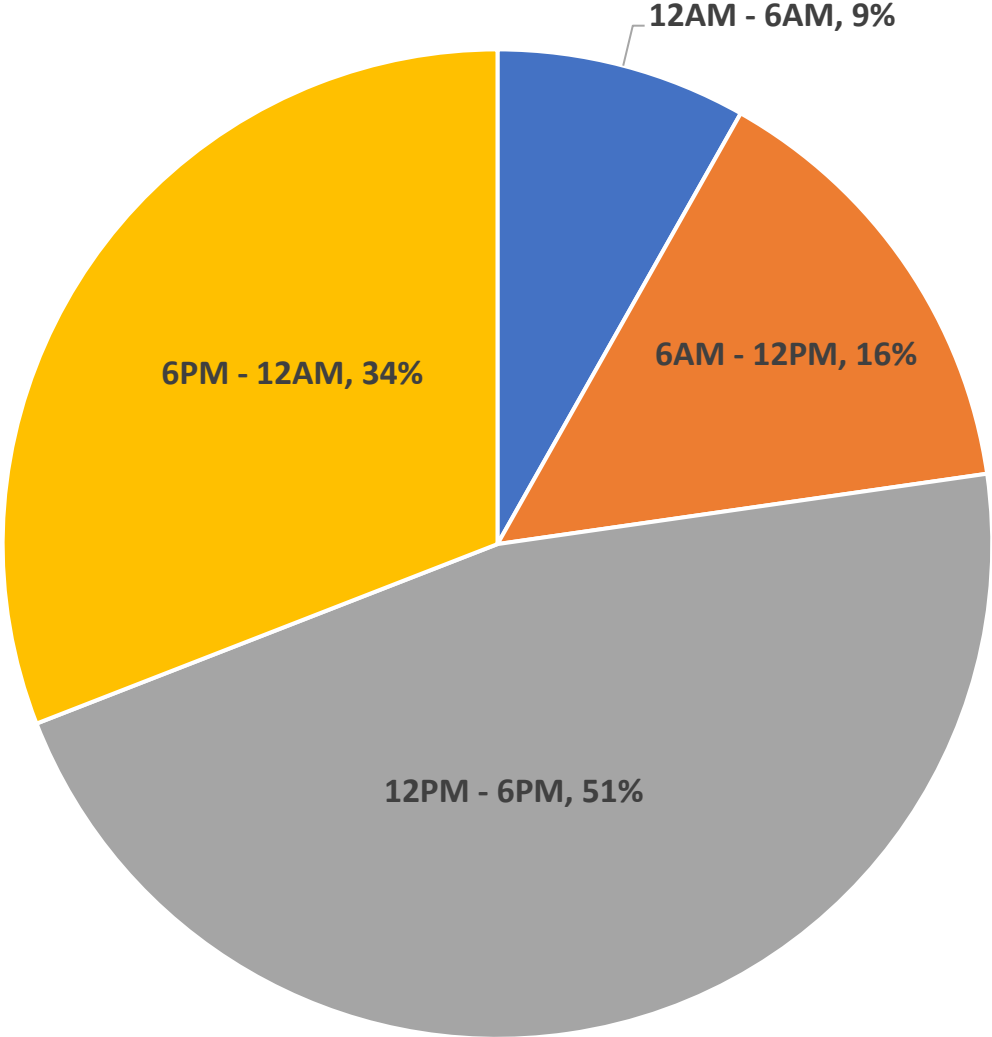
# ACCIDENTS BY COUNTY


Lewis = 20 Accidents (7 fatalities)  
Herkimer = 14 Accidents (2 fatalities)  
Hamilton = 13 Accidents (2 fatalities)  
Wayne = 8 Accidents (0 fatalities)

## 2021-22 Accidents By County




# TIME OF DAY



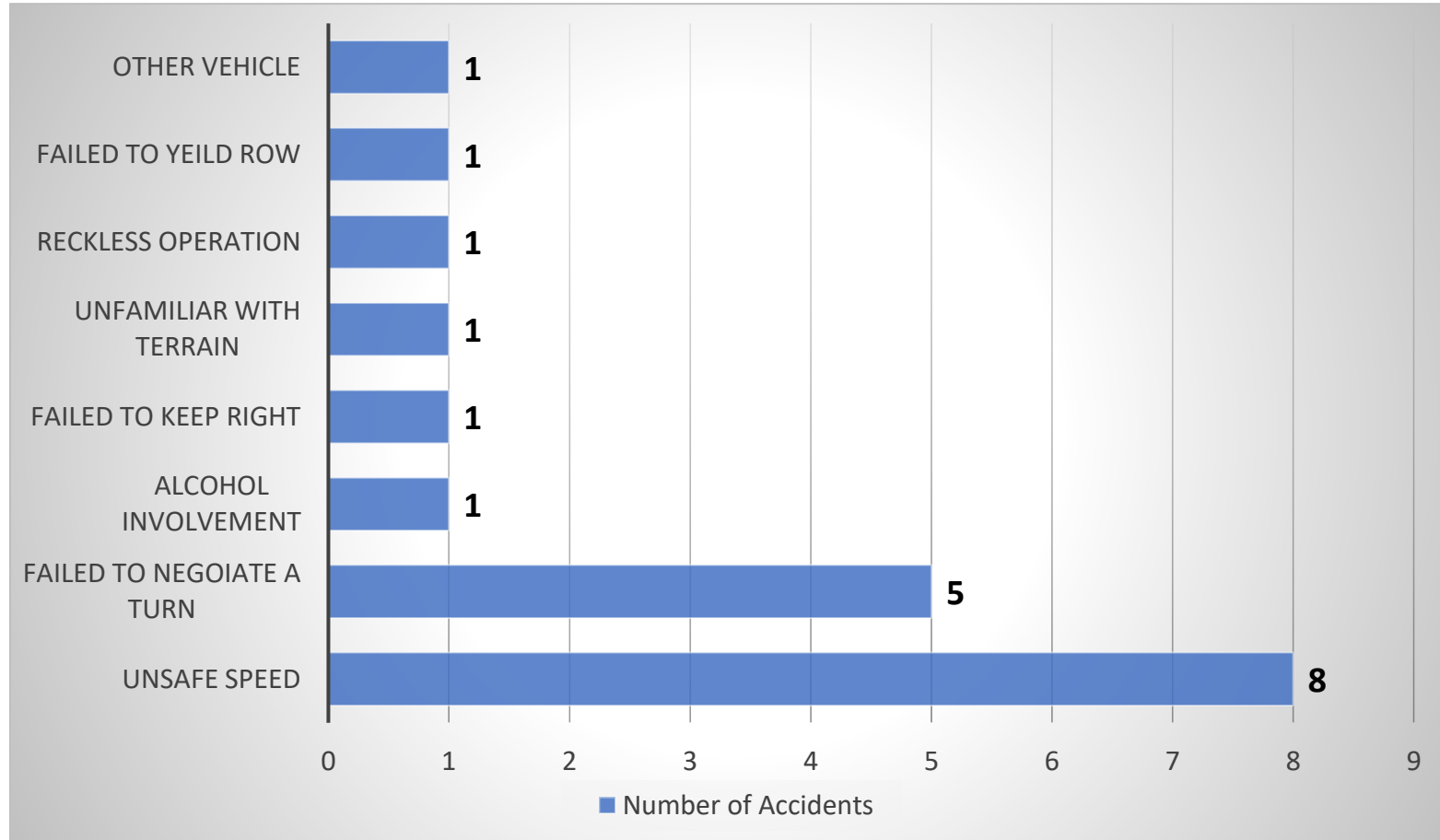


<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Number of Accidents</b>
12-20	15
21-30	22
31-40	17
41-50	24
51-60	22
61-76	12



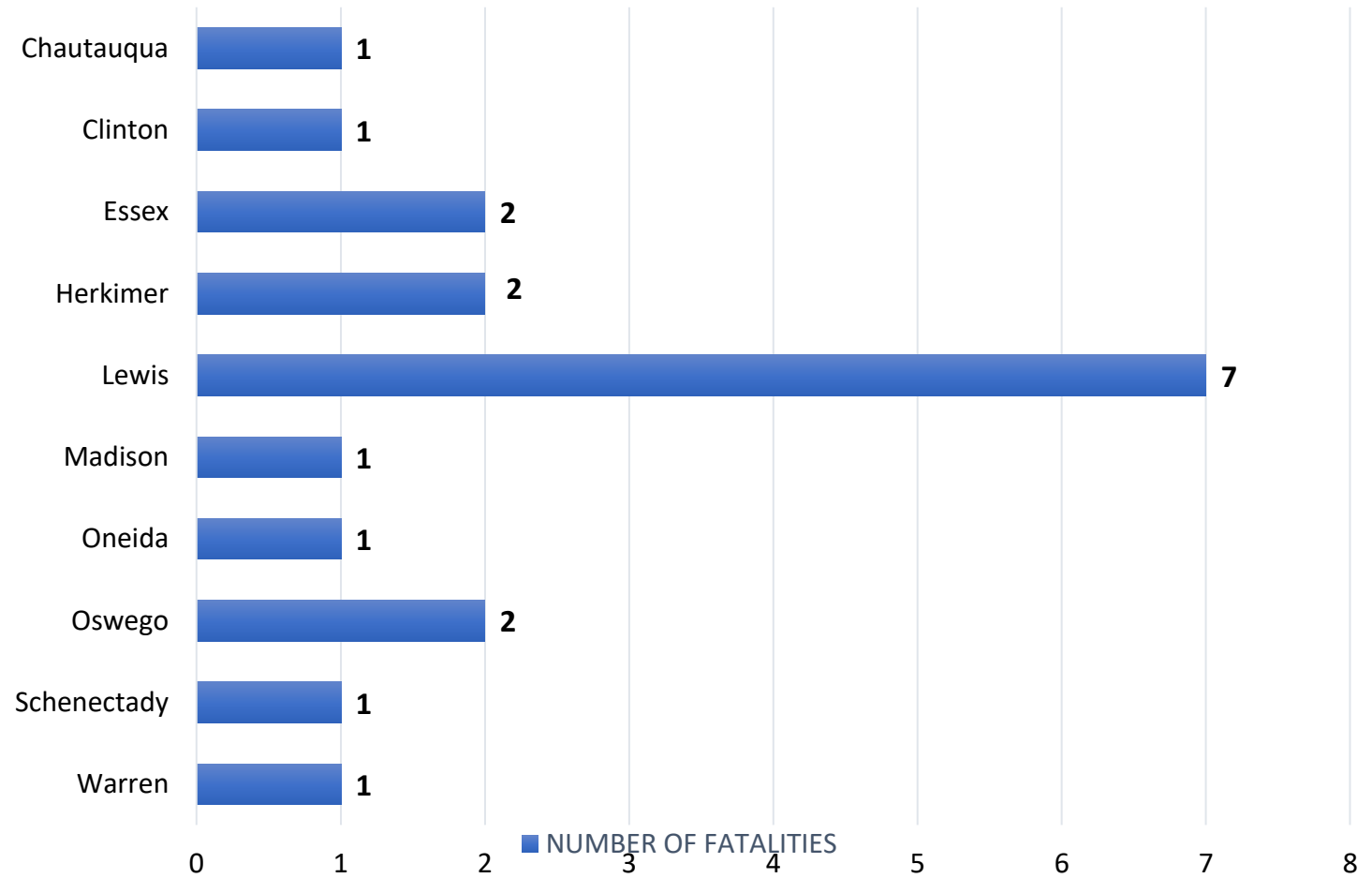


# LEADING FACTORS OF FATALITIES



Unsafe speed (8) topped all other leading factors for fatalities.

# FATALITIES BY COUNTY



# Fatal Accident Details

1/2/2022	6:25pm	North Elba	Essex	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/4/2022	2:07pm	Webb	Herkimer	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/16/2022	7:36pm	Oscela	Lewis	Failed to Negotiate a Turn	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/17/2022	10:00pm	Orwell	Oswego	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/20/2022	9:04pm	Oscela	Lewis	Failed to Negotiate a Turn	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/22/2022	2:46am	Montague	Lewis	Alcoholic Involvement	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/27/2022	4:14pm	Hastings	Oswego	Failed to Yield the ROW	Collision with a Moving Object
1/28/2022	6:07pm	Webb	Herkimer	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/28/2022	3:41pm	Rome	Oneida	Unfamiliar with Terrain	Collision with a Fixed Object
1/30/2022	10:11pm	Chautauqua	Chautauqua	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/4/2022	7:43pm	Westport	Essex	Failed to Negotiate a Turn	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/13/2022	12:27pm	Montague	Lewis	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/13/2022	3:44pm	Lake George	Warren	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/20/2022	10:00pm	Dannemora	Clinton	Failed to Negotiate a Turn	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/27/2022	11:38am	Rotterdam	Schenectady	Unsafe Speed	Collision with a Fixed Object
2/27/2022	2:28pm	Oneida	Madison	Reckless Operation	Fell From a Moving Vehicle
3/3/2022	11:43pm	Montague	Lewis	Failed to Negotiate a Turn	Collision with a Fixed Object
3/4/2022	12:44am	Montague	Lewis	Failed to Keep Right	Collision with a Moving Object
3/4/2022	12:44am	Montague	Lewis	Other Vehicle	Collision with a Moving Object

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