# Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

## Overview of All Traffic-related Incidents from 2015-2019

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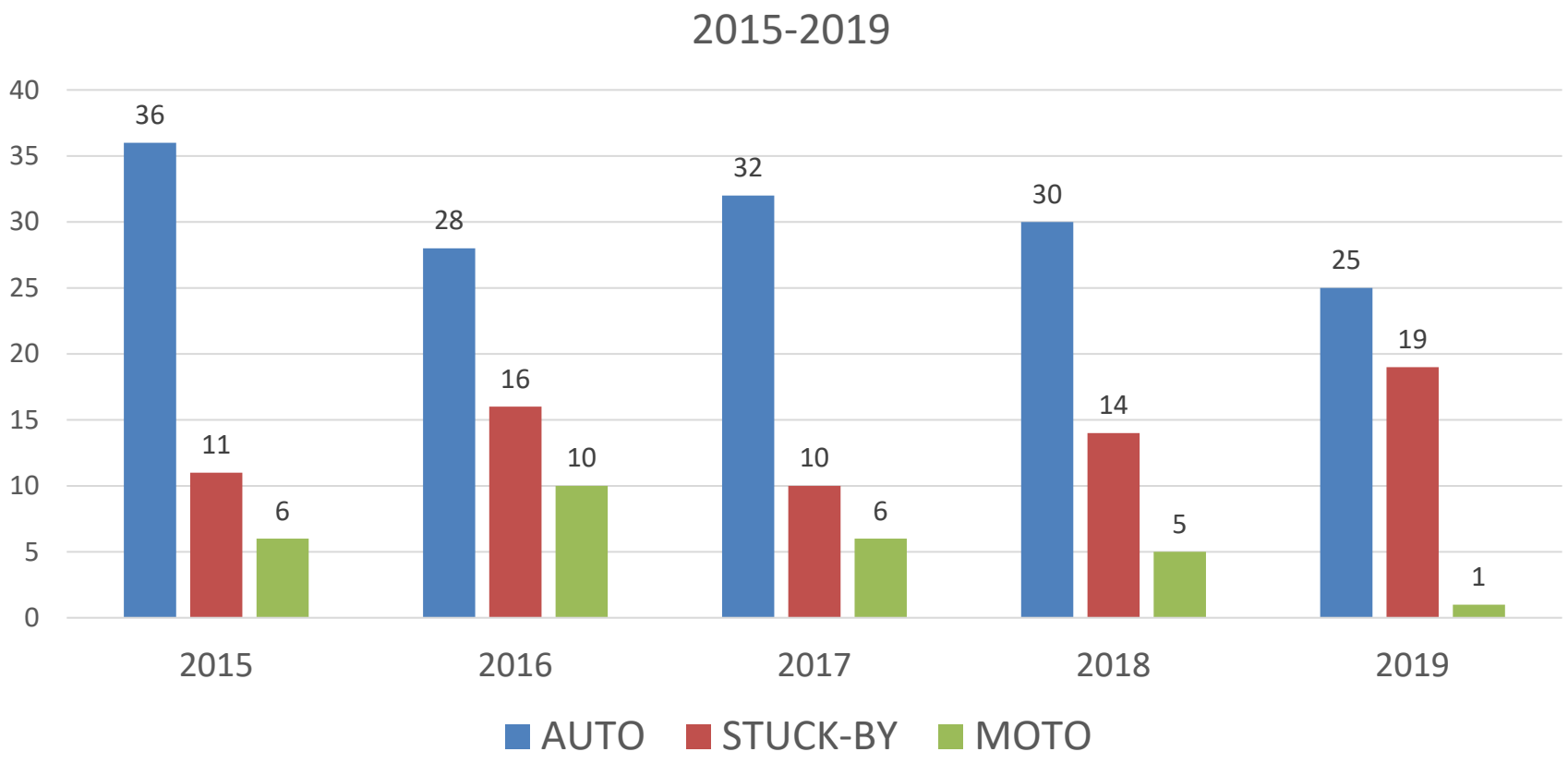
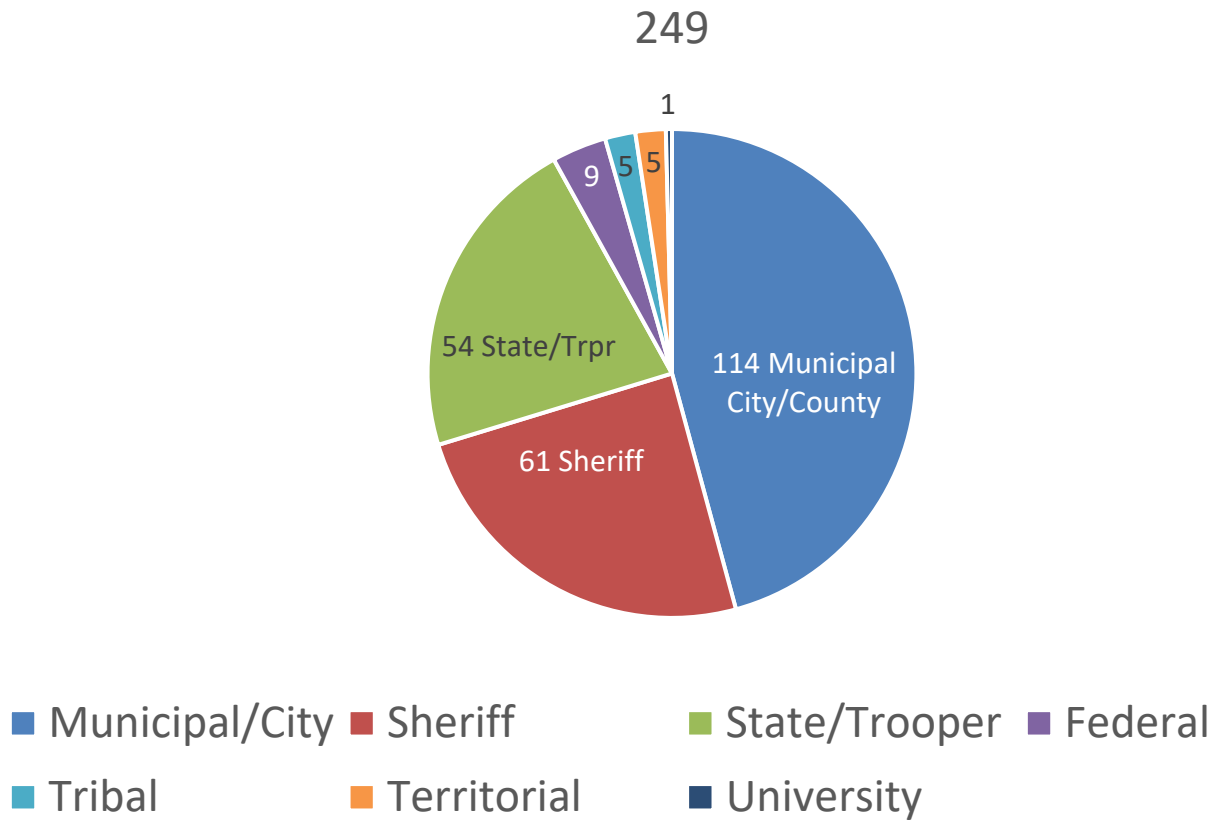
# Traffic Related Fatalities From 2015-2019

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were a total of **249** fatalities related to vehicles and traffic approved as Line of Duty Deaths.
  - 151 Automobile crashes
  - 70 officers struck by vehicles
  - 28 motorcycle crashes

# Crashes by Year

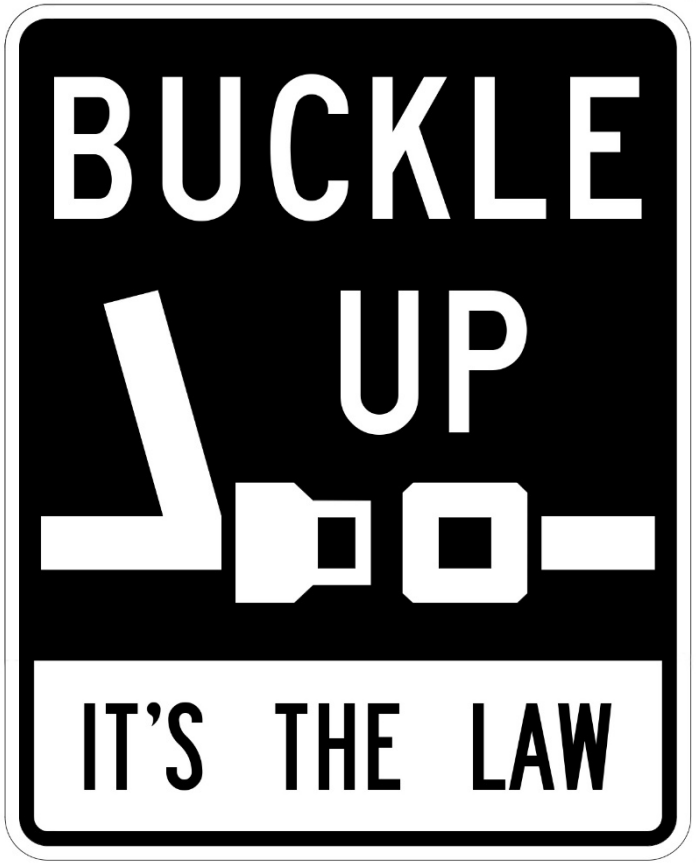


# Crashes By Agency Type

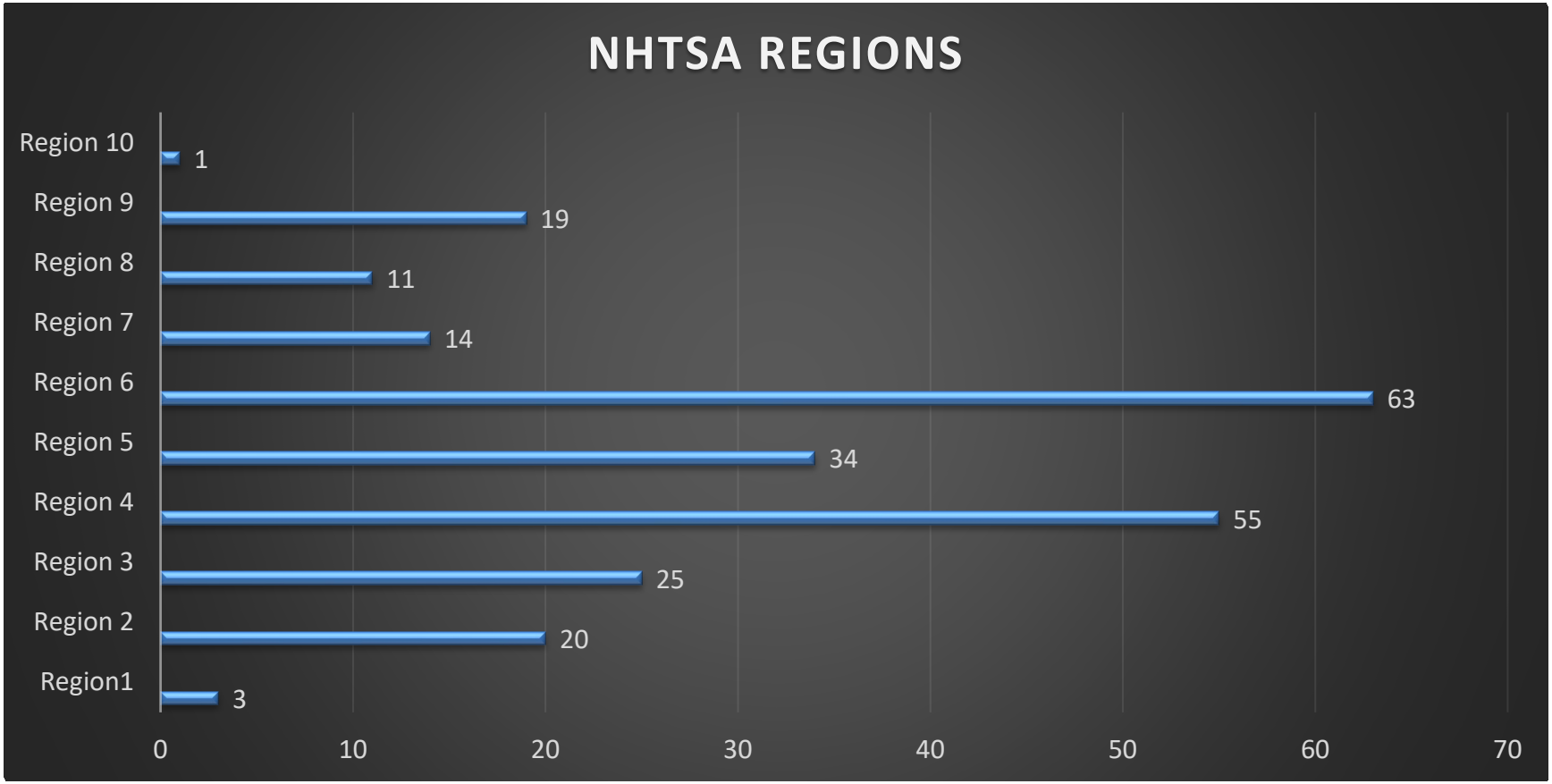


# Seat Belt Usage

- There were a total of **151** fatal automobile crashes from 2015-2019
- **47%** of those officers were confirmed to NOT have been buckled up.



# All Crashes by NHTSA Regions



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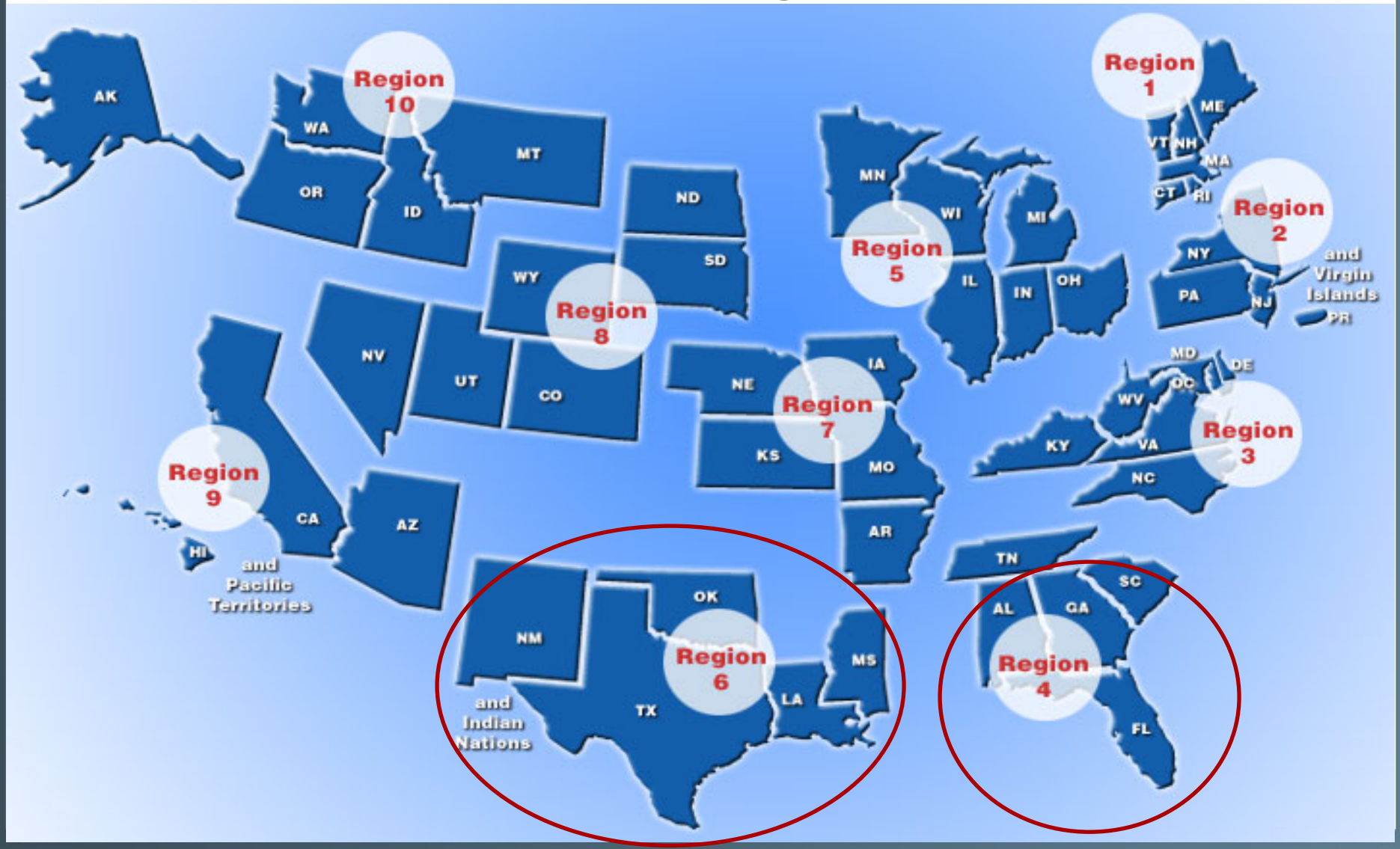
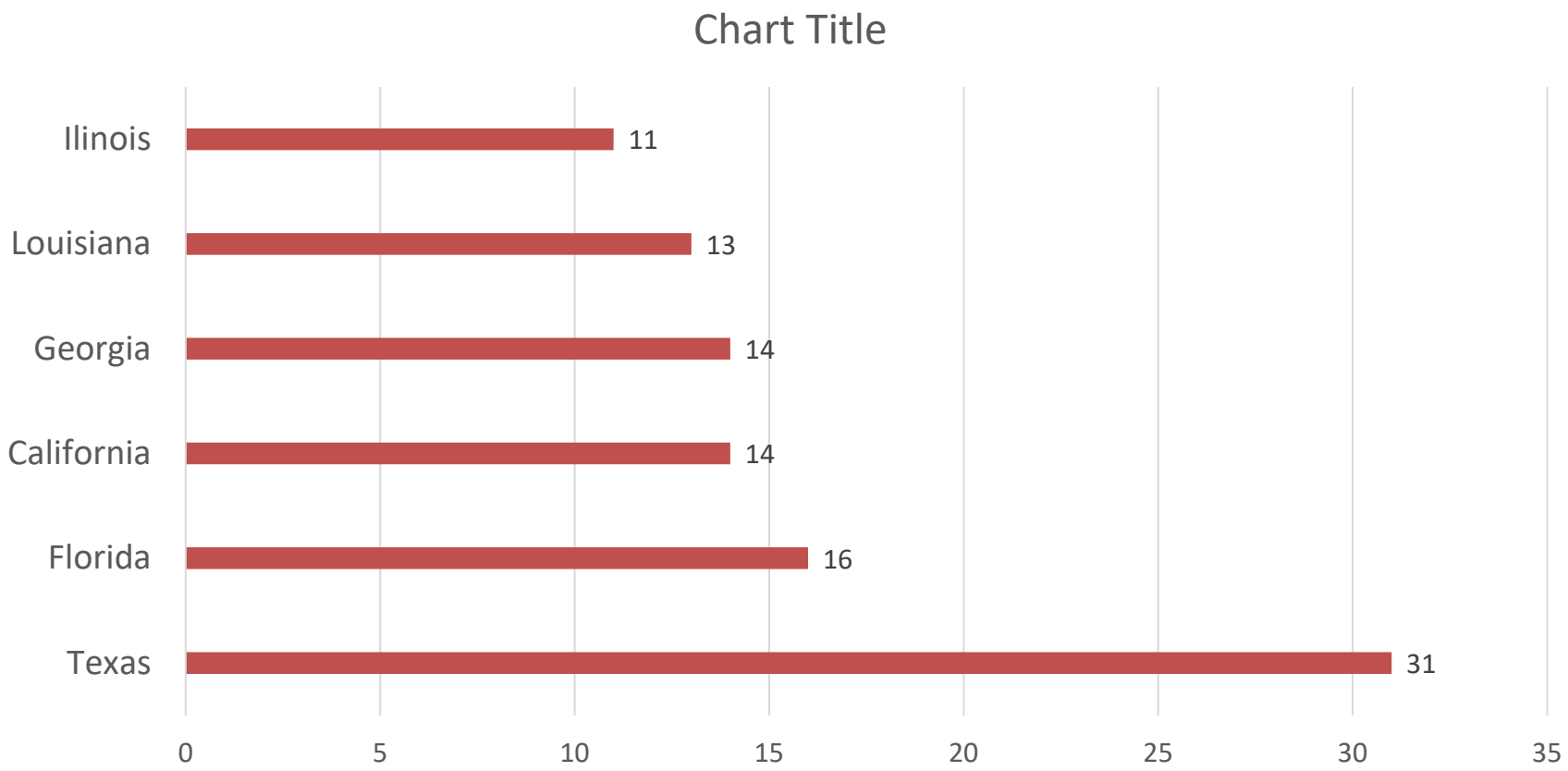


# Six States with the Highest Number of Traffic-related Incidents



# Key Take-aways

- 61% of all the Traffic-related incidents were vehicle crashes
- 47% of officers involved in fatal vehicle crashes were NOT wearing their seat belt
- The predominant number of crashes occurred within the sunbelt states, California, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana
- Municipal or city agencies had the highest number of incidents

# Solutions

- Law enforcement agencies must adopt a culture of safety when comes to vehicle and roadway operations.
- Learn and apply the principals of Traffic Incident Management (TIMs)
- Impose a mandatory seat belt policy
- Use speed monitoring to slow officers down
- Require reflective vests for roadside operations
- Reward safe driving
- Continue EVOC and defensive driver training