

Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

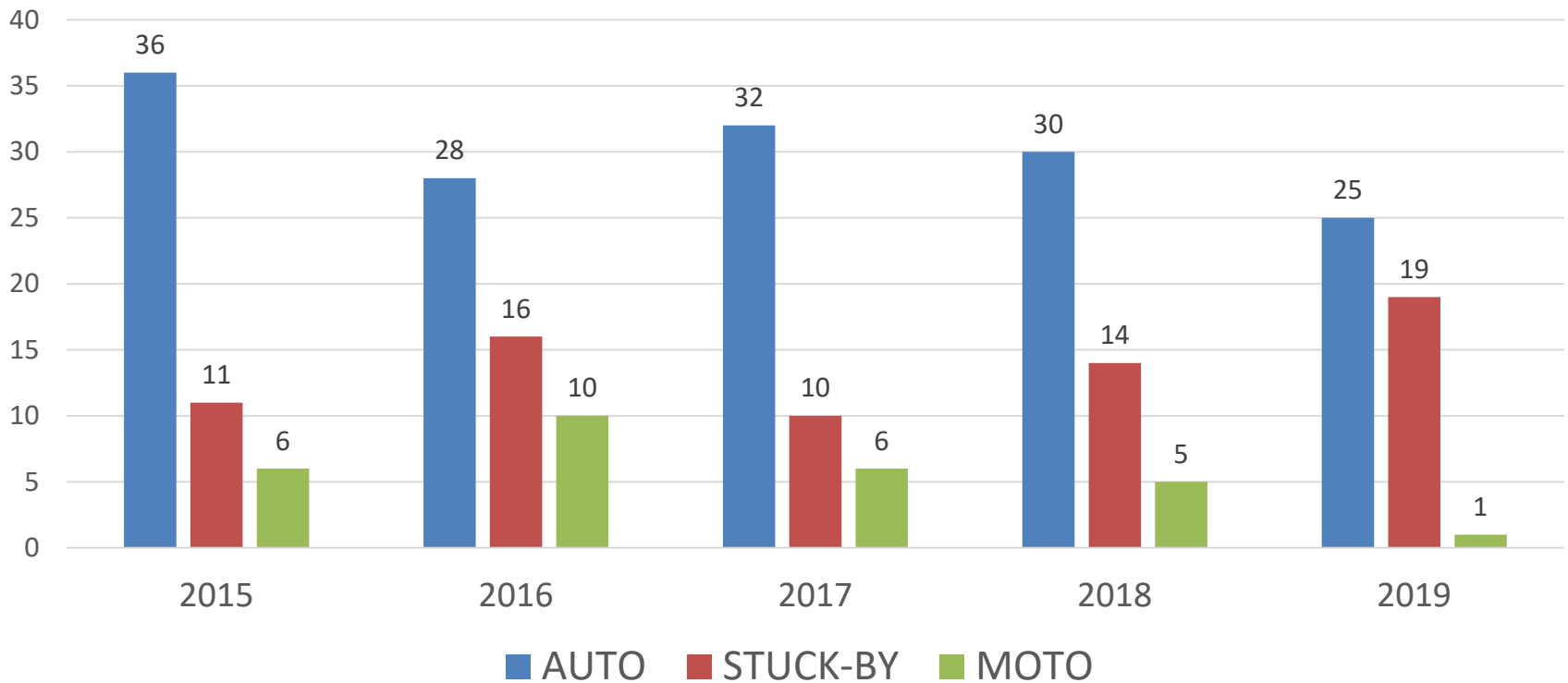
2015-2019 Use of Seat Belts in Fatal
Automobile Crashes





Crashes by Year

2015-2019





Seat Belt Use from 2015-2019

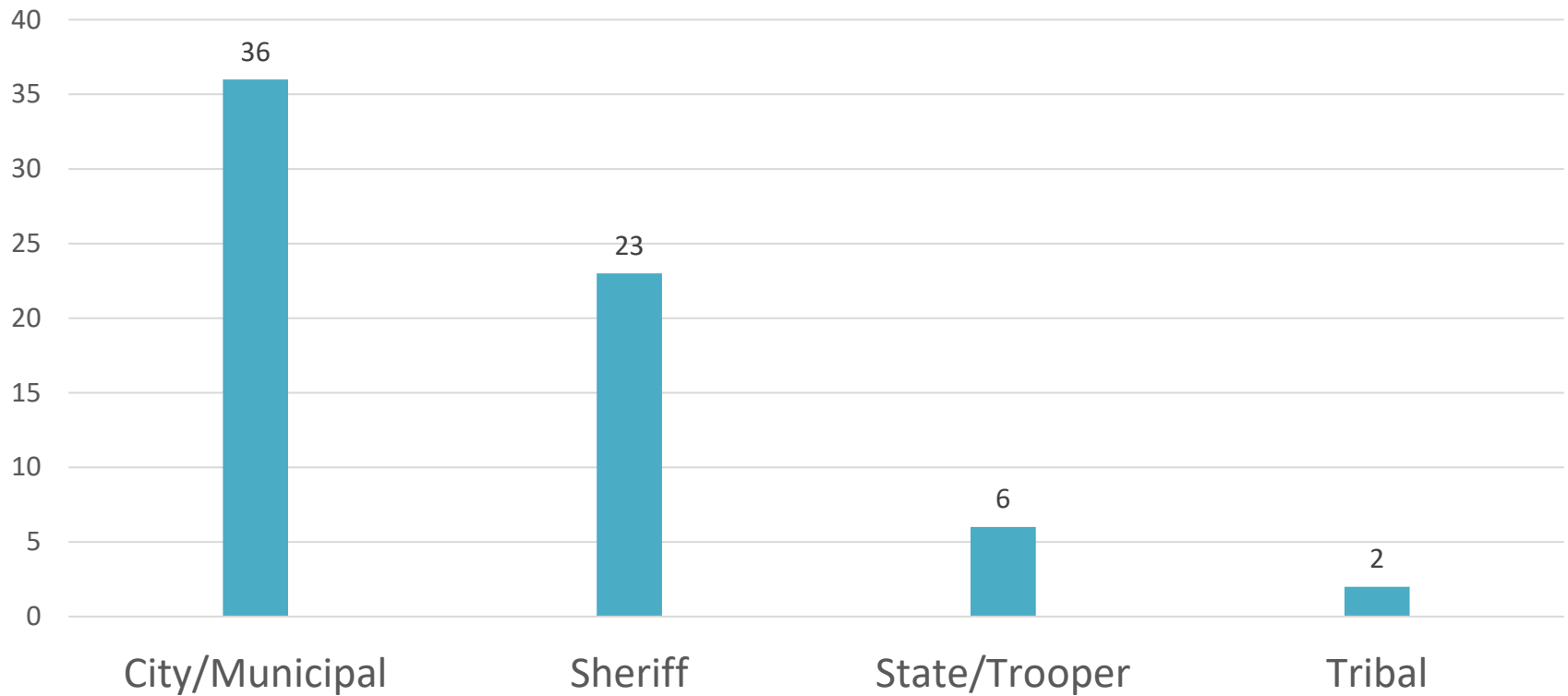
- Overall, **47%** of officers involved in a fatal vehicle crash were not wearing their seat belt
- **52%** of those officers involved in Single-vehicle crashes were not wearing their seat belt





Seat Belt Use by Agency Type

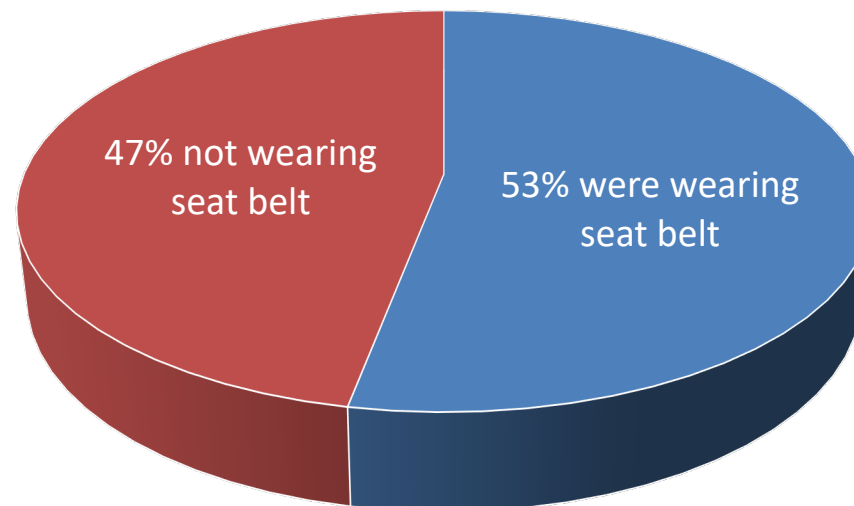
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Seat Belt Use

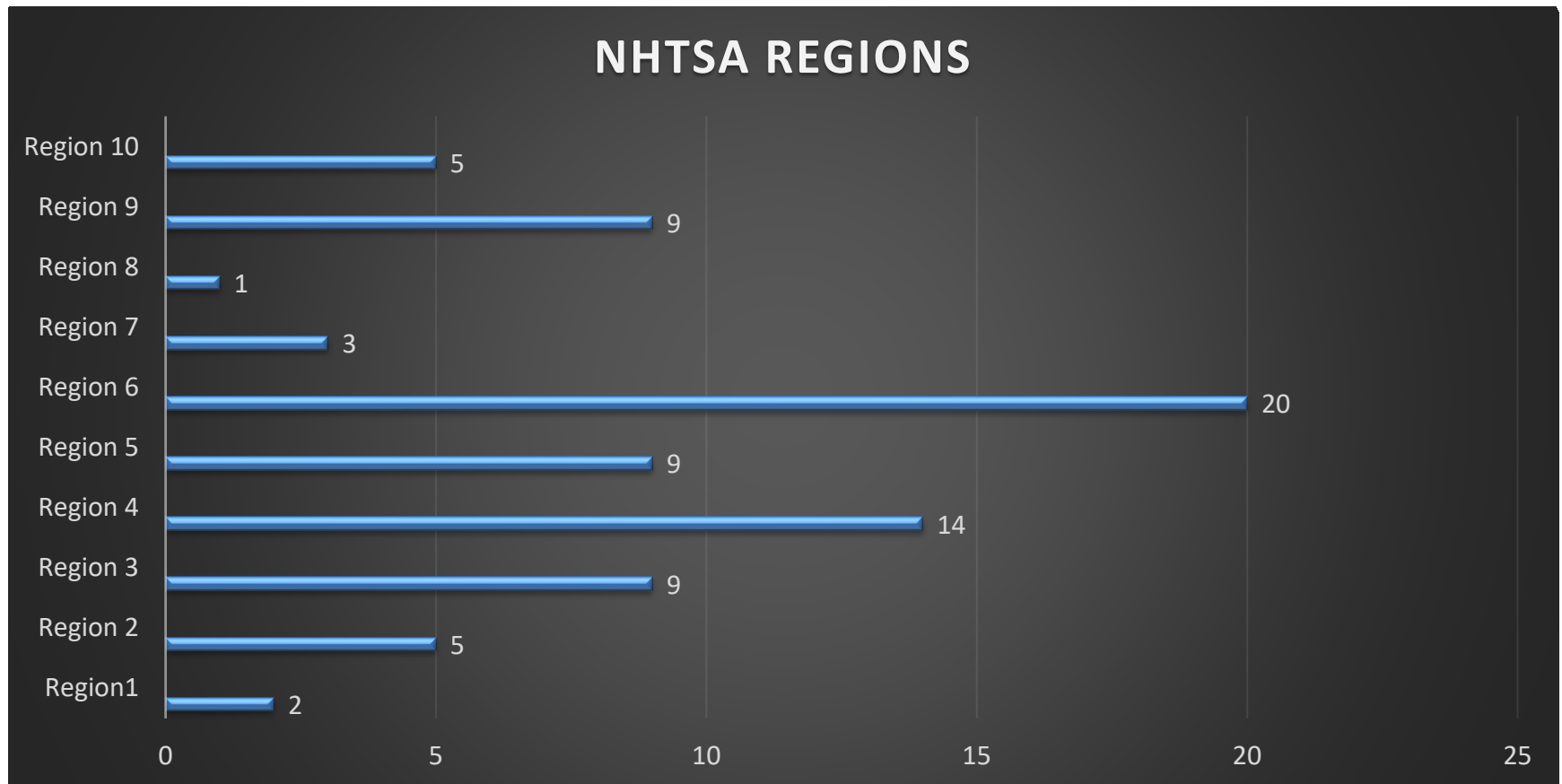
Percentage not wearing seat belt out of 142 crashes were use was verified



■ wearing seat belt ■ Not wearing seat belt ■ ■

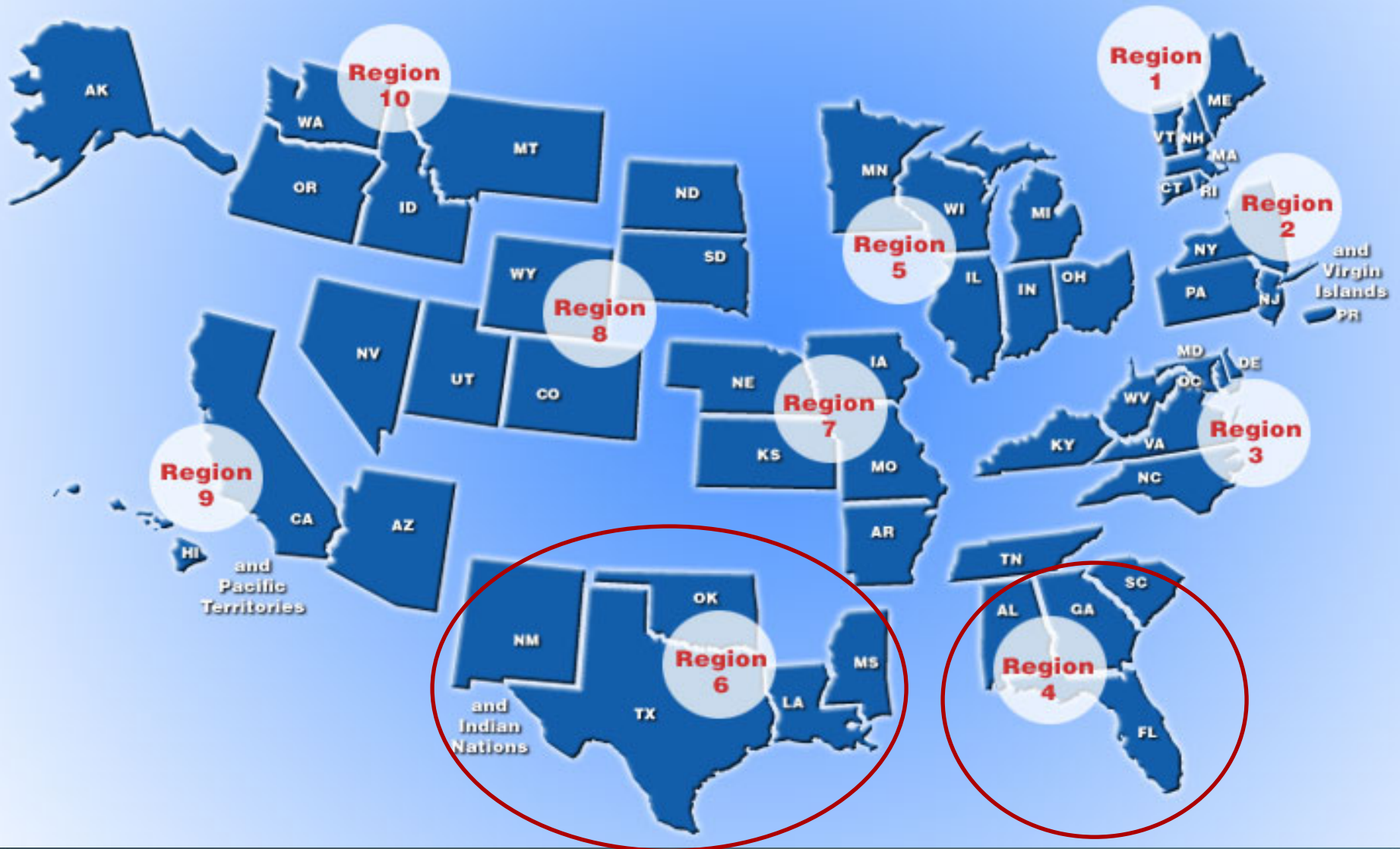


Unbelted Officers by NHTSA Region





NHTSA Regions





Key Take-aways

- 47% of officers involved in fatal vehicle crashes (Collisions and Single-vehicle crashes) were NOT wearing their seat belt.
- Officers involved in Single-vehicle crashes had an even higher rate of not wearing their seat belt. 52% of officers in those types of crashes were not wearing their seat belt.
- Municipal or city agencies had the highest rate of non-use of safety belts.
- NHTSA Region 6 (Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico) had the highest percentage of officers not wearing their seat belt when involved in a crash.



Solutions

- Mandatory Seat belt policy
- Supervisors must enforce use
- Messaging and signage to re-enforce policy
- Buckle up stickers on patrol cars

