

South Carolina FSDO Report FY 26

A Comprehensive Review of Aviation Accidents, Incidents, Runway Incursions, Pilot Deviations, and Pertinent Airspace Events in South Carolina

Data Based on FY 2022 Through FY 2026 unless specified otherwise

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South Carolina FSDO Report – FY26

Informational Letter to Pilots











Introduction and Purpose:

Today, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) maintains 80 Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) covering 77 geographical areas. The South Carolina FSDO, located at **125B Summer Lake Drive, West Columbia** - adjacent to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) - exercises jurisdiction over South Carolina. The office, which is currently staffed by 26 key personnel, is under the direction of Manager Steven J. Petrossian.



Typical responsibilities of the SC FSDO and other FSDOs include, but are not limited to:

- Low Flying Aircraft Investigations
- UAS Operations Investigations
- Accident/Incident Reporting
- Air Carrier Certification and Operations
- Aircraft Maintenance Issues
- Aircraft Operational Issues
- Aircraft Special Flight Authorization Permits
- Airmen Certification (Pilots, mechanics, repairmen, dispatchers, and parachute riggers)
- Certification and Modification Issues
- Compliance Philosophy Outreach
- Enforcement of Regulations
- Uncertified Air Charter Investigations
- Aviation Safety Education Outreach

MANAGER'S SIDEBAR



Safety Management System (SMS) is the formal, top-down, organization-wide approach to managing safety risk and assuring the effectiveness of safety risk controls. It includes systematic procedures, practices, and policies for the management of safety risk. In short, SMS is a structured process that obligates organizations to manage safety with the same level of priority as other core business processes are managed. SMS is becoming the standard throughout the aviation industry worldwide and it is recognized by the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and civil aviation authorities (CAA) and product/service providers as the next step in the evolution of safety in aviation.

In 2015, the FAA published Title 49 Part 5, which required part 121 certificate holders (CH) or applicants to implement an SMS. Part 5 harmonizes U.S. requirements for aviation organizations implementing an SMS requiring State acceptance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) SMS standards. Given the rapid development, growth, and increasing complexities of the NAS as well as realizing the proactivity of SMS to reduce accidents and incidents, the FAA extended the applicability of SMS rule to include Part 135 Certificate Holders as well as CFR 91.147 Commercial Air Tour Operators with a Letter of Authorization.

Effective May 2025, the new rule more closely aligns the U.S. with ICAO Annex 19 requirements as well as Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS). The new rule is scalable and is based on the recommendations of two previous Aviation Rulemaking Committees (ARCs), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Joint Authorities Technical Review of the Boeing 737 MAX Flight Control System, as well as consideration of public comments received during the comment period.

For guidance on the applicability of the new rule to Part 135, 91.147, and SMSVP please review the N8900.700 .

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Moreover, the office continues to maintain close working relationships with local, state, and other federal entities to provide timely responses to stakeholder issues and concerns, to ensure aviation safety, and to support the FAASTeam Mission Statement:

> ***Improving the Nation's aviation accident rate by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education, while establishing partnerships and encouraging the continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community.***

Founded in 1964, the FAASTeam goals are based on an organized business plan developed to assist the FAA in promoting Safety by identifying trends to help reduce aviation accidents and incidents.

Therefore, in support of this mandate, the purpose of the SC FSDO report is to:

- Identify General Aviation accidents, incidents, runway incursions and pilot deviations and **establish a profile of causes**
- To provide a comprehensive and detailed analysis of pertinent aviation events and **identify trends**
- To provide realistic assessments and **implement mitigation strategies** to ensure an acceptable level of safety for airmen and the public



Scope:

In addition to distribution to FAA personnel, SO-13 personnel will provide the report to DPEs, FAASTeam Representatives, and DMEs. Moreover, in the interest of aviation safety and aviation education outreach FAASTeam personnel will readily disseminate the report to other interested parties upon request.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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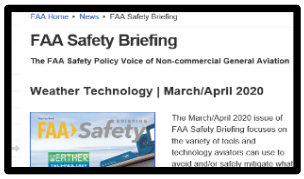
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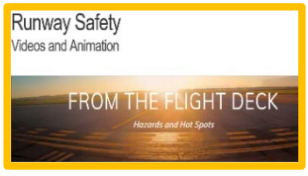
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Employee Spotlight



Joseph Montalvo

Growing up in New York City, Inspector Joe Montalvo (Airworthiness) joined the U.S. Air Force in 1985. With duty stations at McGuire, Hickam, Davis-Monthan, and Ramstein Air Bases, his foundational 26 years of service were characterized by specialized work on the C-141, C-5, KC-10, C-130, and C-17 Globemaster.

Joe's Air Force tenure realized various leadership and management positions including Flightline Expediter and Flight Chief, Production Superintendent, Squadron Program Manager and Wing FOD/DOP Program Manager. This plethora of experience prepared him for his next stop at the FAA.

On boarding with the agency in 2015 as an Aviation Safety Technician (AST) at the Anchorage Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), he demonstrated his expertise in accident and complaint investigation and other venues and transitioned to the position of Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) in 2022. Honing his expertise in the duties and responsibilities of an inspector, he transferred to the SC FSDO in 2024.

At the SC FSDO, Inspector Montalvo continues to provide oversight over Air Operators, Air Agencies, as well as Non-Certificated Operators. The Embry-Riddle Alumnus (B.A. Professional Aeronautics) continues to demonstrate his commitment to safety oversight and fostering a positive safety environment conducive to compliance.

Joe resides with Theresa, his wife of 38 years. They have two sons, and one grandson. A second grandchild is expected in November.

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[1]Note: Some databases accessed via SPAS were past due to update feeds and/or may have experienced other irregularities. This can result in granular data discrepancies between databases. Such discrepancies had an insignificant effect on assessment and risk management.

[2]Note: Personnel compile and distribute separate *First, Second, and Third Quarterly FSDO Reports* as stipulated by *General Aviation External Safety Promotion Program FY 27 FAASTeam, National Promotion Plan. FY 2026 4th Quarter Report* (July, August, September) is integrated into this FSDO Report.

Objective

1.1. Aviation Safety and FAA Goal. This report supports the goals of the FAA Flight Plan, the National FAASTeam Performance Plan, and the South Carolina Flight Standards District Office (SC FSDO). The purpose is to identify trends of undesirable events including aircraft accidents, incidents, and pilot deviations within the jurisdiction of the AFG-400, South Carolina Flight Standards District Office (SC FSDO).

1.2. Mitigation of Safety Risk. The Fiscal Year **(FY) 2026** report includes readily discernable charted analyses of historical data from **FY 2022** through **FY 2026**, as well as strategies to mitigate the identified risk and ensure aviation safety. The mitigation plan will allow for targeting event precursors and causal factors, as well as support the efficient use of limited resources within the district. Personnel will not distribute a separate FY 2026 4th Quarter Report. Rather, personnel integrated FY 2026 4th Quarter data, analysis, and assessment into this report.

2. Data Collection – FY 2022 through FY 2026:

2.1. Database Repositories. FAASTeam personnel collected data from the following databases[1]:

2.1.1. SPAS – Safety Performance Analysis Subsystem
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2.1.7. EON DRA - Emergency Operations Network – Daily Report Activity
2.1.8. FAASTeam Data Analysis Tool (FATDAT) – Provides analyses for A/IDS, NTSB, and ATQA databases

[1]**Note:** *Data sources in SPAS have different frequency updates and some sources were overdue for updates at the time of data analysis. As a result, there may be variances in data. These small inconsistencies do not have a determinative impact on collective assessment and risk management.*

3. Executive Summary of FY 2026

3.1. SC FSDO FAASTeam.

Currently, the SC FSDO FAASTeam is comprised of:

- Two FAASTeam Program Managers (FPM) – One Operations and One Airworthiness
- 44 FAASTeam Representatives
- One Lead FAASTeam Representative
  - Three *WINGSPro* Designations
  - Five *DronePro* Designations
- Five FAASTeam Service Providers

Although the FAASTeam personnel is sufficient to support the current level of Airman Certification within South Carolina, *infra*, the FPMs continuously monitor airman certification levels and to maintain appropriate FAASTeam Representative staffing levels with qualified personnel.

In FY 2026, the SC FSDO FAASTeam conducted **100** webinars and seminars with an attendance of **6092** using system safety principles and risk prioritization among the GA and UAS stakeholder communities. *This approach has contributed to the GA Fatal Accident Rate lowering to 0.47 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours, well below the FY25 goal of 0.92 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours*!

3.1.1. Airmen Residing in South Carolina – Active Pilots Summary (July 2026)

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ALABAMA	5,135	84	3	2,387	2,191	1,821	11,621	76	1,985	0	7,799	164	0	21,645
FLORIDA	39,053	686	2	17,011	16,715	25,789	99,256	5,532	17,426	2	42,700	2,843	1	167,760
GEORGIA	12,042	211	1	5,449	3,698	8,121	29,522	311	5,226	0	15,686	1,181	1	51,927
PUERTO RICO	1,653	51	0	342	351	390	2,787	25	361	0	1,601	15	0	4,789
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,932	106	0	2,731	1,755	2,947	12,471	97	2,018	0	9,329	321	0	24,236
VIRGIN ISLANDS	181	1	0	26	31	47	286	5	25	0	64	6	0	386
SOUTHERN TOTALS:	62,996	1,139	6	27,946	24,741	39,115	155,943	6,046	27,041	2	77,179	4,530	2	270,743
SOUTHERN GRAND TOTAL:	270,743													

3.1.2. Residing in South Carolina – Active Pilots Detail (July 2026)

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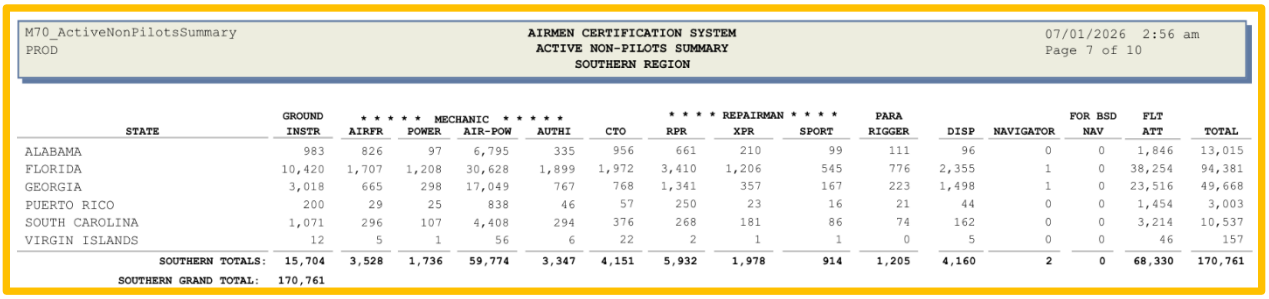
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SOUTH CAROLINA	ABBEVILLE	001	13	0	0	7	8	7	35	0	8	0	24	2	0
	AIKEN	003	128	5	0	93	54	47	327	7	52	0	282	5	0
	ALLENDALE	005	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
	ANDERSON	007	213	3	0	104	75	74	469	2	66	0	373	8	0
	BAMBERG	009	3	0	0	3	1	0	7	0	1	0	9	0	0
	BARNWELL	011	7	0	0	4	2	1	14	0	1	0	24	0	0
	BEAUFORT	013	246	5	0	209	101	247	808	10	139	0	422	37	0
	BERKELEY	015	254	2	0	111	86	138	591	3	86	0	432	16	0
	CALHOUN	017	12	1	0	8	4	3	28	0	1	0	22	1	0
	CHARLESTON	019	691	5	0	412	222	462	1,792	5	244	0	930	64	0
	CHEROKEE	021	37	2	0	14	6	8	67	0	8	0	38	1	0
	CHESTER	023	7	1	0	10	5	10	33	0	9	0	46	0	0
	CHESTERFIELD	025	18	1	0	10	5	6	40	0	8	0	38	1	0
	CLARENDON	027	16	3	0	4	8	8	39	0	6	0	40	2	0
	COLLETON	029	17	0	0	11	5	2	35	0	4	0	44	1	0
	DARLINGTON	031	26	2	0	20	9	8	65	0	8	0	57	1	0
	DILLON	033	6	0	0	3	5	3	17	0	3	0	22	0	0
	DORCHESTER	035	193	2	0	87	54	95	431	3	75	0	318	9	0
	EDGEFIELD	037	17	1	0	12	9	4	43	0	5	0	43	0	0
	FAIRFIELD	039	14	0	0	5	7	7	33	0	7	0	20	1	0
	FLORENCE	041	81	5	0	49	31	19	185	0	16	0	199	3	0
	GEORGETOWN	043	55	0	0	44	26	25	150	0	28	0	120	5	0
	GREENVILLE	045	720	12	0	361	222	318	1,633	22	272	0	1,159	24	0
	GREENWOOD	047	57	1	0	28	18	11	115	0	15	0	87	4	0
	HAMPTON	049	3	0	0	4	3	4	14	0	4	0	14	0	0
	HORRY	051	347	9	0	154	163	122	795	5	137	0	778	11	0
	JASPER	053	20	1	0	17	11	19	68	2	13	0	65	3	0
	KERSHAW	055	57	0	0	23	25	19	124	1	14	0	139	3	0
	LANCASTER	057	55	0	0	46	25	107	233	3	59	0	155	9	0
	LAURENS	059	36	3	0	16	3	7	65	0	8	0	65	1	0
	LEE	061	5	0	0	1	2	0	8	0	0	0	31	0	0
	LEXINGTON	063	226	11	0	134	110	133	614	5	95	0	671	15	0
	MARION	067	6	0	0	2	2	0	10	0	0	0	15	0	0
	MARLBORO	069	7	0	0	5	1	2	15	0	1	0	10	0	0
	MCCORMICK	065	2	2	0	1	0	2	7	0	1	0	5	1	0
	NEWBERRY	071	11	1	0	10	9	8	39	0	5	0	51	0	0
	OCONEE	073	86	4	0	63	24	53	230	0	39	0	135	16	0
	ORANGEBURG	075	26	2	0	12	14	11	65	0	13	0	76	0	0
	PICKENS	077	109	4	0	72	46	54	285	3	45	0	294	7	0
	RICHLAND	079	264	5	0	138	82	144	633	4	89	0	653	14	0
	SALUDA	081	7	0	0	5	6	6	24	0	3	0	21	1	0
	SPARTANBURG	083	331	5	0	166	102	146	750	8	110	0	538	8	0
	SUMTER	085	146	3	0	39	24	41	253	2	30	0	124	4	0
	UNION	087	11	1	0	2	1	2	17	0	2	0	22	0	0
	WILLIAMSBURG	089	5	0	0	3	7	1	16	0	2	0	25	0	0
	YORK	091	339	4	0	209	131	562	1,245	12	286	0	689	43	0
	SOUTH CAROLINA TOTALS:		**4,932**	**106**	**0**	**2,731**	**1,755**	**2,947**	**12,471**	**97**	**2,018**	**0**	**9,329**	**321**	**0**
	SOUTH CAROLINA GRAND TOTAL:		**24,236**												

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3.1.3. Airmen Residing in South Carolina – Active Non-Pilots Summary (July 2026)



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ALABAMA	983	826	97	6,795	335	956	661	210	99	111	96	0	0	1,846	13,015
FLORIDA	10,420	1,707	1,208	30,628	1,899	1,972	3,410	1,206	545	776	2,355	1	0	38,254	94,381
GEORGIA	3,018	665	298	17,049	767	768	1,341	357	167	223	1,498	1	0	23,516	49,668
PUERTO RICO	200	29	25	838	46	57	250	23	16	21	44	0	0	1,454	3,003
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,071	296	107	4,408	294	376	268	181	86	74	162	0	0	3,214	10,537
VIRGIN ISLANDS	12	5	1	56	6	22	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	46	157
SOUTHERN TOTALS:	**15,704**	**3,528**	**1,736**	**59,774**	**3,347**	**4,151**	**5,932**	**1,978**	**914**	**1,205**	**4,160**	**2**	**0**	**68,330**	**170,761**
SOUTHERN GRAND TOTAL:	**170,761**														

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3.1.4. Airmen Residing in South Carolina – Active Non-Pilots Detail (July 2026)

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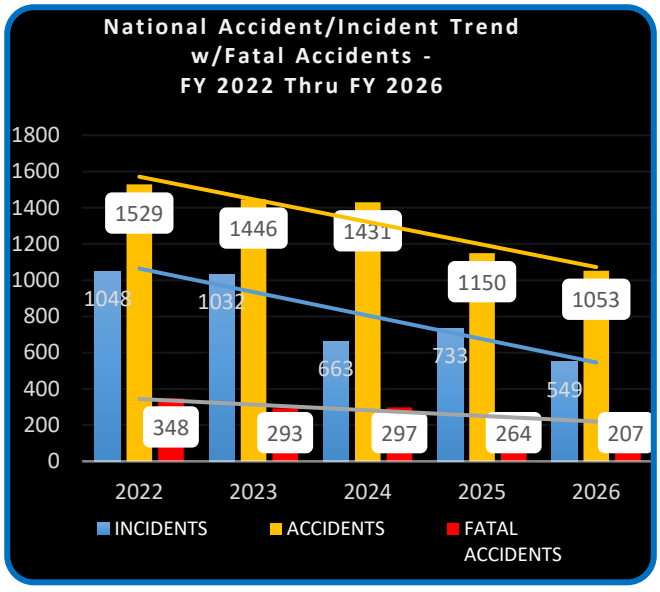
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SOUTH CAROLINA	ABBEVILLE	001	6	0	0	9	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	AIKEN	003	35	4	2	117	9	6	5	18	7	2	4	0	0	70
	ALLENDALE	005	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ANDERSON	007	34	27	1	190	4	7	12	11	3	2	0	0	0	74
	BAMBERG	009	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
	BARNWELL	011	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
	BEAUFORT	013	84	10	2	198	4	43	16	15	4	3	24	0	0	149
	BERKELEY	015	35	28	5	416	9	13	9	3	1	2	7	0	0	170
	CALHOUN	017	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	CHARLESTON	019	109	25	7	384	13	29	8	7	6	5	12	0	0	403
	CHEROKEE	021	5	0	0	23	4	3	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	25
	CHESTER	023	2	1	0	12	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	12
	CHESTERFIELD	025	2	0	0	11	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
	CLARENDON	027	6	0	1	15	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	9
	COLLETON	029	3	0	1	29	2	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	15
	DARLINGTON	031	5	0	0	14	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
	DILLON	033	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	DORCHESTER	035	29	20	6	411	12	25	6	4	4	4	6	0	0	143
	EDGEFIELD	037	4	2	0	12	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
	FAIRFIELD	039	3	0	0	16	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	11
	FLORENCE	041	8	1	0	24	8	16	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	34
	GEORGETOWN	043	14	2	1	42	3	3	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	46
	GREENVILLE	045	145	89	23	612	47	17	73	14	4	6	16	0	0	314
	GREENWOOD	047	6	2	0	15	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	21
	HAMPTON	049	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	HORRY	051	72	7	29	352	23	37	10	7	9	6	26	0	0	307
	JASPER	053	5	0	0	26	2	0	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	9
	KERSHAW	055	11	1	0	29	6	5	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	31
	LANCASTER	057	29	2	1	87	7	3	2	3	2	2	4	0	0	79
	LAURENS	059	7	8	3	42	7	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
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	MCCORMICK	065	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
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	ORANGEBURG	075	4	1	0	23	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	21
	PICKENS	077	23	20	1	99	12	5	20	6	1	0	1	0	0	41
	RICHLAND	079	39	7	4	107	8	29	2	9	3	3	5	0	0	253
	SALUDA	081	1	2	0	4	8	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	3
	SPARTANBURG	083	65	13	8	223	15	13	29	17	8	3	5	0	0	155
	SUMTER	085	8	2	3	70	3	43	4	8	0	1	2	0	0	48
	UNION	087	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
	WILLIAMSBURG	089	1	2	0	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	YORK	091	178	9	4	444	28	37	32	18	7	15	25	0	0	508

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	SOUTH CAROLINA TOTALS:		1,071	296	107	4,408	294	376	268	181	86	74	162	0	0	3,214
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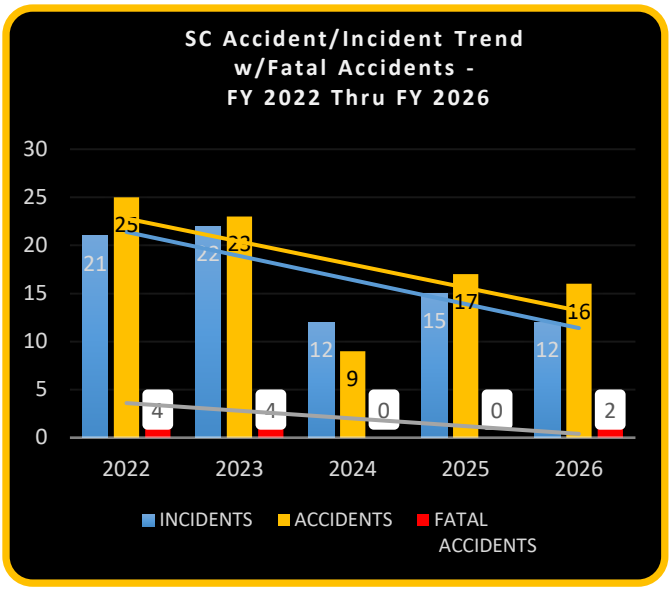
3.2. Annual Report Data. The annual report for FY 2026 utilizes data from **FY 2022**, i.e., **October 1, 2022, through FY 2026, September 30, 2026, unless specified otherwise.**

3.2.1. Accident Synopsis. National data indicates 1053 accidents for FY 2026; **in SC, there were 16 accidents. Nationwide, 72% of all accidents for FY 2026 were operating under CFR Part 91; in SC, 82% of all accidents were operating under Part 91. There were two fatal accidents in SC resulting in five fatalities**. SC's Accident trend as well as the National tend indicate decreasing trends.



Private Pilot and Commercial Pilot certificate holders continue to account for the majority the known certificate holders in accidents - both Nationally as well as SC. For in-depth analysis, refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*

3.2.2. Incident Synopsis. National data indicates 549 incidents for FY 2026; in SC there were 11. **Both the National trend and SC trend is decreasing.** For in-depth analysis, refer

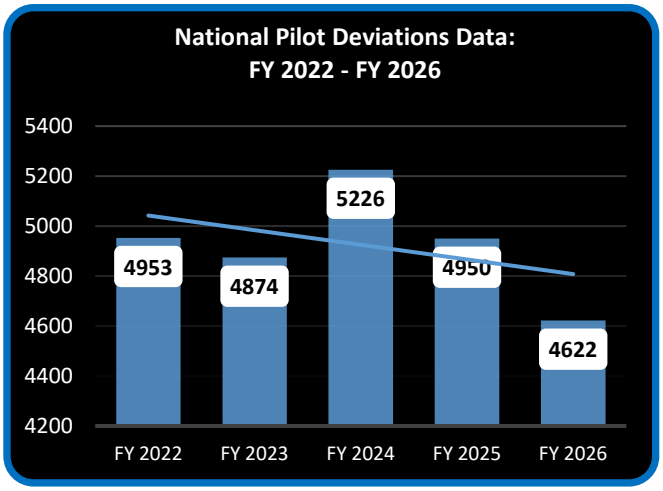


to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*

3.2.3. Accident – Phases of Flight and Causal Factor Synopsis. Nationally, **45%** - occurred during the **Landing and Enroute** Phases of Flight; in SC, the data indicated that **54%** of accidents occurred during these phases during FY 2026.

Nationally, the data indicates personnel issues and aircraft issues as a causal factor in **30% and 31%** of accidents, respectively for FY 2026. In SC, it's **27% and 23%, respectively.** For in-depth analysis, refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*

3.2.4. Pilot Deviation Synopsis. In FY 2026 there were 3749 Pilot Deviations (PD) Nationally. In, SC, there were 56 PDs for FY 2026.

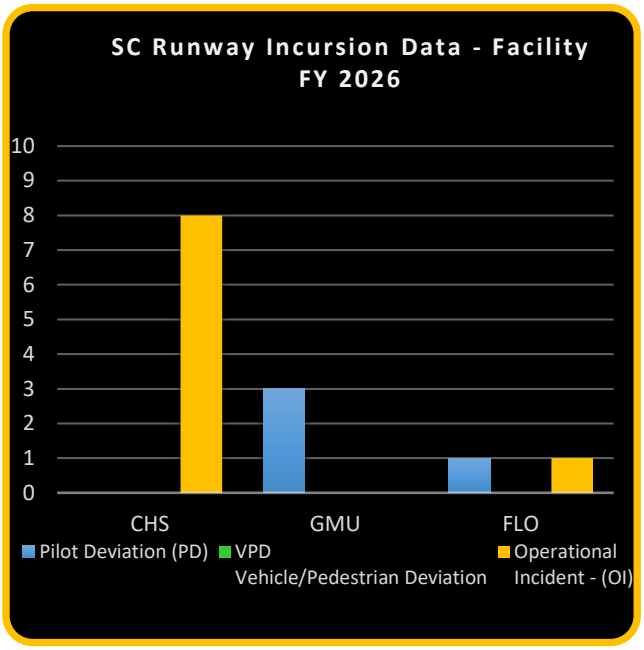


For FY 2026, the primary causal factors of PDs in SC are **Airspace Violations (23%)** and **Altitude Deviations (21%). Part 91** operations accounted for almost **73%** of the PDs, while **Part 121** accounted for **17%.** For in-depth analysis refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*

3.2.5. Wildlife Strikes Synopsis. FY 2026 experienced **172 reported** Wildlife Strikes in SC. A plurality of the reported strikes, **33%,** occurred at **CHS**. Bird Strikes were the primary causal factor. And, a plurality of the reported strikes, **31%**, occurred during the **Approach Phase**.

For in-depth analysis, refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment*.

3.2.6. SC Runway Incursion (RI) Synopsis. FY 2026 experienced **15 RIs**. Of the 15 events, ALL were Category D or C events resulting in NO loss of separation. There were no Category A events – the most severe type. For in-depth analysis, refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*



3.2.7. Lasering Events. FY 2026 noted approximately **128 lasering events** in SC with **30%** occurring in the Charleston area. For in-depth analysis, refer to *4.0 Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment.*

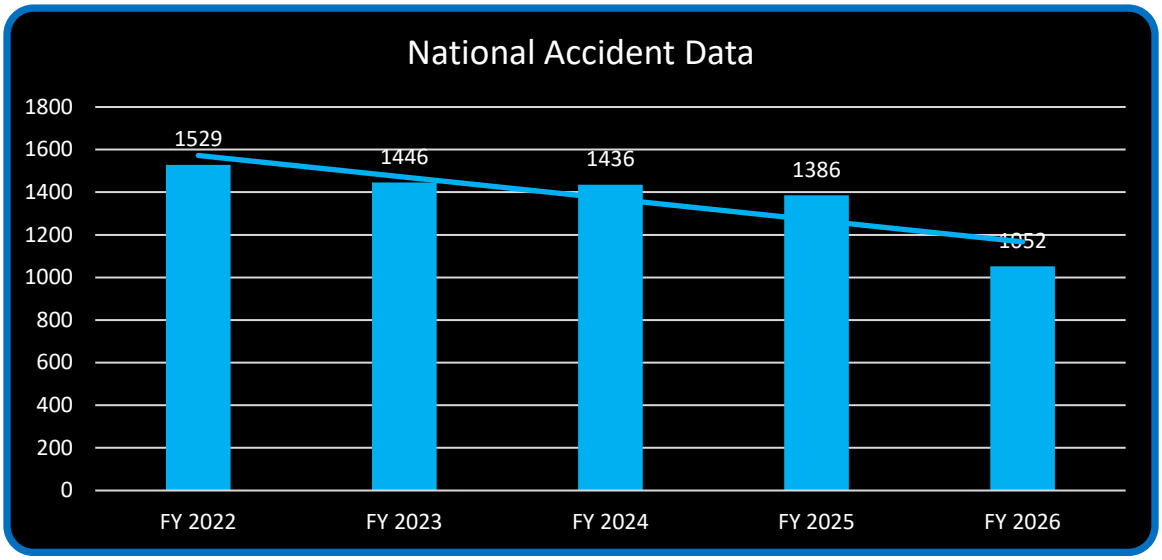
3.2.8. UAS Events. There were 13 UAS operational complaints in FY26 and 22 UAS Reported occurrences by pilots via ATC.

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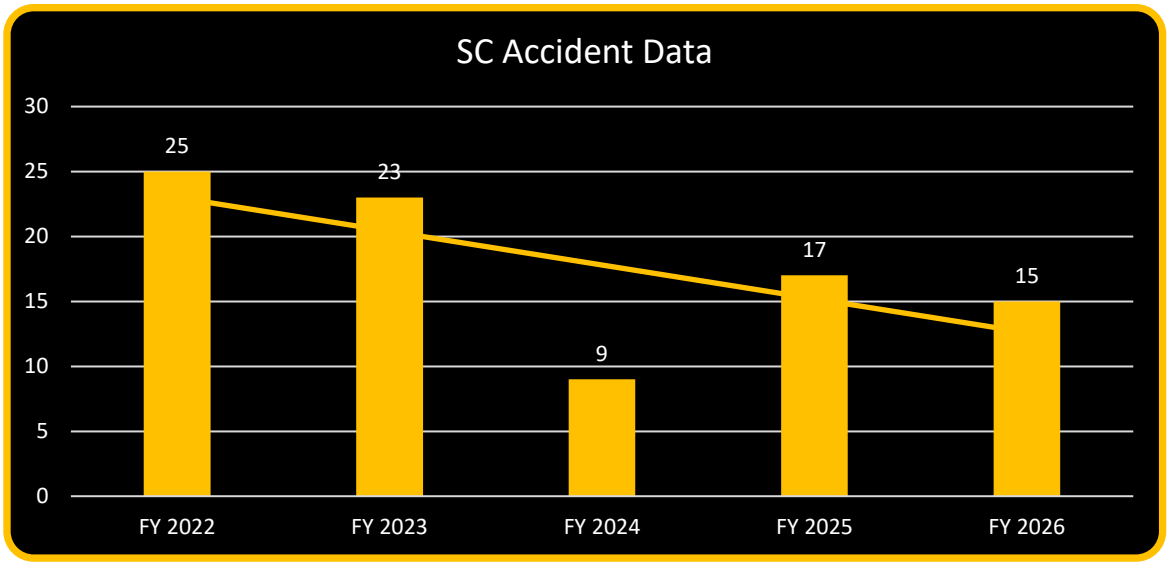
4. Data Depiction, Amplified Analysis, and Assessment

4.1. Accidents – Overview (NTSB Data). FAASTeam personnel reviewed pertinent data to determine the number of accidents during the targeted **FY 2022 through FY 2026**. Below is a depiction of the National Data.

4.1.1. National Accident Data

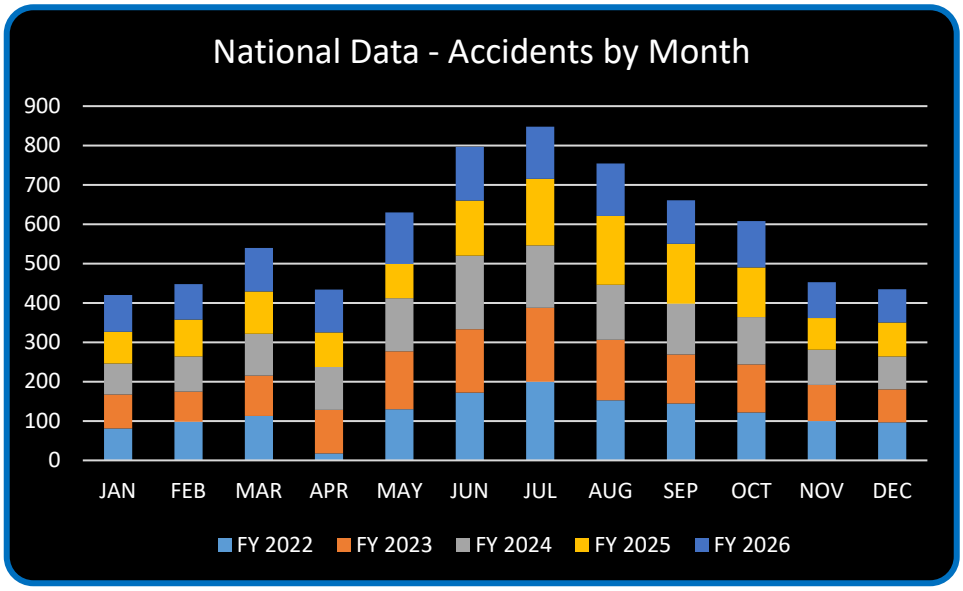


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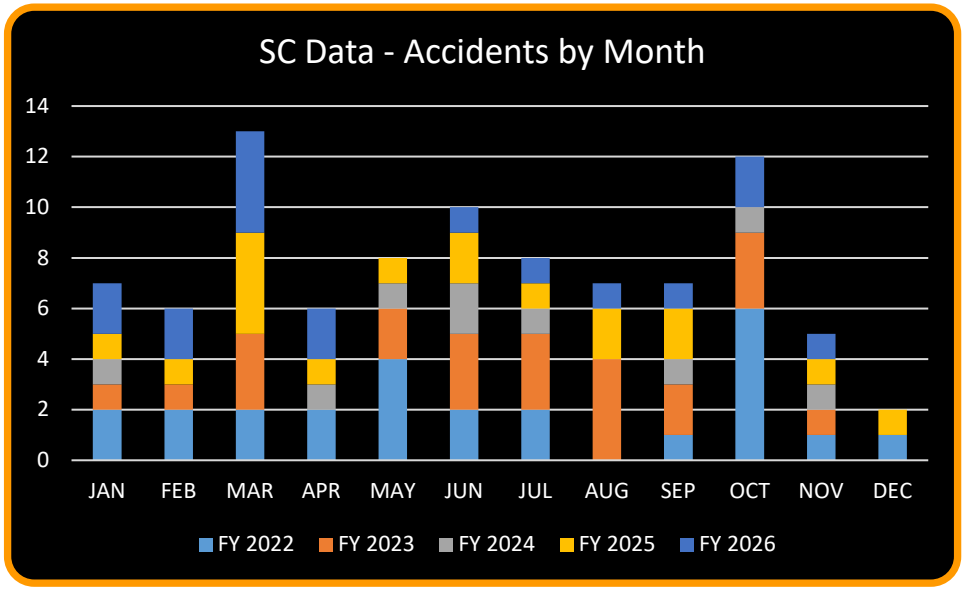


4.1.3. Accidents by Month (NTSB Data)

4.1.3.1. National Data

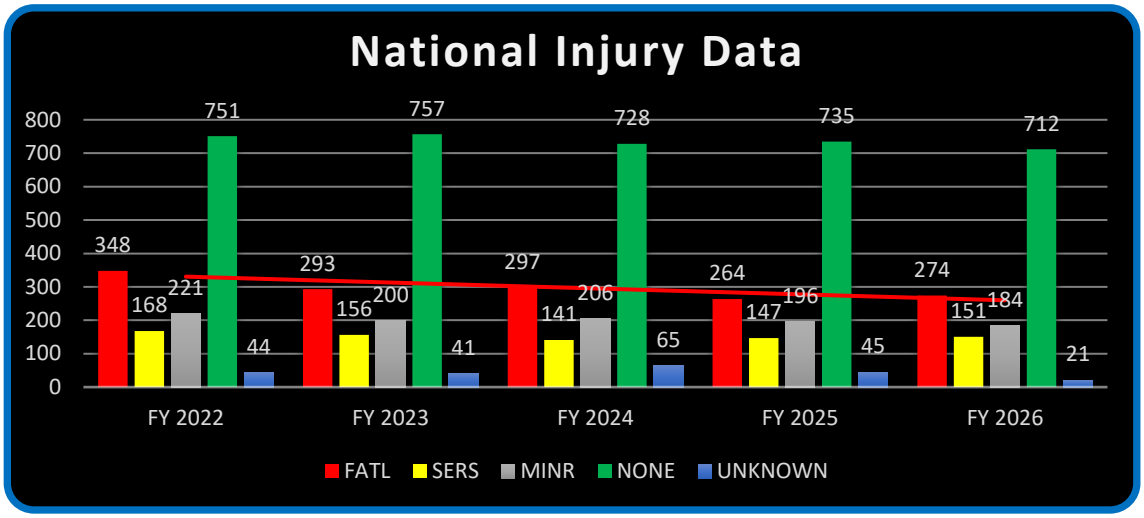


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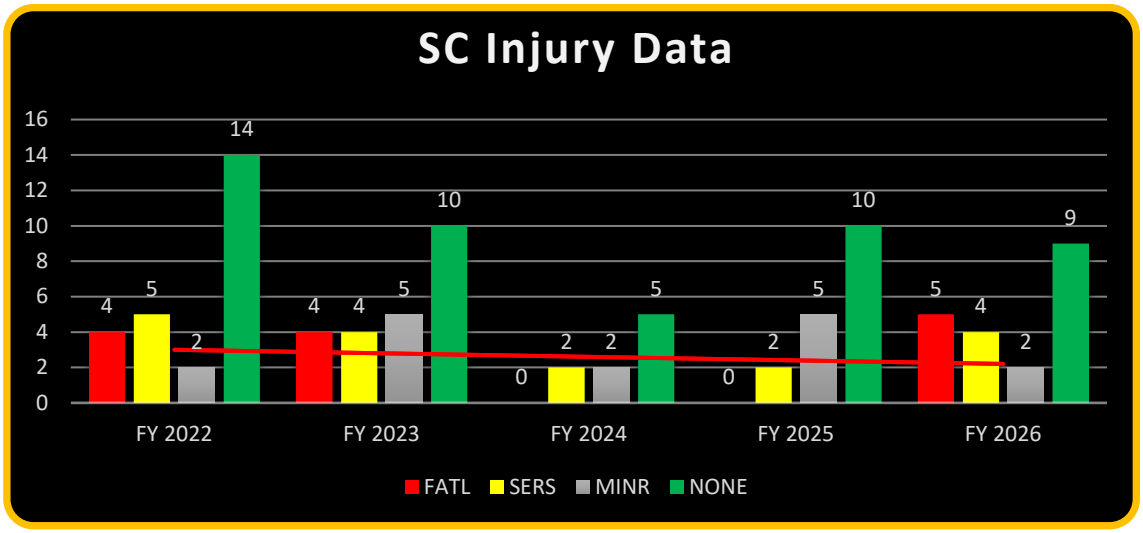


4.2. **Accident Fatalities and Injuries** (NTSB Data)**.** FAASTeam personnel reviewed pertinent data to determine the number of **fatalities** during the targeted FY 2022 through FY 2026. Below is a depiction of the National and SC data. Please note the Red Trend line for fatalities.

4.2.1. National Injury Data

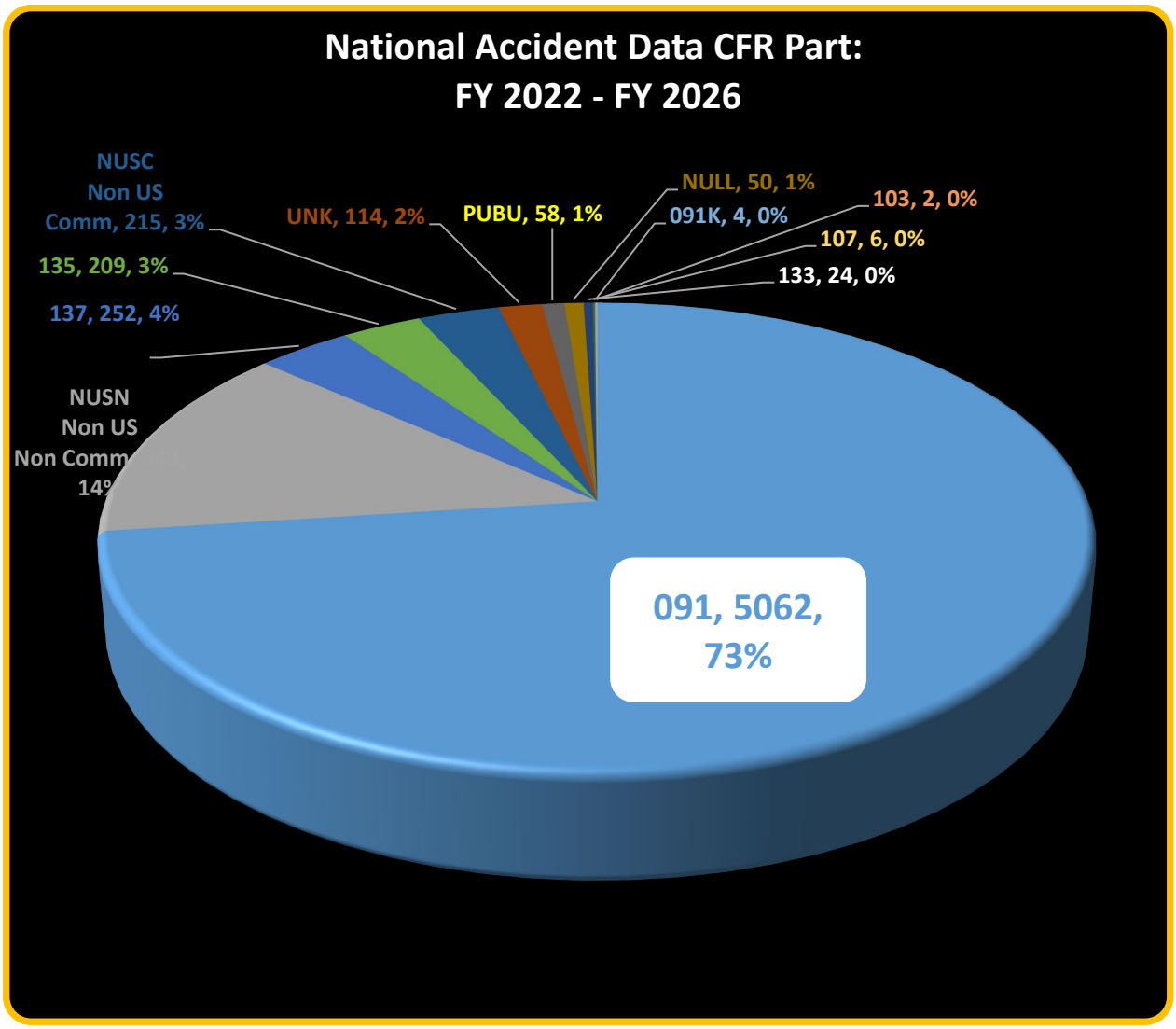


4.2.2. SC Injury Data

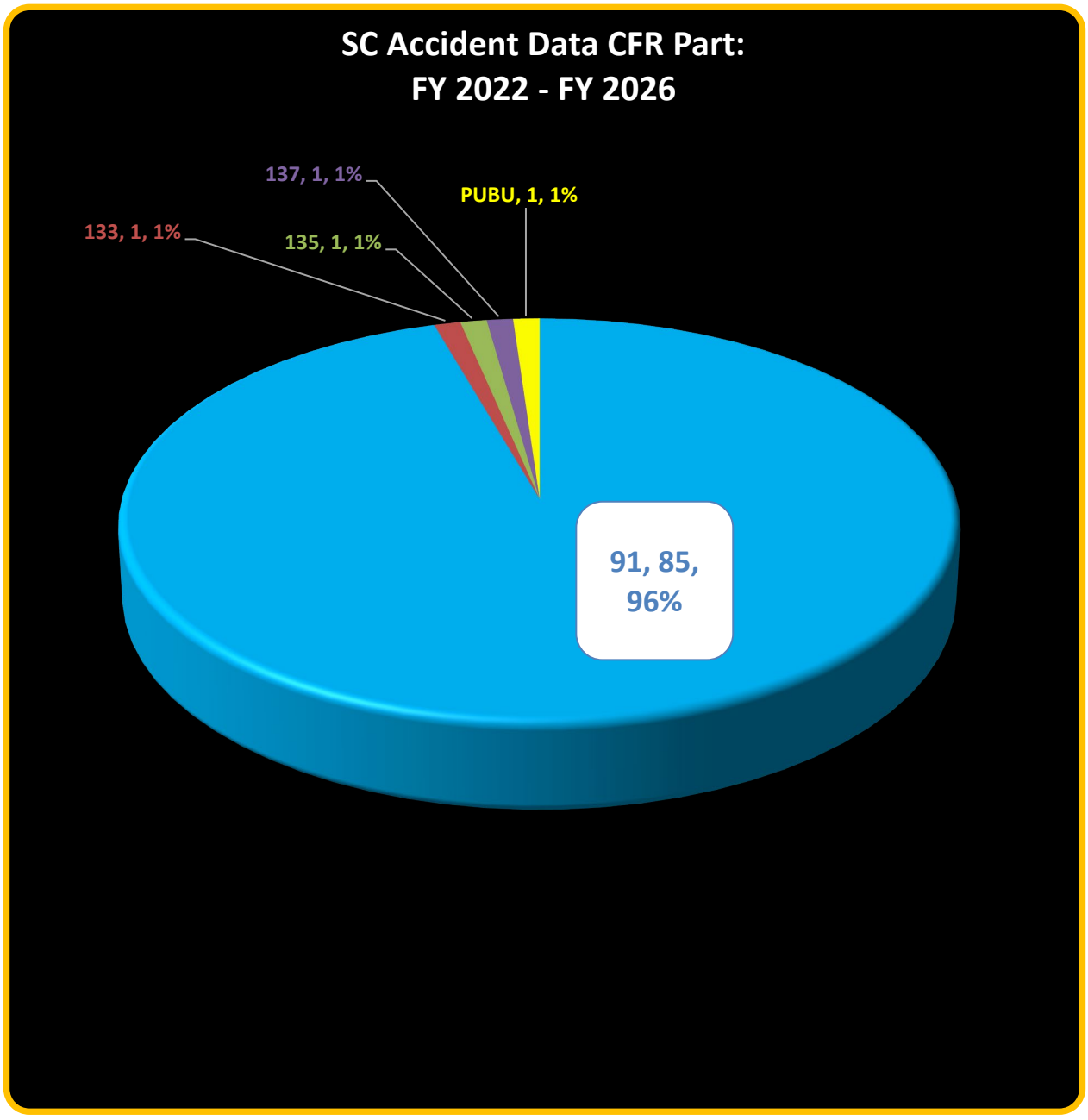


4.3. Accidents by CFR Part (NTSB Data)**.** For **FY 2022 through FY 2026**, Part 91 accidents accounted for approximately **73%** Nationally; in SC, it was **96%**.

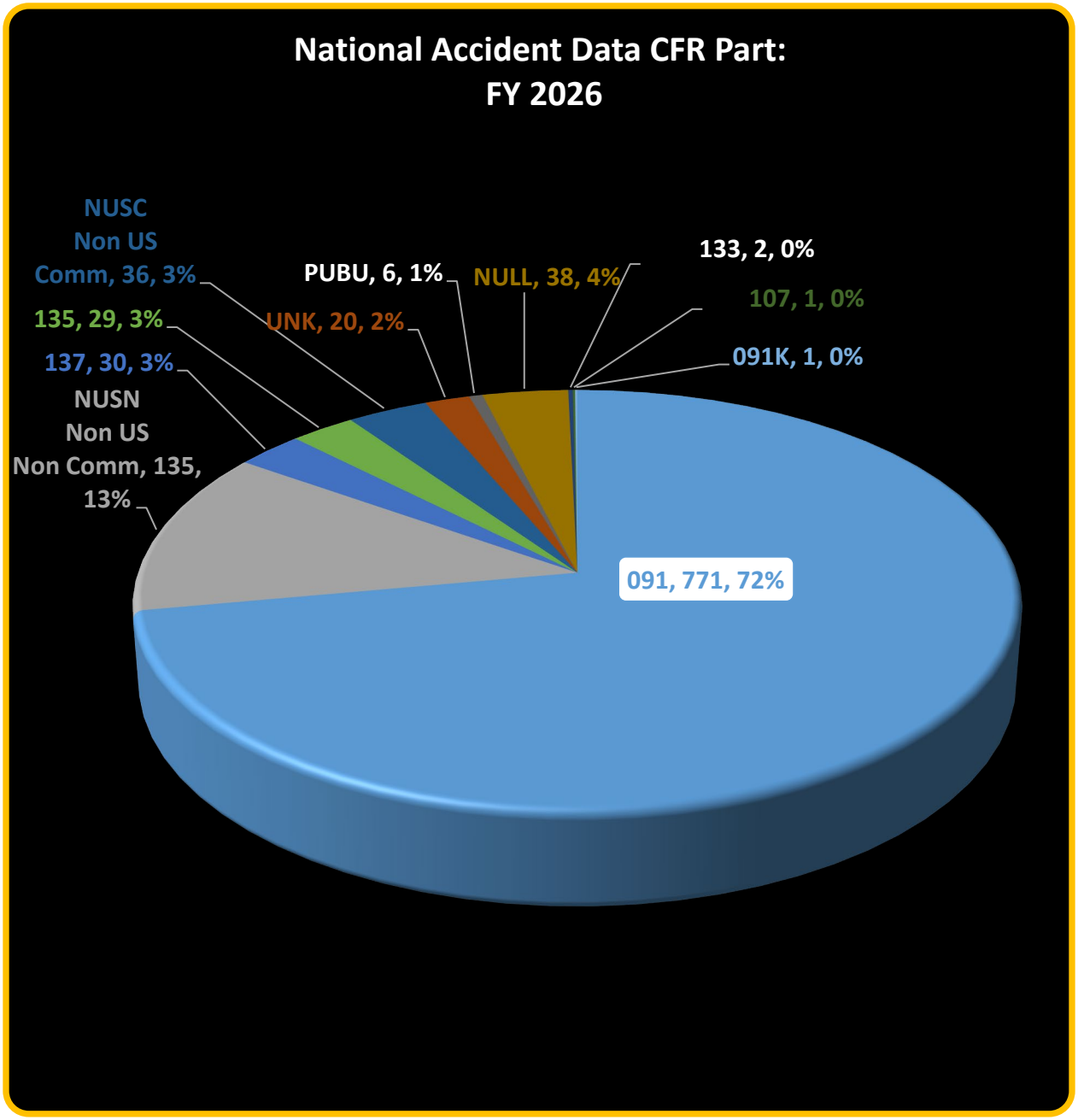
4.3.1. National Accident Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026



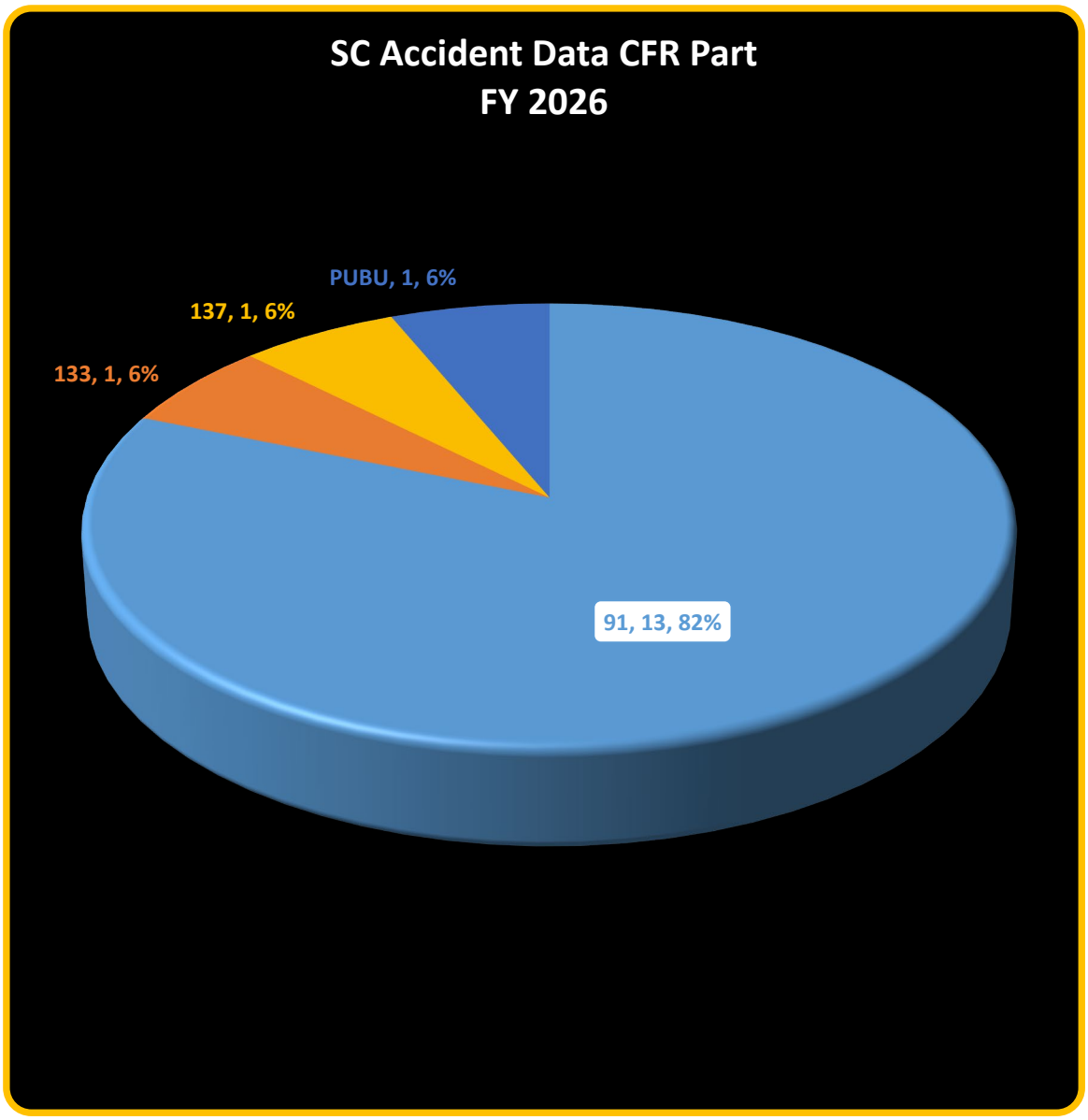
4.3.2. SC Accident Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026



4.3.3. National Accident Data: FY 2026. Part 91 accidents accounted for 72% of the accidents.

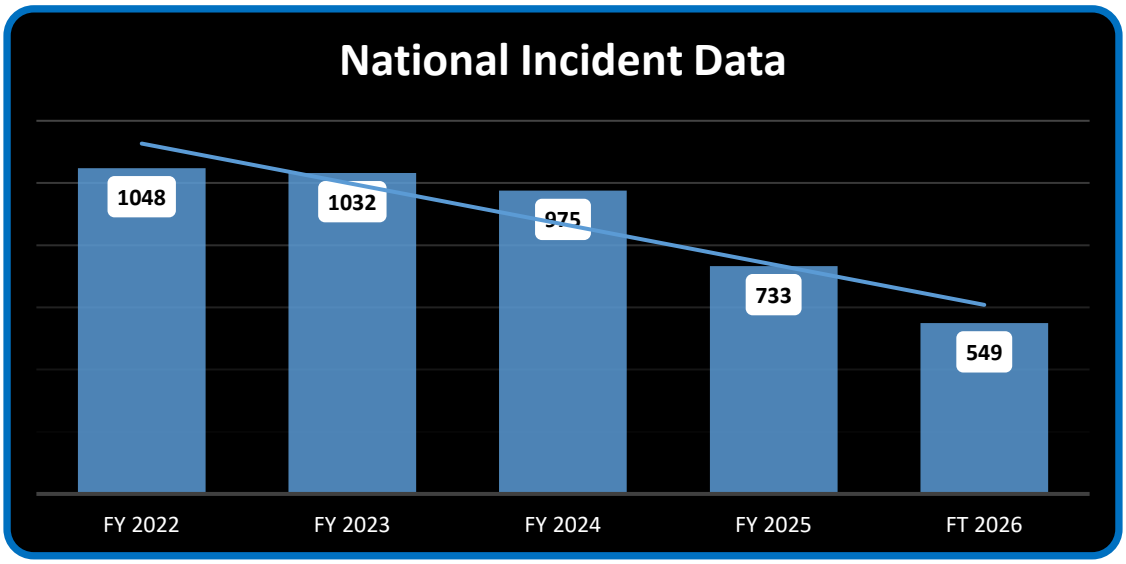


4.3.4. SC Accident Data: FY 2026. In SC, Part 91 accidents accounted for 82% of the accidents.

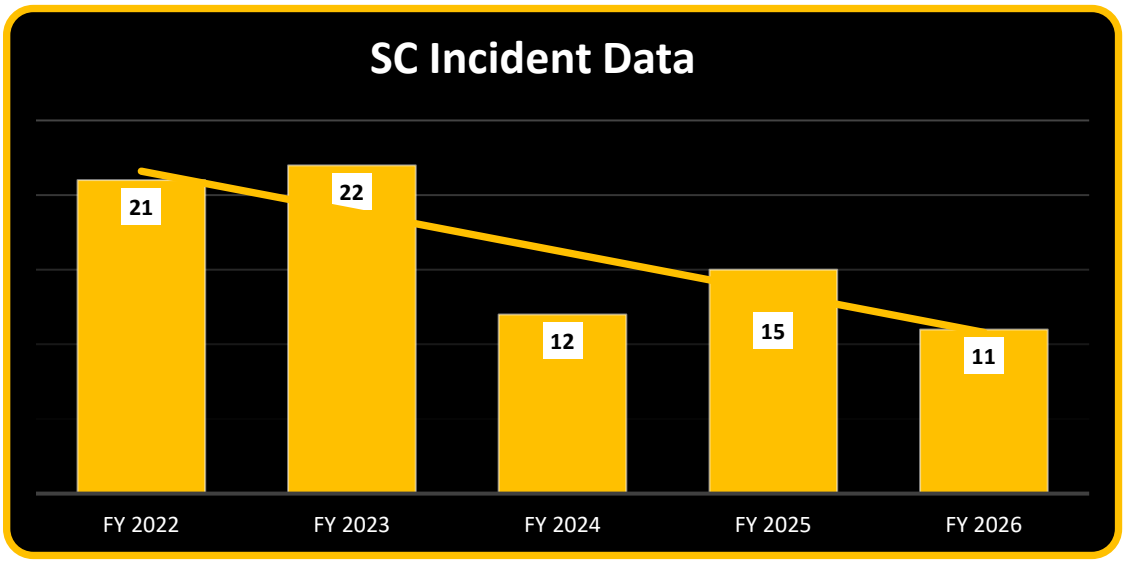


4.4. Incidents (NTSB Data)**.** FAASTeam personnel reviewed pertinent data to determine the number of incidents from FY 2022 through FY 2026. Below is a depiction of National data and SC data.

4.4.1. National Incident Data

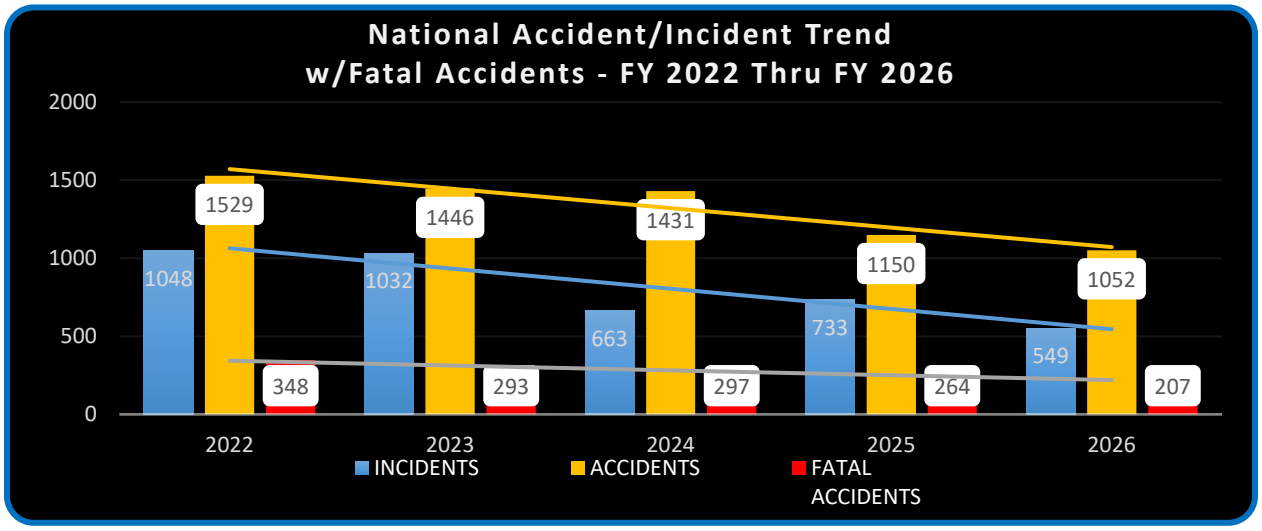


4.4.2. SC Incident Data



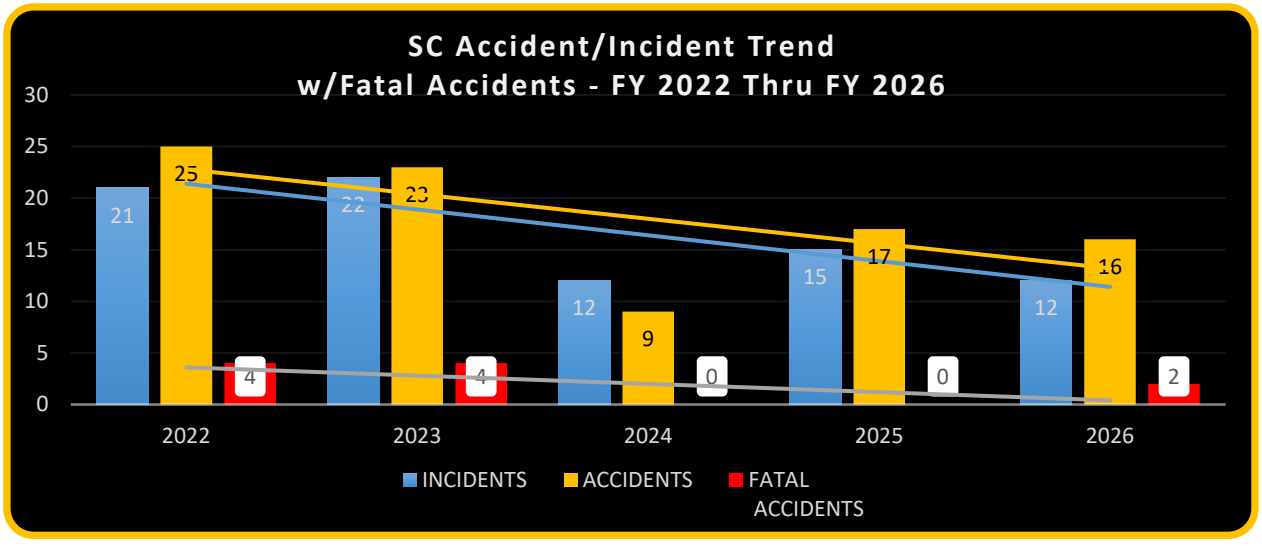
4.5. Trends - National and SC Accident, Incident, and Fatality Trends (NTSB Data)

4.5.1. National Accident/Incident Trend Data. National data indicates downward trends in incidents and accidents and a stabilized trend in fatalities.

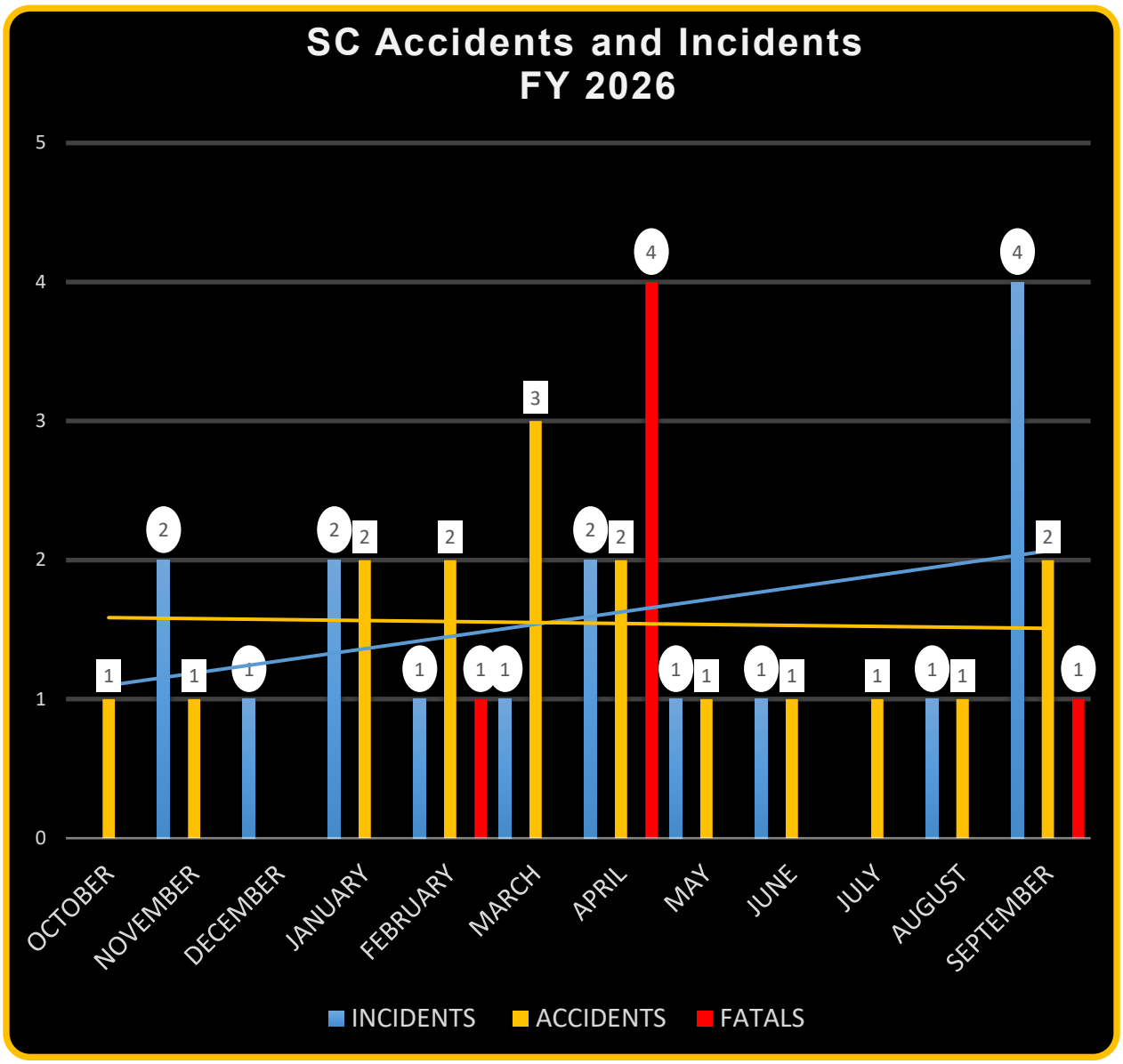


4.5.2. SC Accident/Incident Trend Data. Below are the Five Year and FY 2026 Trend data.

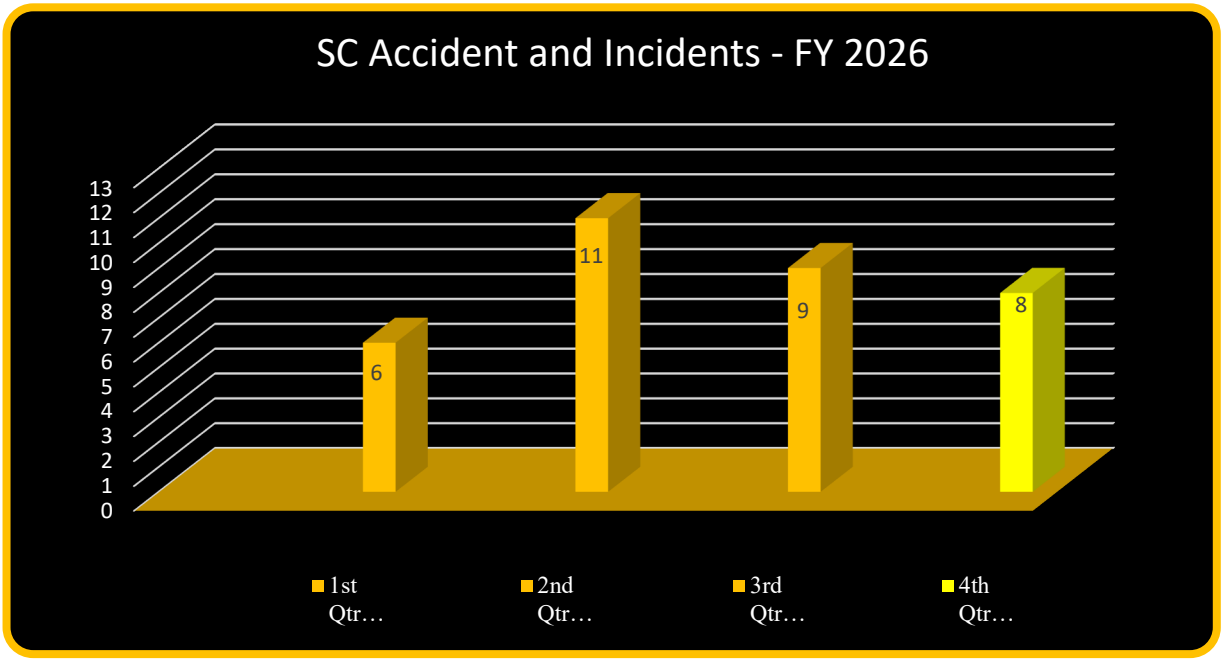
4.5.2.1. SC Accident/Incident/Fatality Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026. Like the National data, incidents and accidents are trending down and with fatalities stabilized.



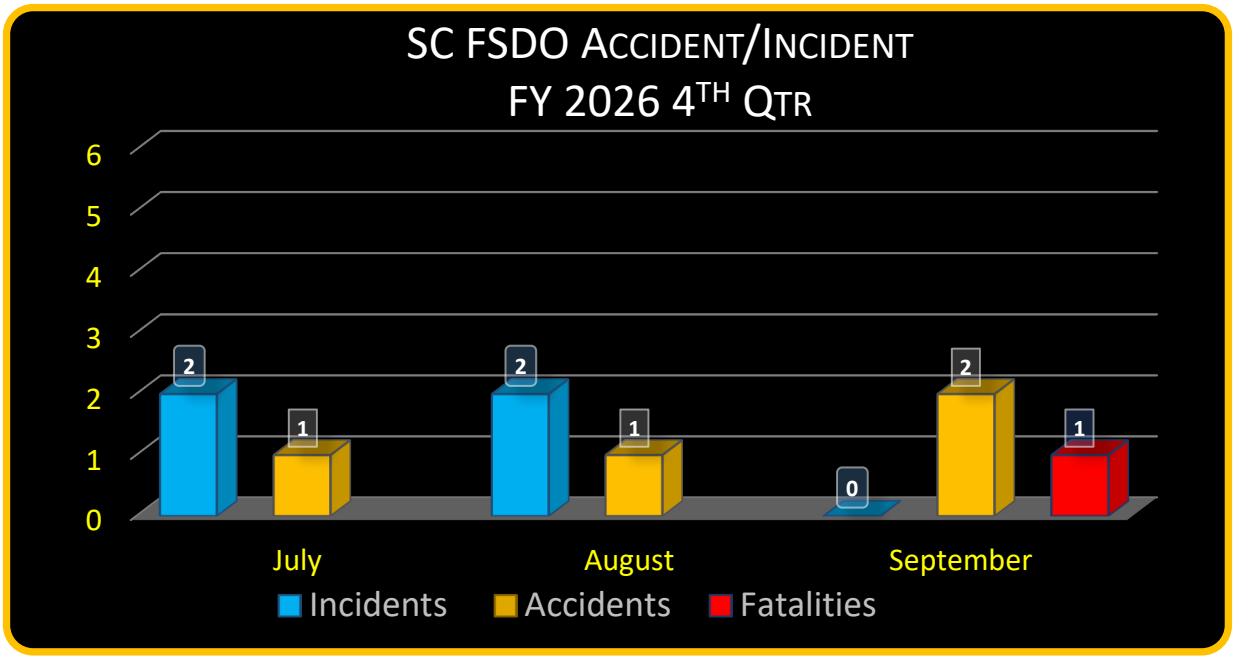
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4.5.2.3. SC Accident/Incident Data: FY 2026

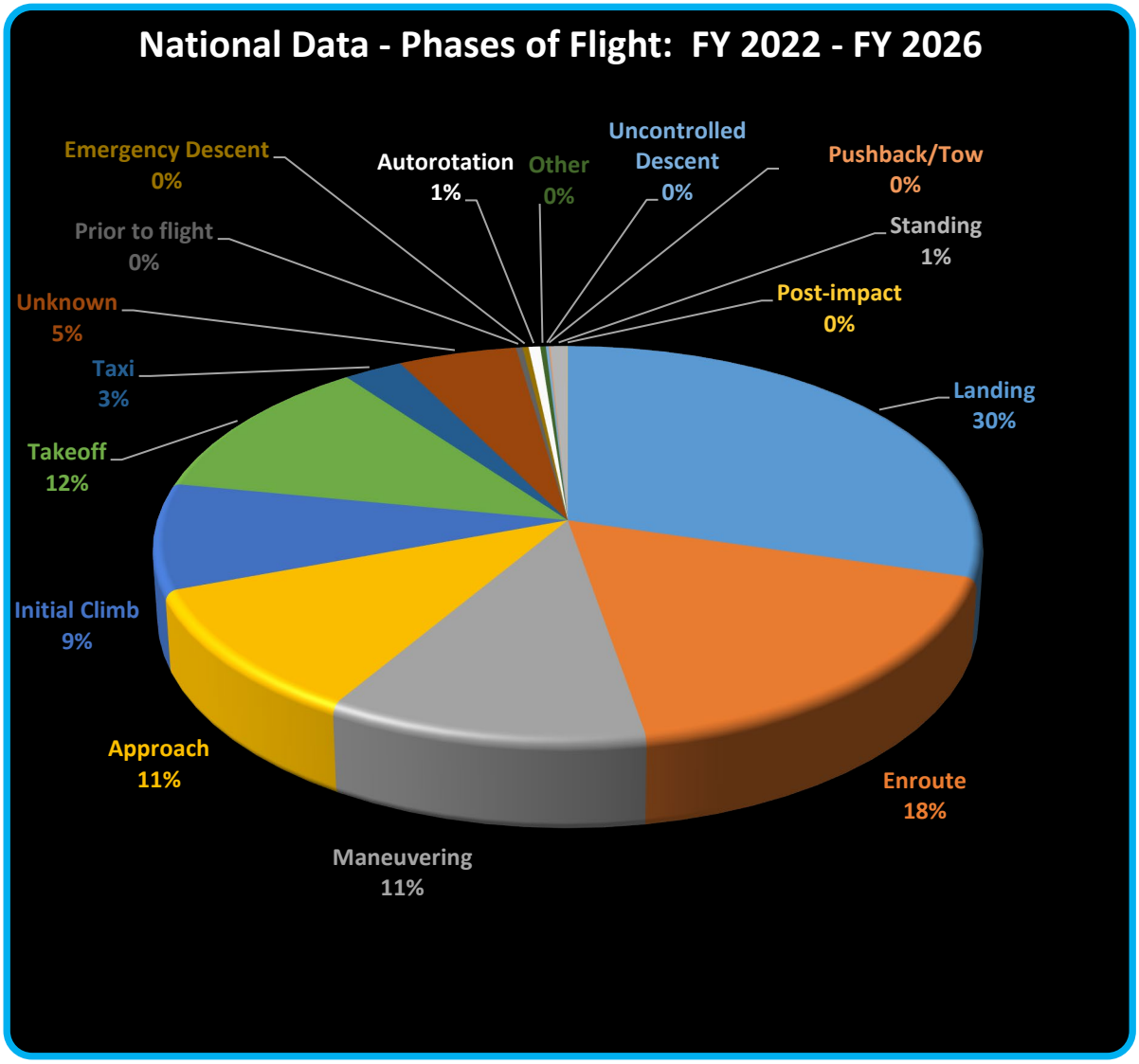


4.5.2.4. SC Accident/Incident Data: FY 2026 4th Qtr.

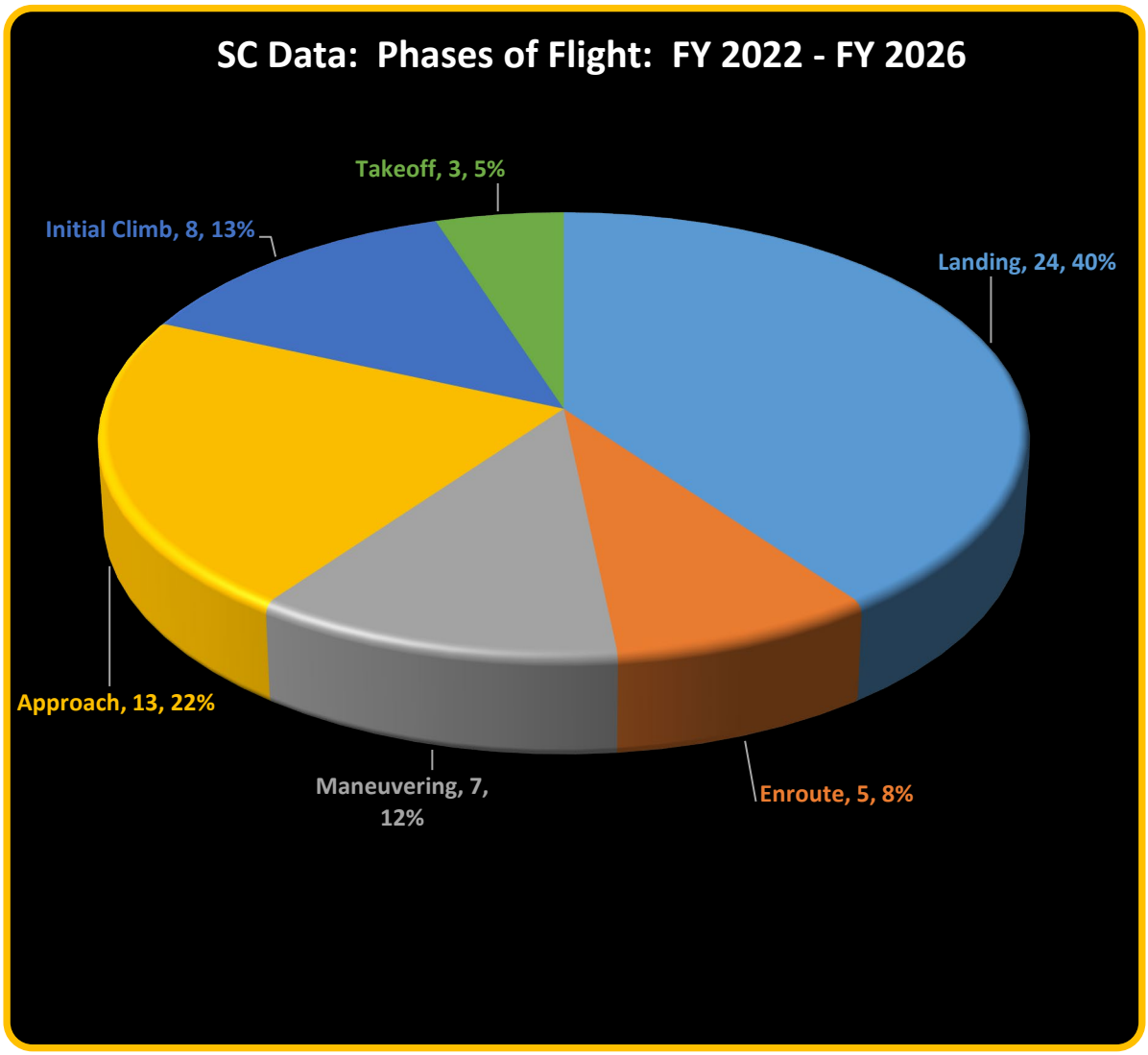


4.6. Accident Phases of Flight (NTSB Data)

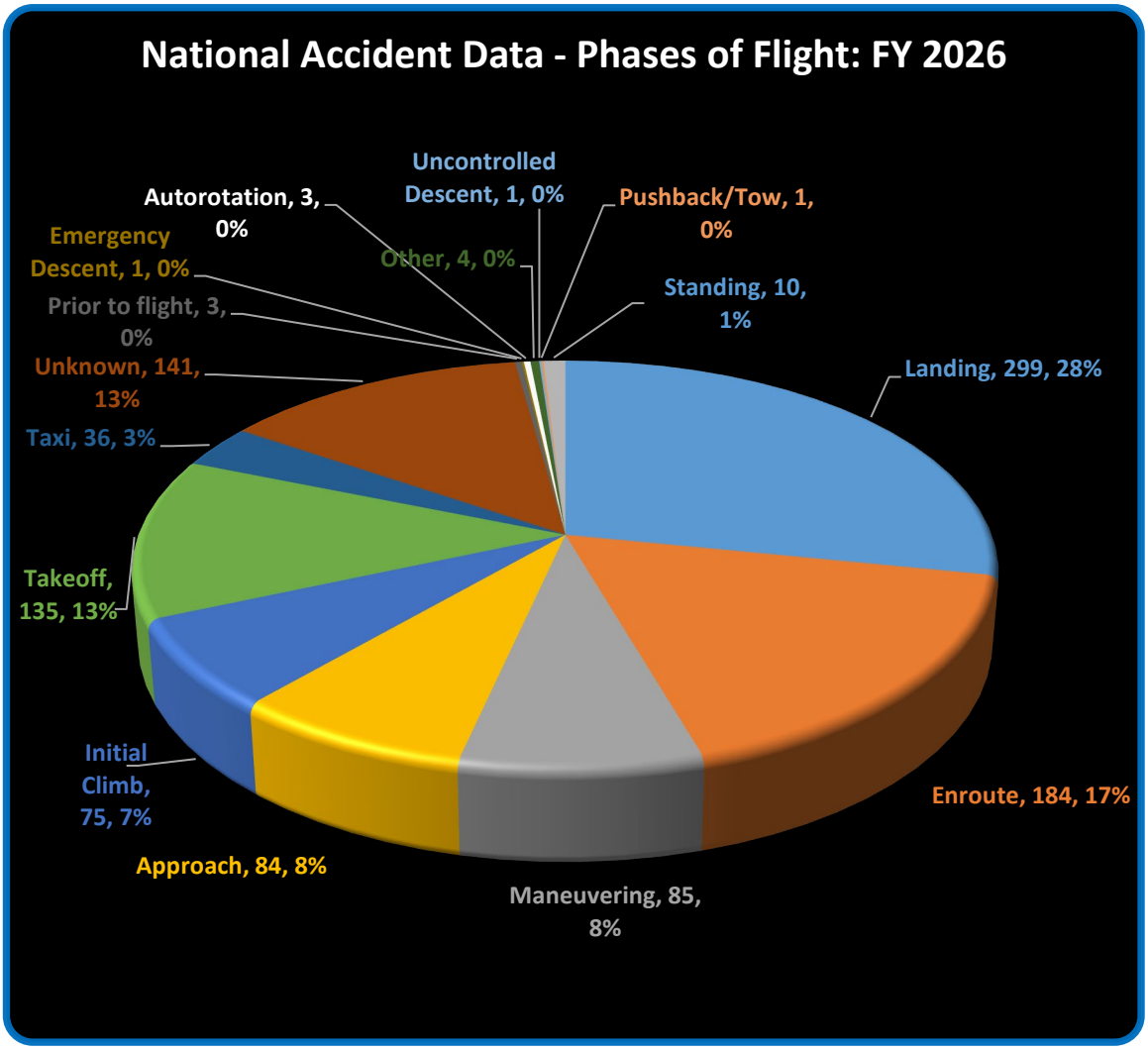
4.6.1. National Accident Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026



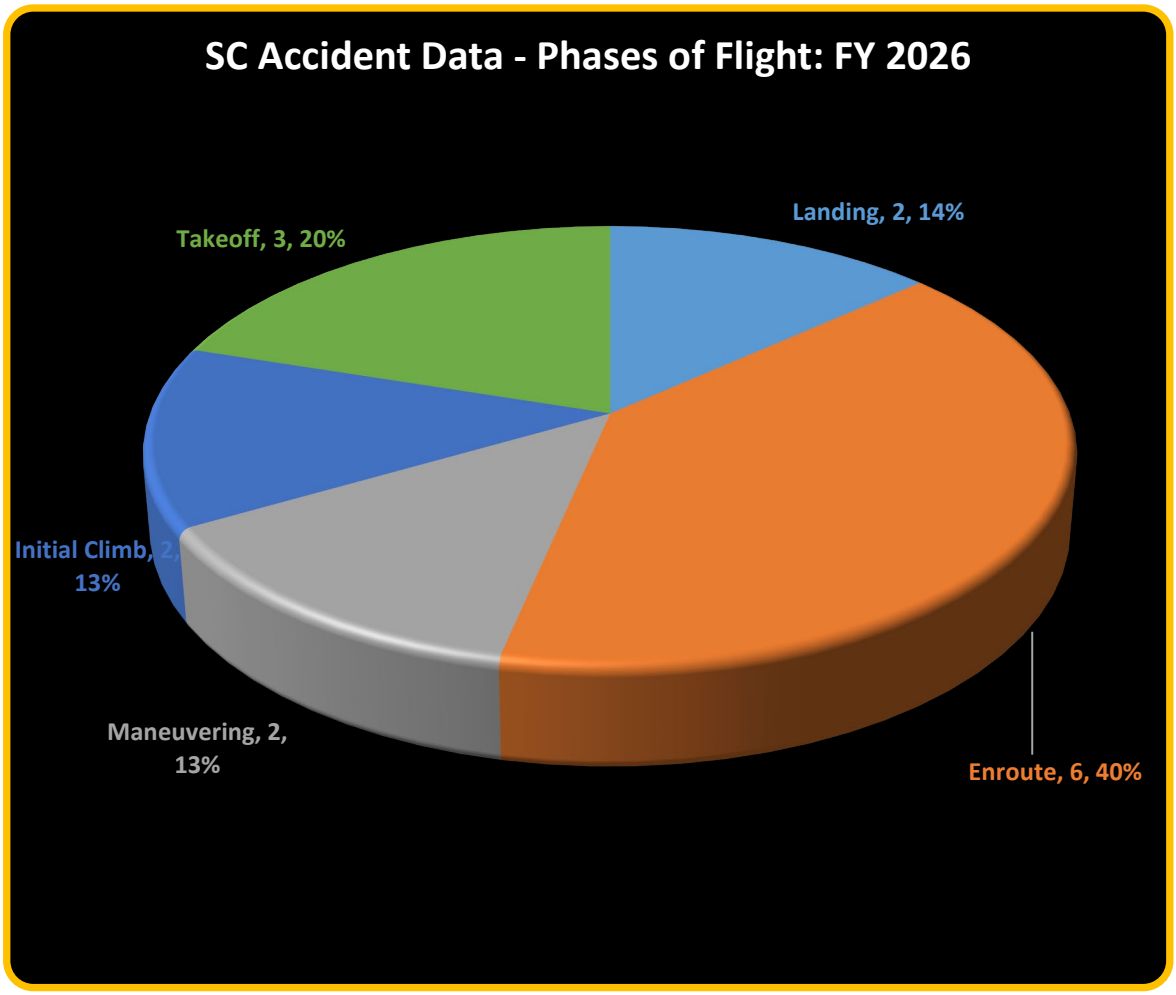
4.6.2. SC Accident Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026



4.6.3. National Accident Data: FY 2026



4.6.4. SC Accident Data: FY 2026



4.7. Accident Causal Factors. The NTSB determines causal aircraft accident and incident factors. The below data only pertains to accidents. The NTSB Accident and Incident Database is the official US government source of information on aircraft-related accidents, and it contains detailed information gathered during NTSB accident and incident investigations.

This additional information includes weather conditions; flying conditions (IFR, VFR); light conditions (day, night); the number of injuries and fatalities; the extent of aircraft damage; etc. For each event, there is also a narrative description of what investigators confirmed took place during the event.

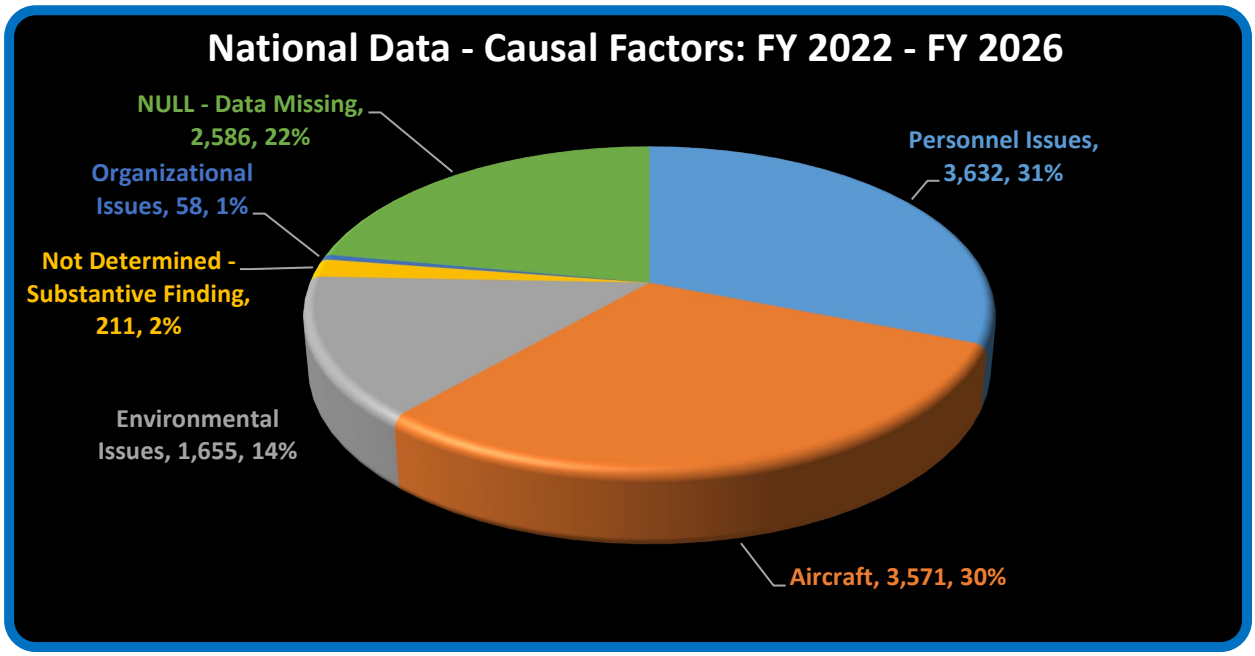
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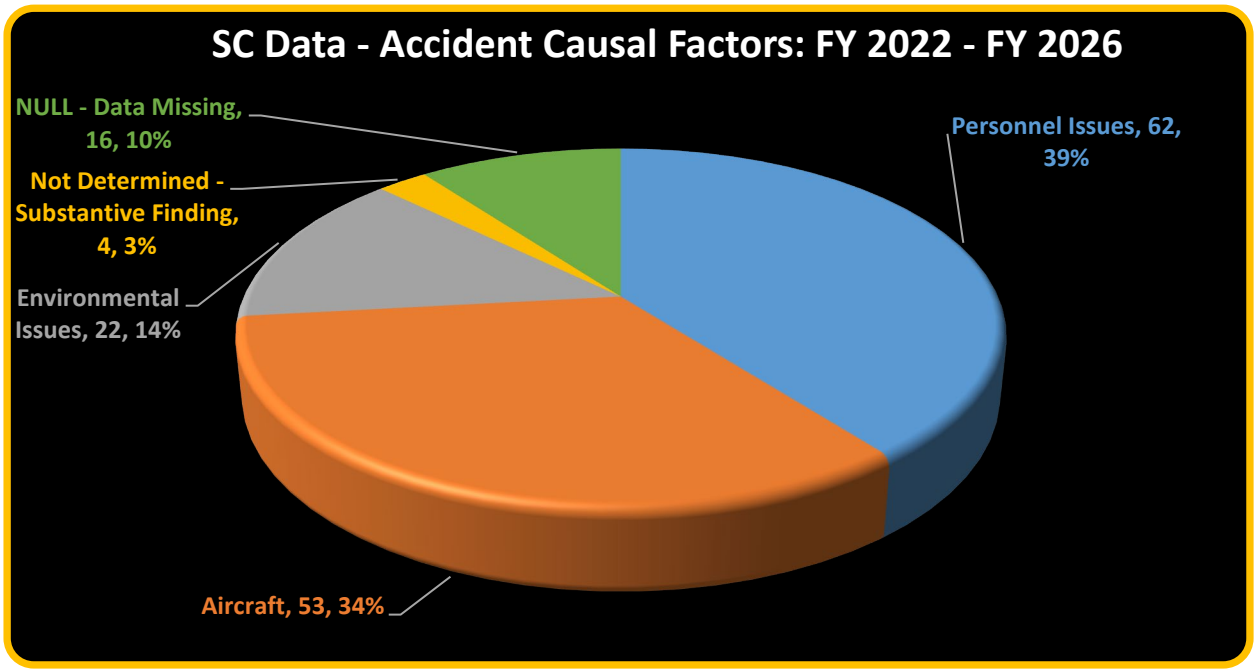
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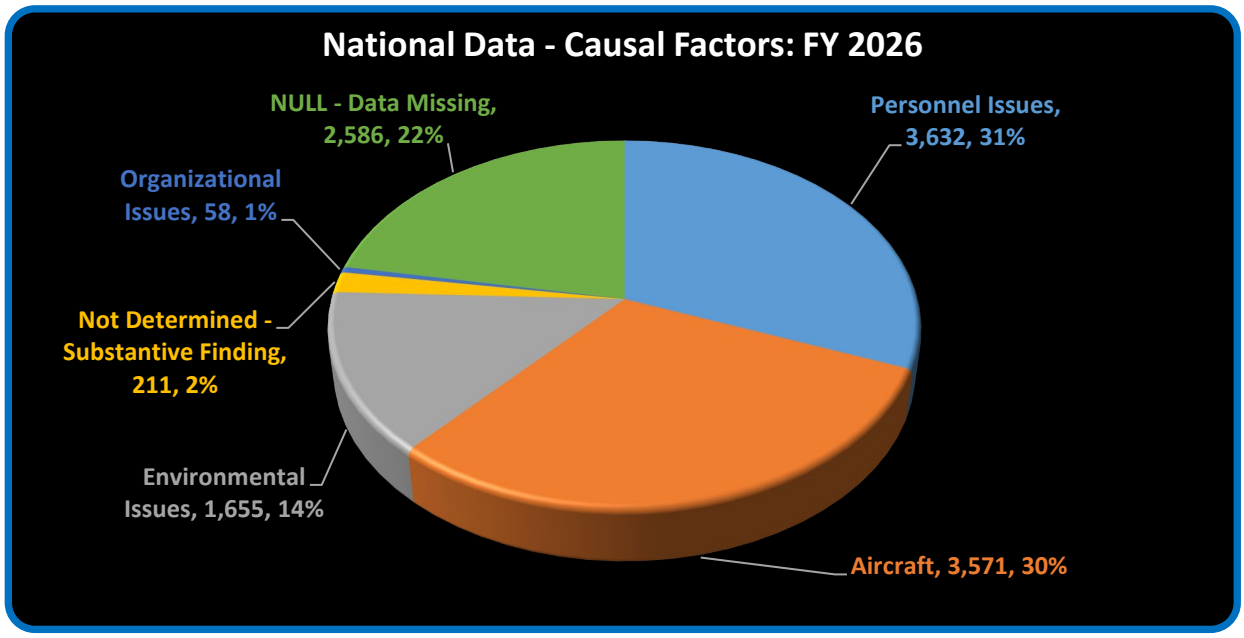
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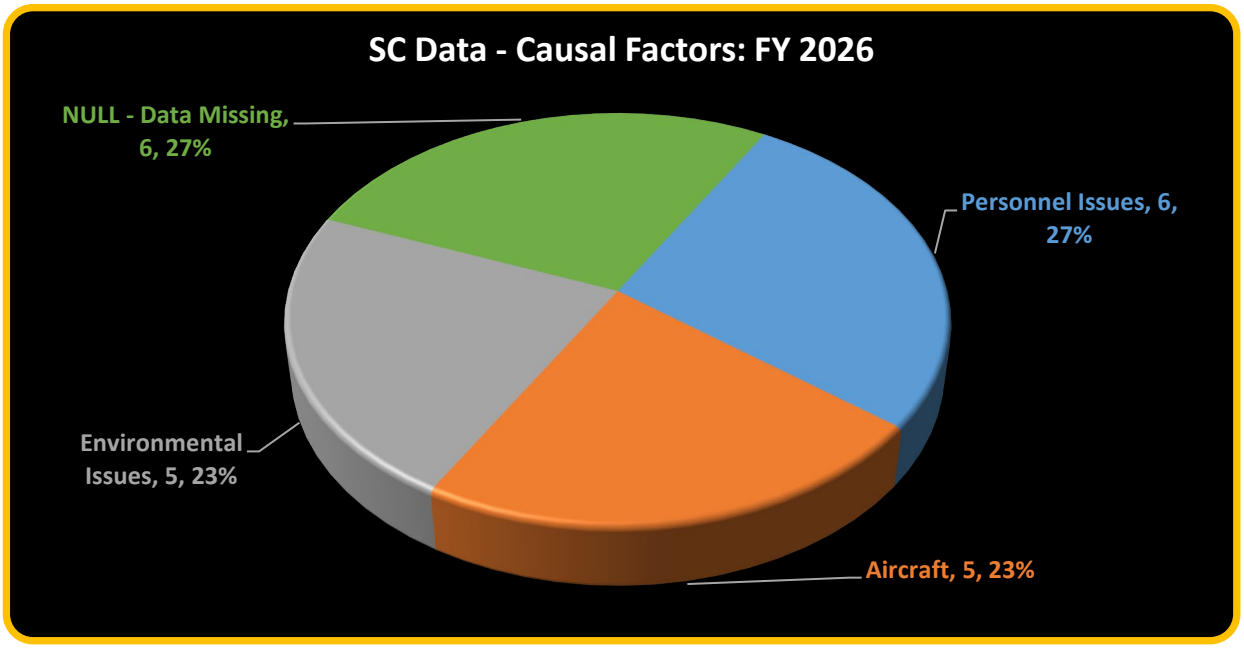
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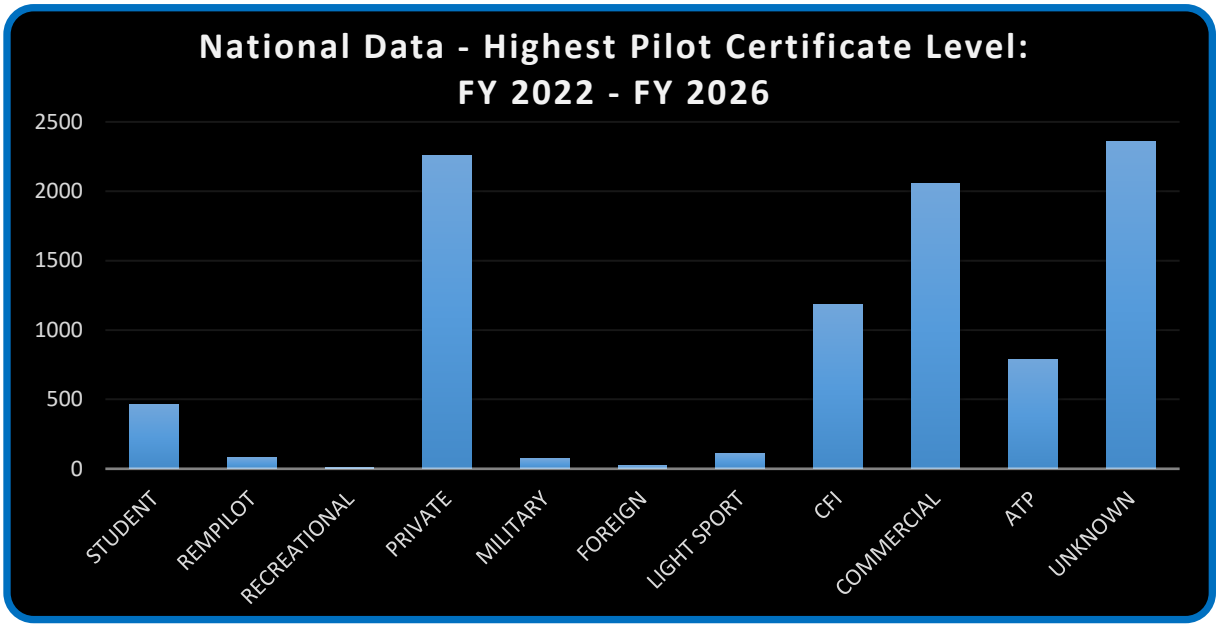


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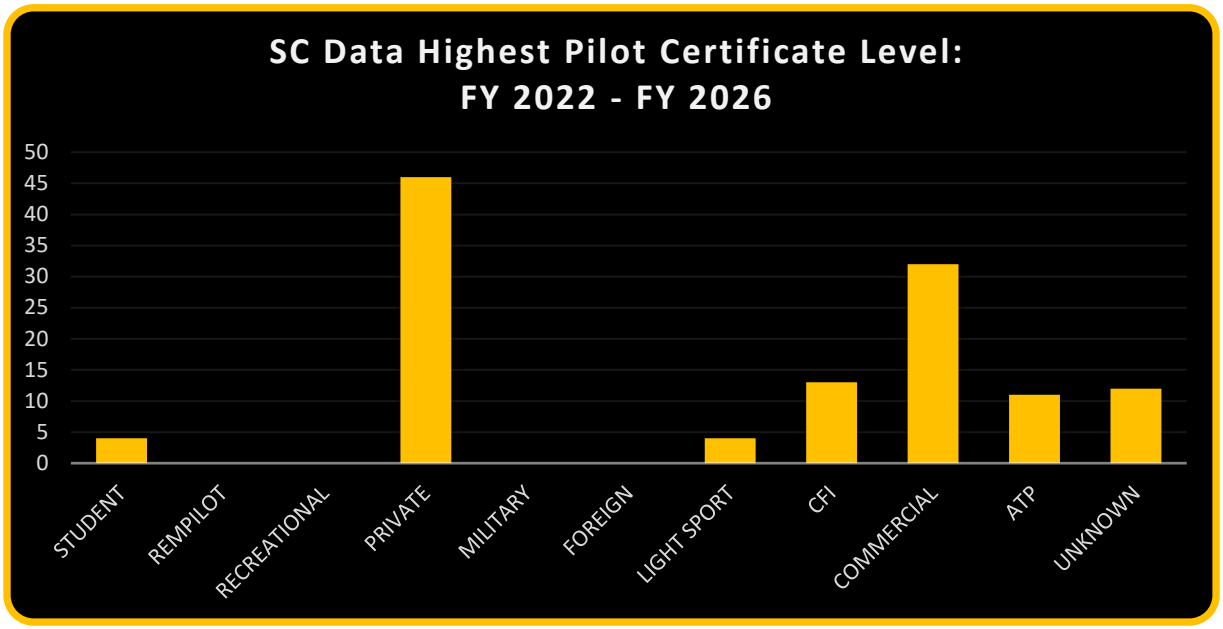


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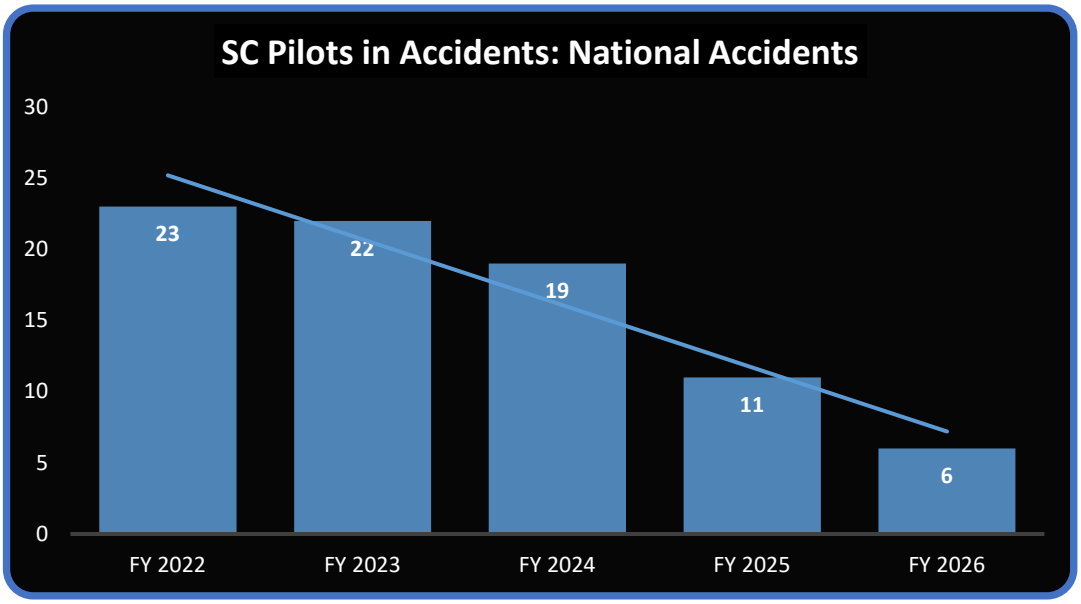


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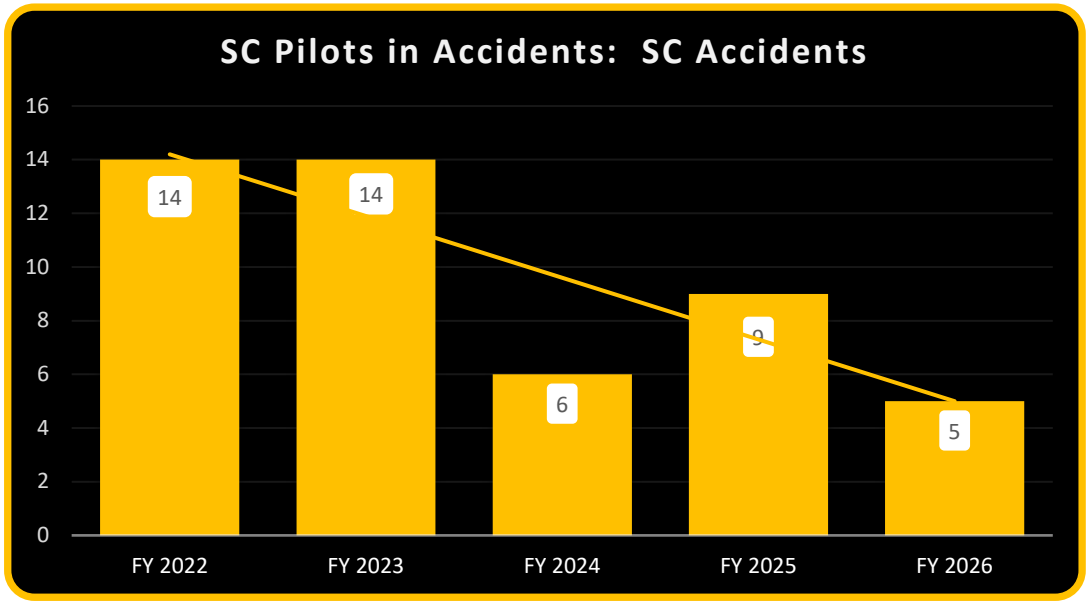


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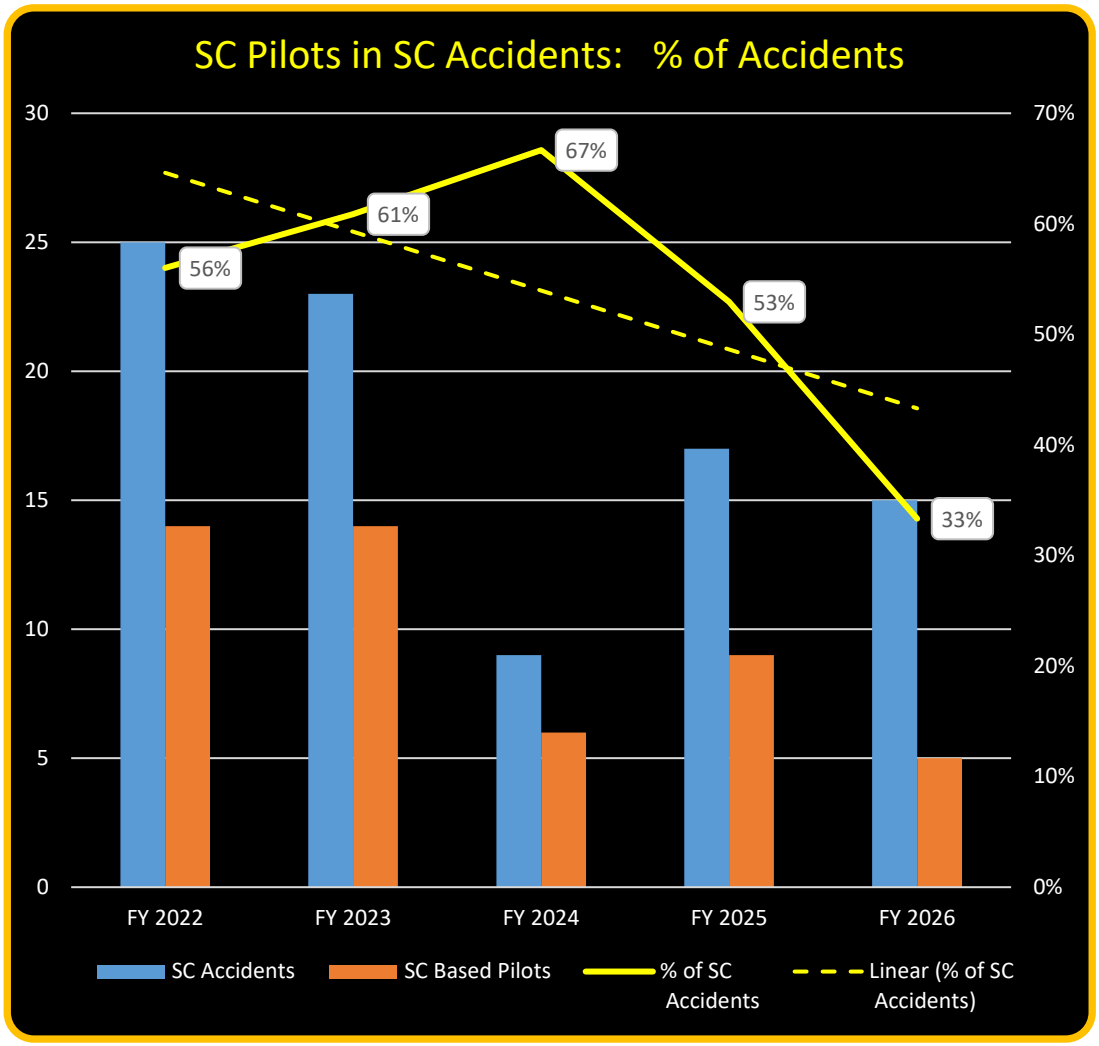
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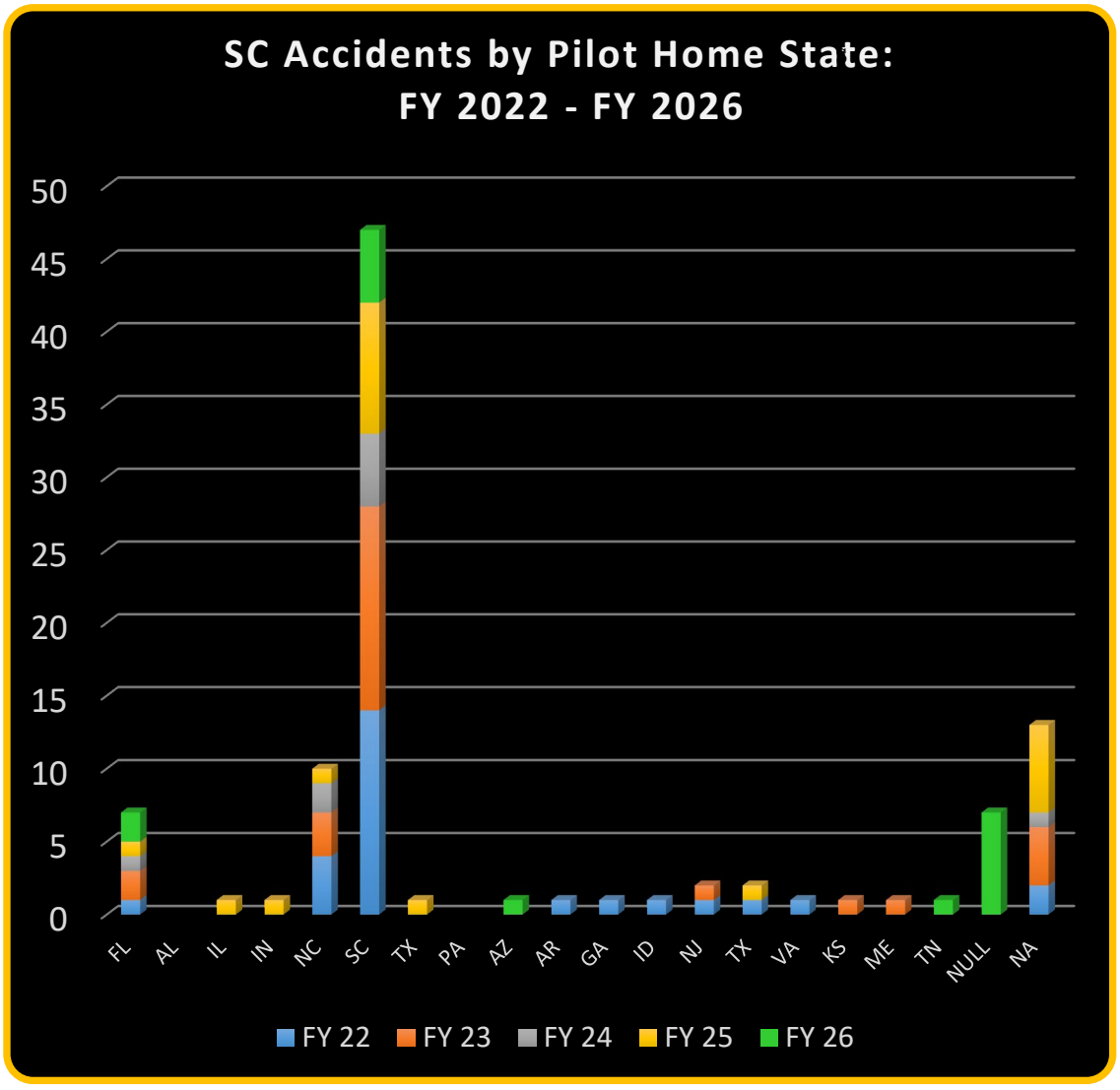
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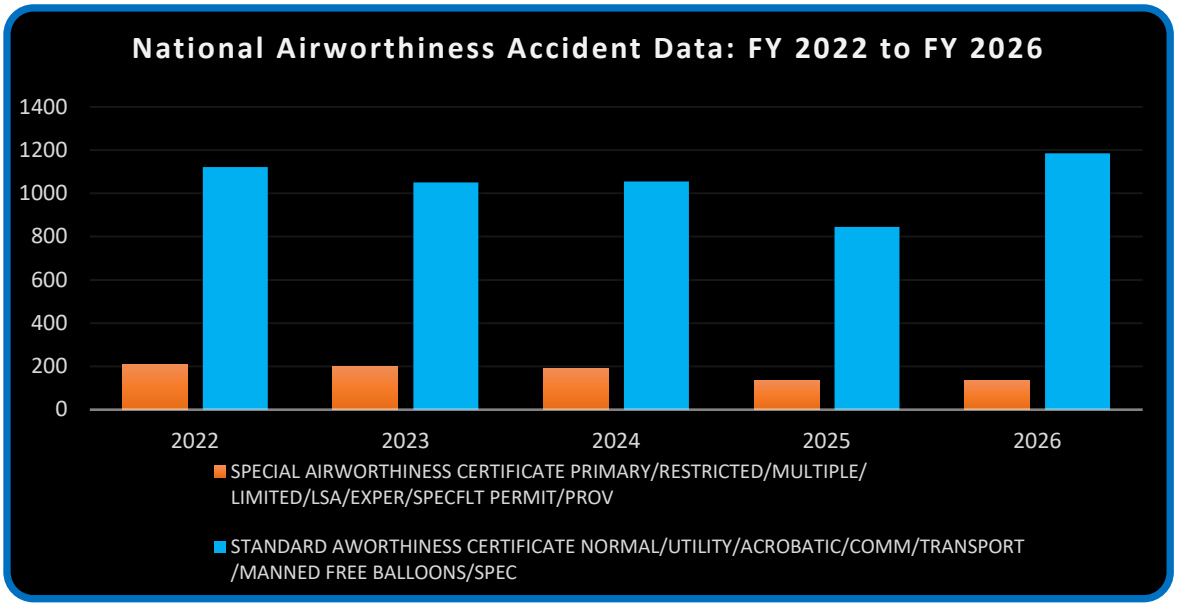


4.8.3.2.2 SC Accidents by Pilot Home State: FY 2022 – FY 2026

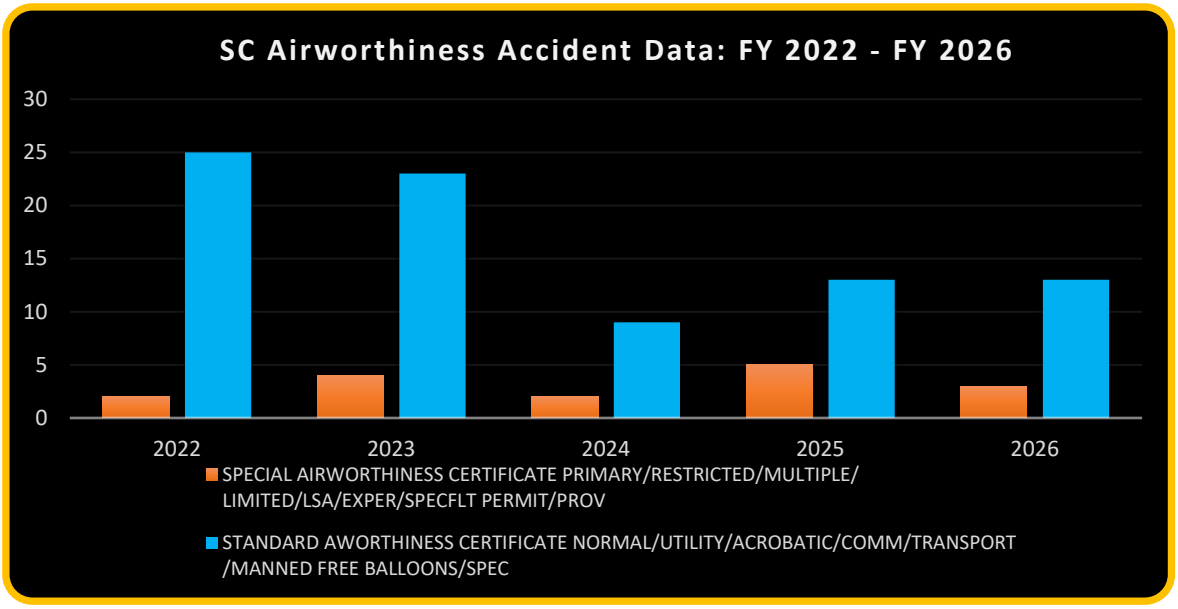


4.8.4. National and SC Airworthiness Accident Data: FY 2022 - FY 2026.

4.8.4.1. National Airworthiness Certificate Accident Data. FY 2021 - FY2025 indicates a decreasing trend for both Airworthiness Categories.

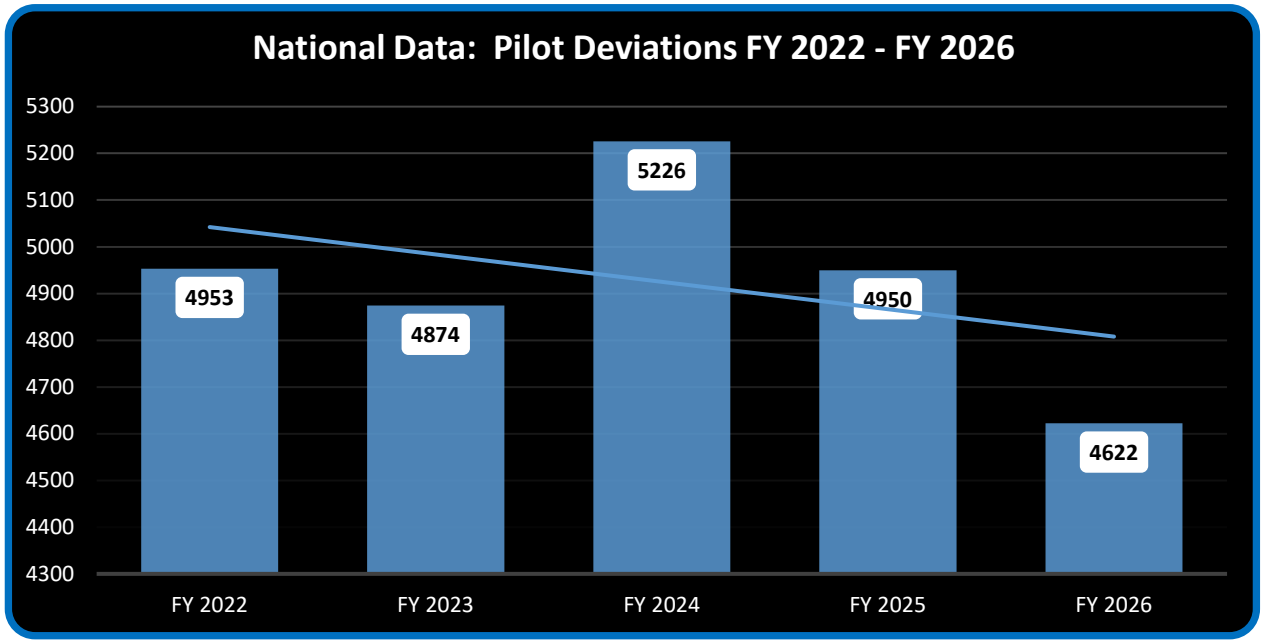


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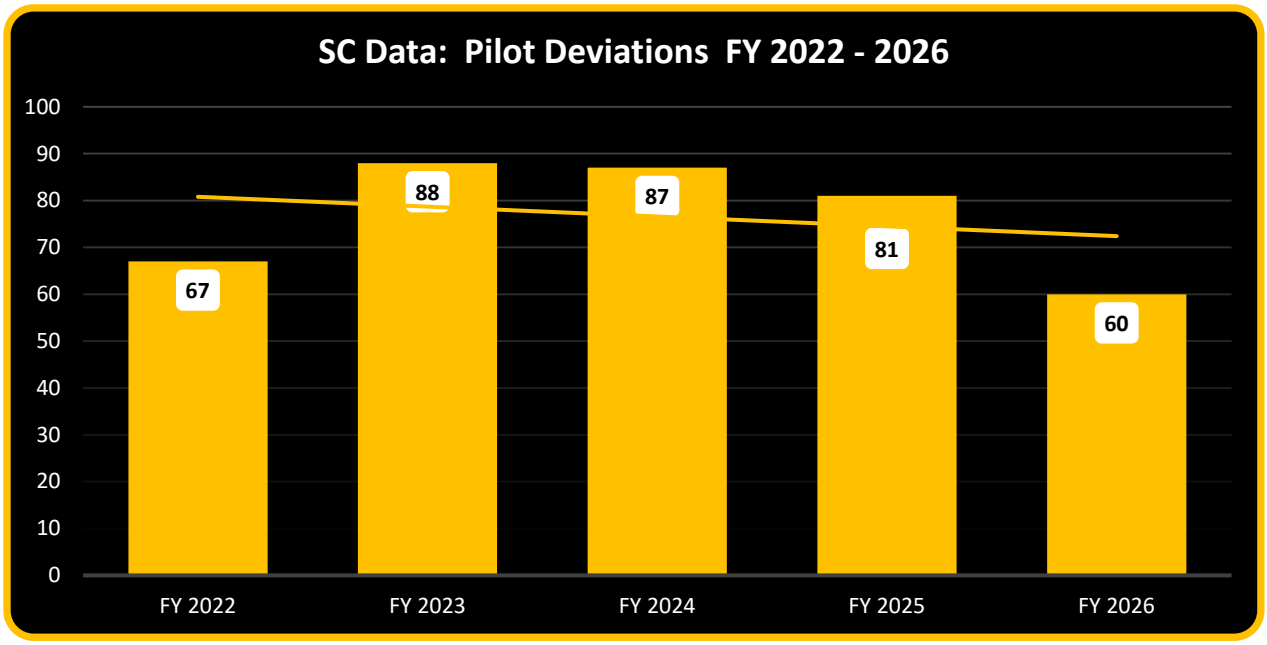


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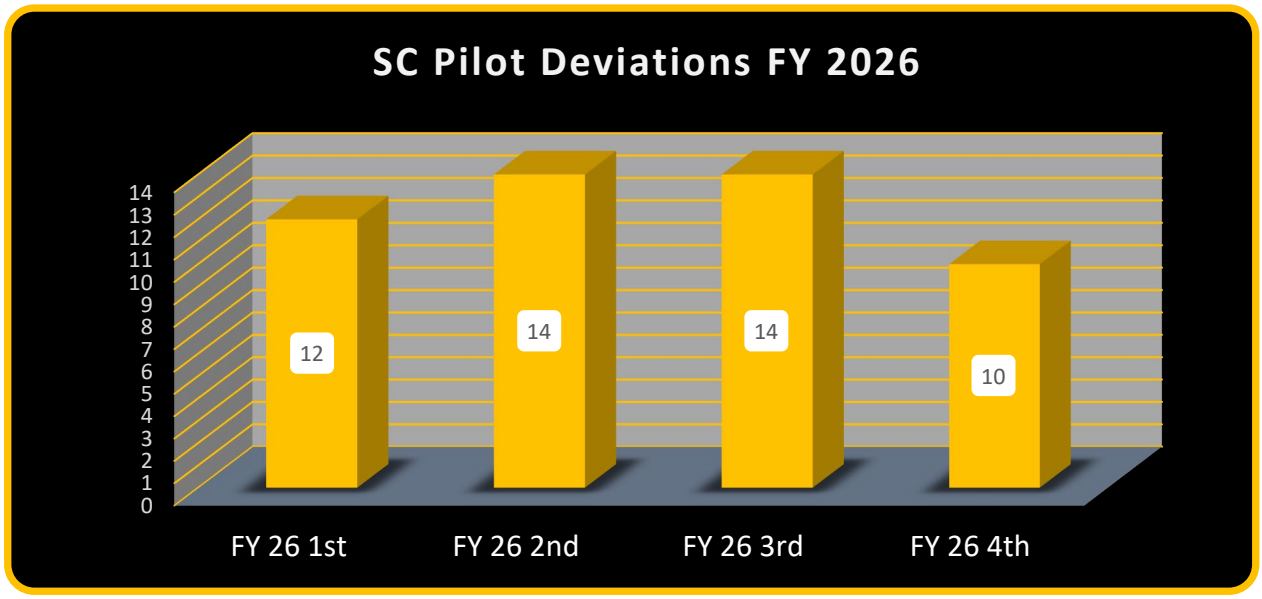
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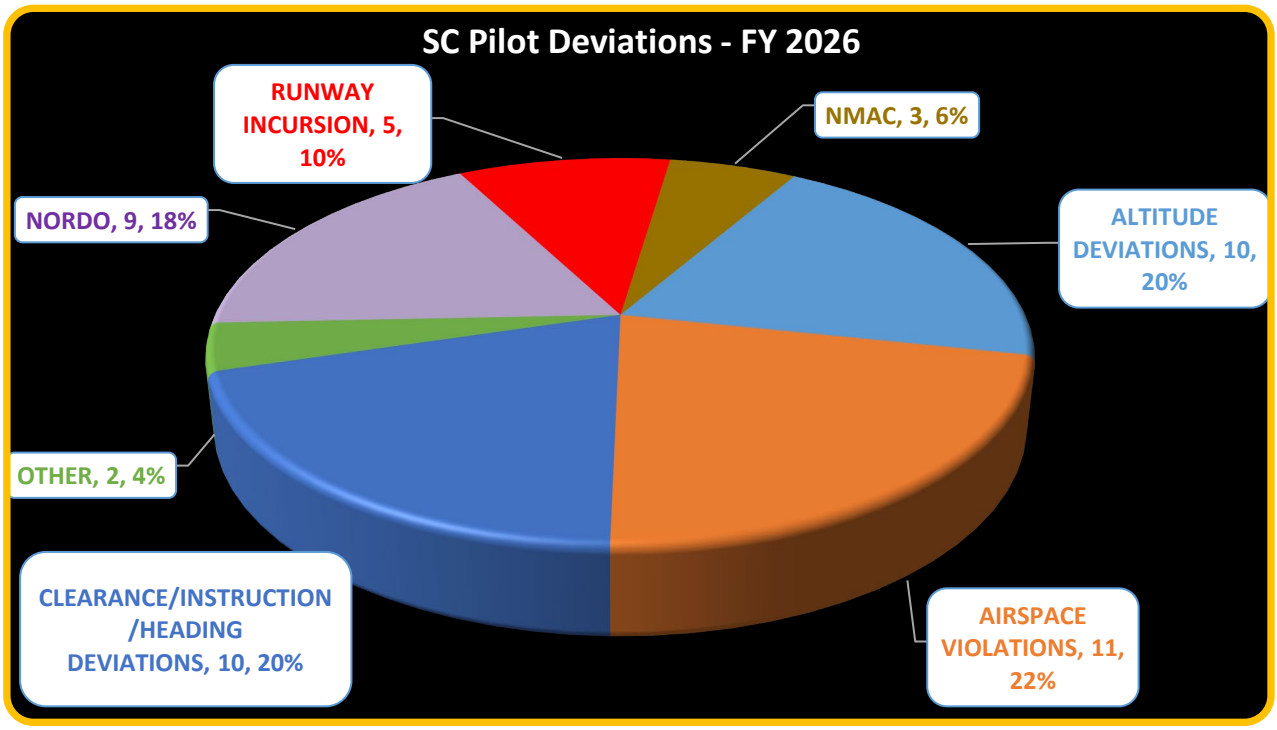
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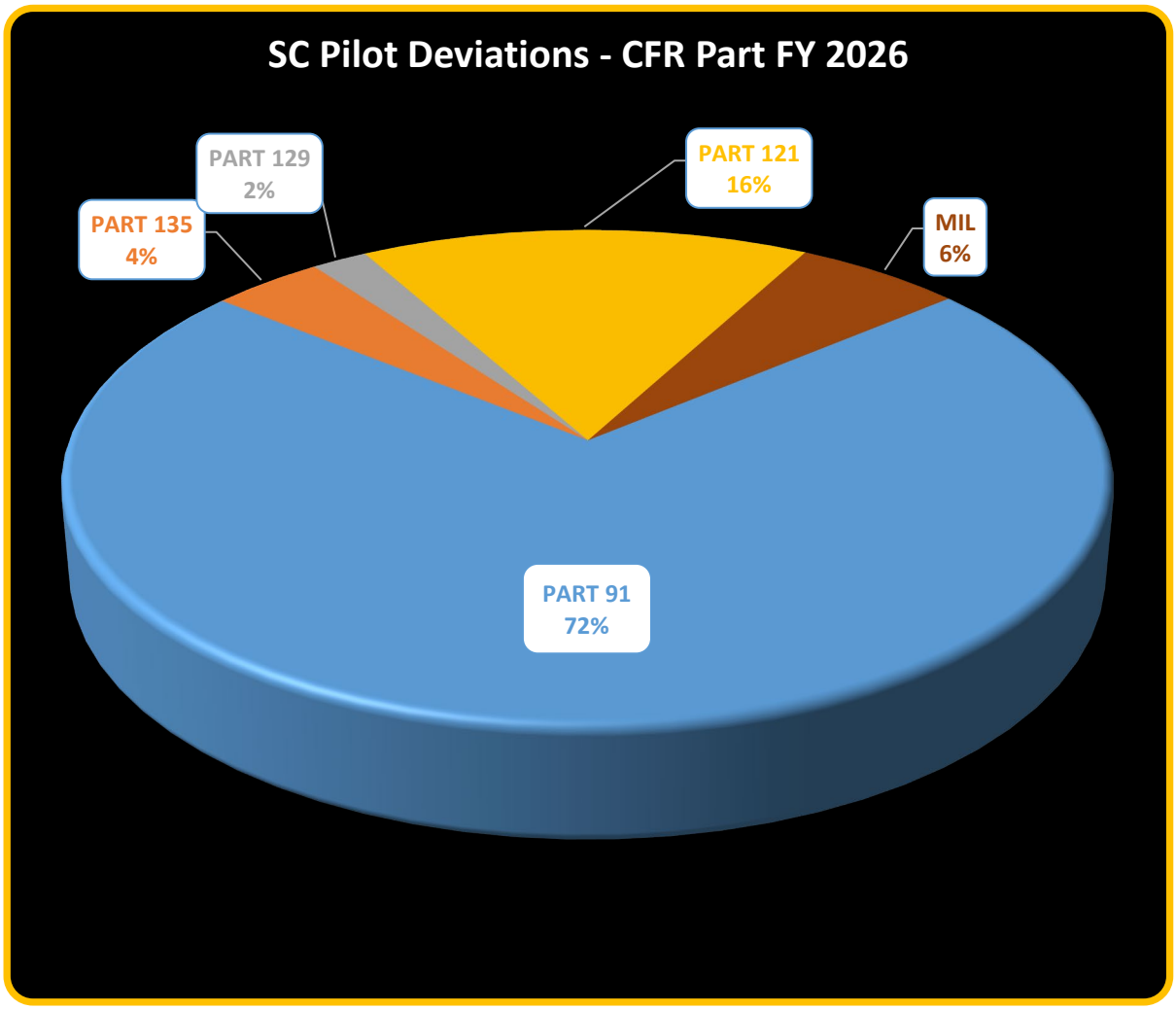
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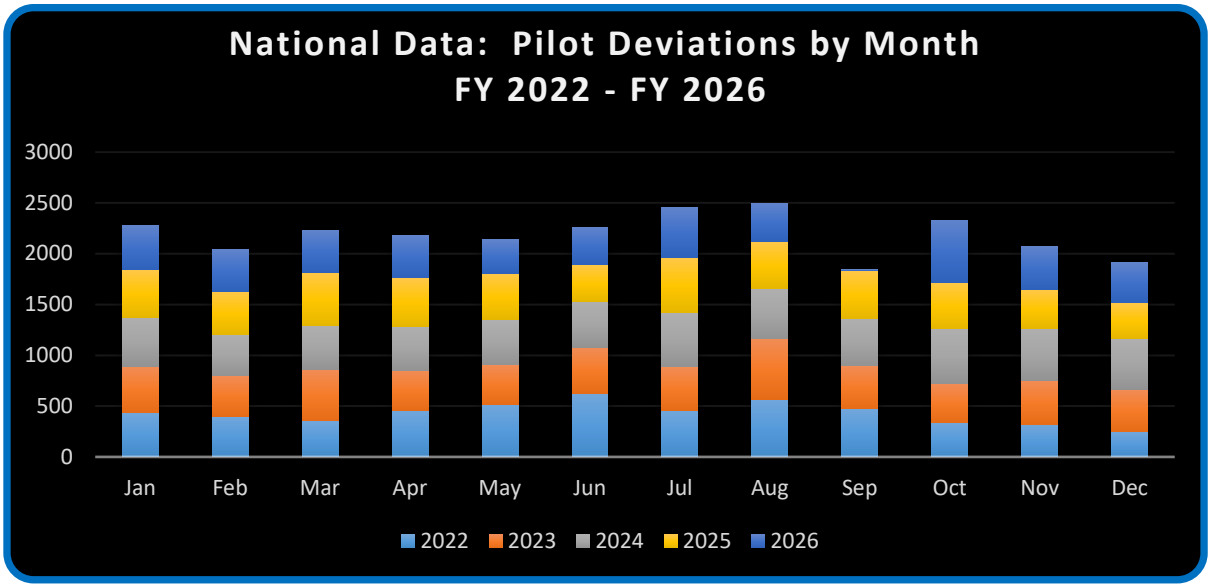
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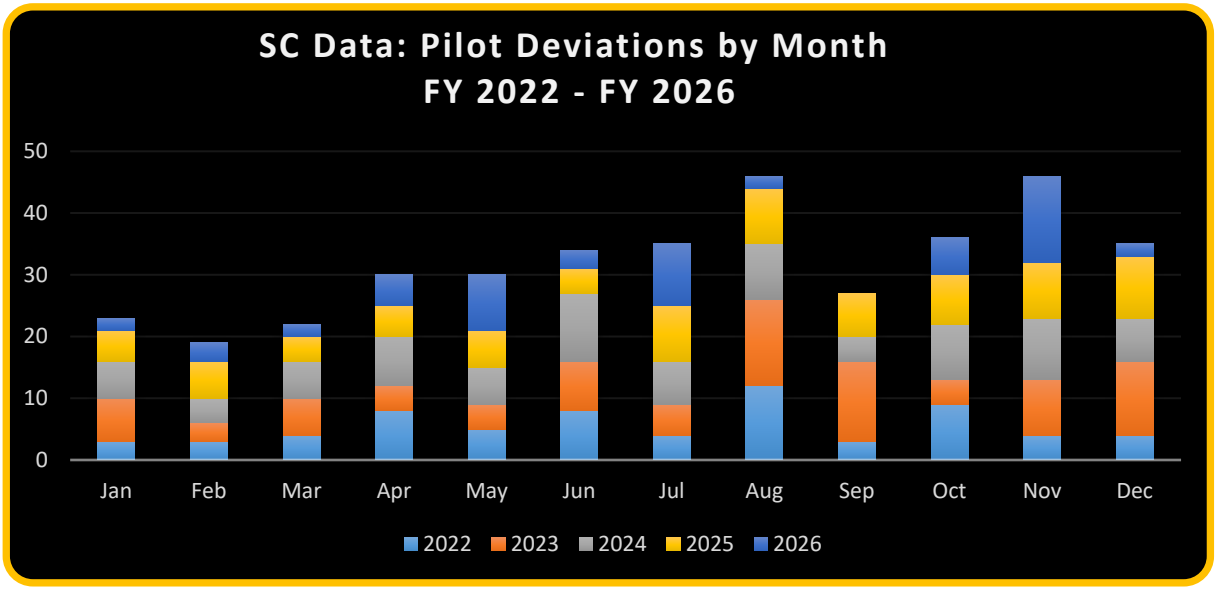
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4.9.4. National Data - Pilot Deviations by Month: FY 2022 – FY 2026

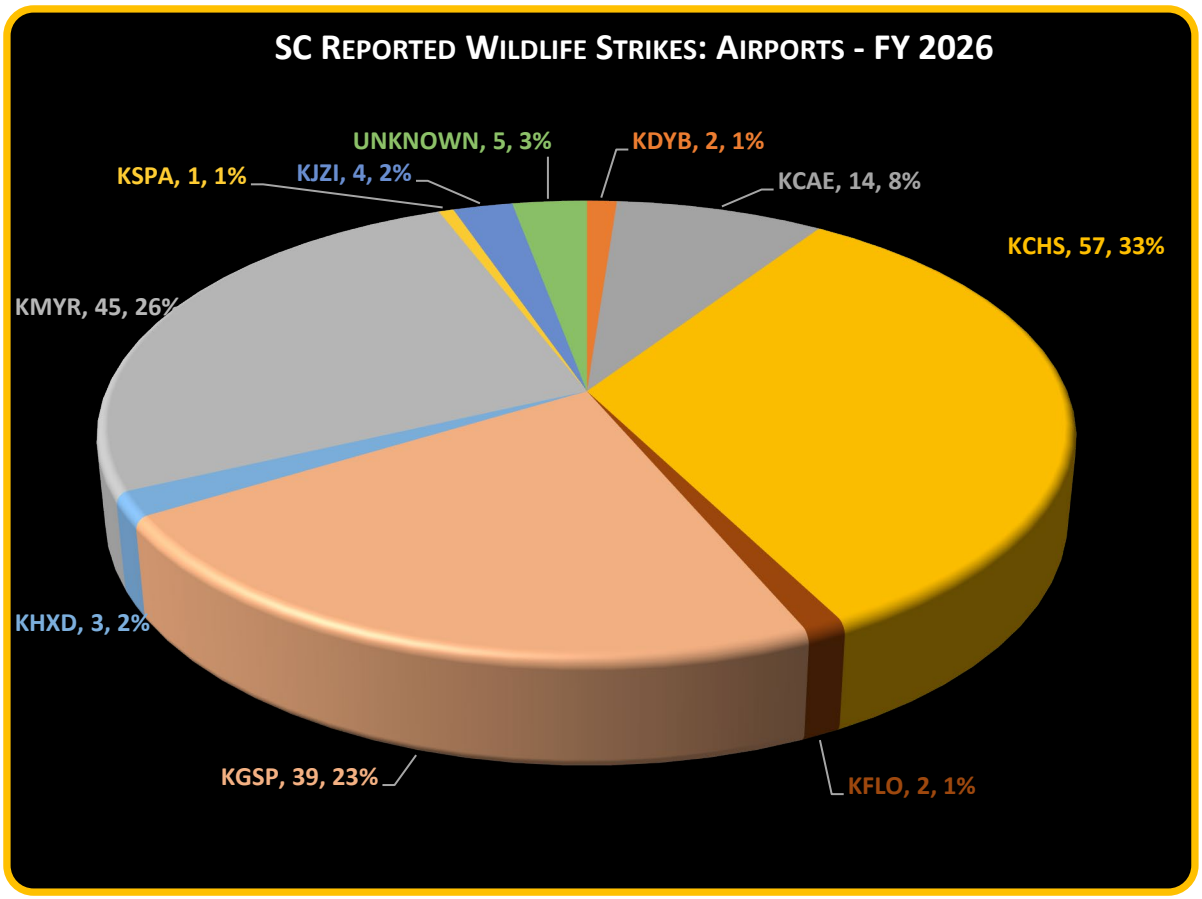


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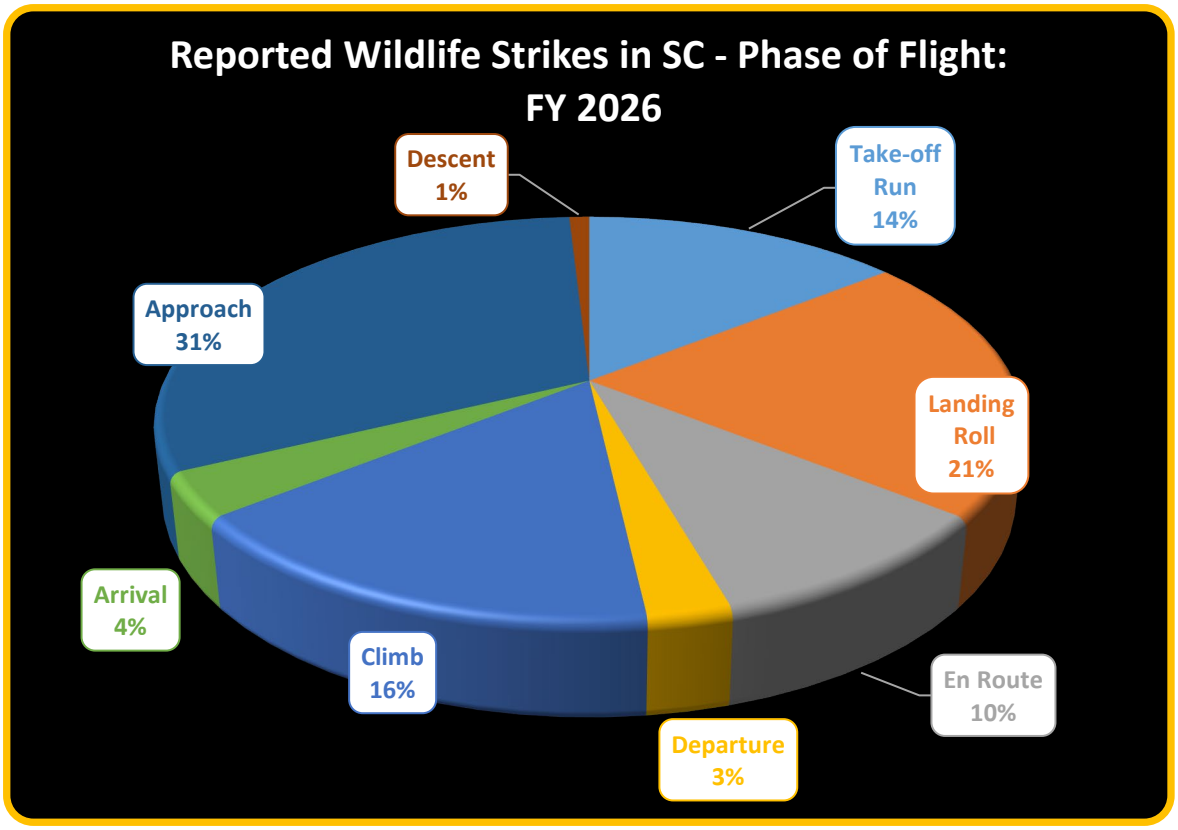


4.10. Wildlife Strikes. Wildlife strikes with aircraft are increasing in the United States and elsewhere. About 344,000 wildlife strikes with civil aircraft were reported in USA between 1990 and 2025 (about 24,450 strikes at 7870 U.S. airports in 2025). An additional 5,700 strikes were reported by U.S. Air Carriers at foreign airports, 1990–2025 (about 340 strikes at 132 airports in 62 countries in 2025). Expanding wildlife populations, increases in number of aircraft movements, a trend toward faster and quieter aircraft, and outreach to the aviation community all have contributed to the observed increase in reported wildlife strikes. As a result of the increase in wildlife strikes, there has been greater emphasis on wildlife strike hazard research and airfield wildlife management.

4.11.1. FY 2026 – SC Reported Wildlife Strikes: Airports. SC airports realized **172 reported Wildlife Strikes** at aerodromes within SC; **33%** occurred at Charleston Int'l Airport (CHS) and **26%** occurred at Myrtle Beach Int'l Airport (MYR)



4.10.2. FY 2026 – SC Wildlife Strikes: Phase of Flight



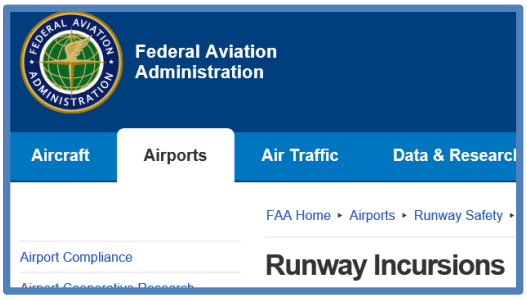
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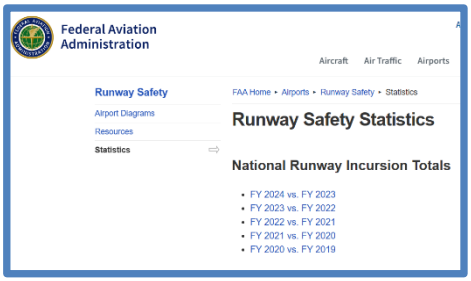


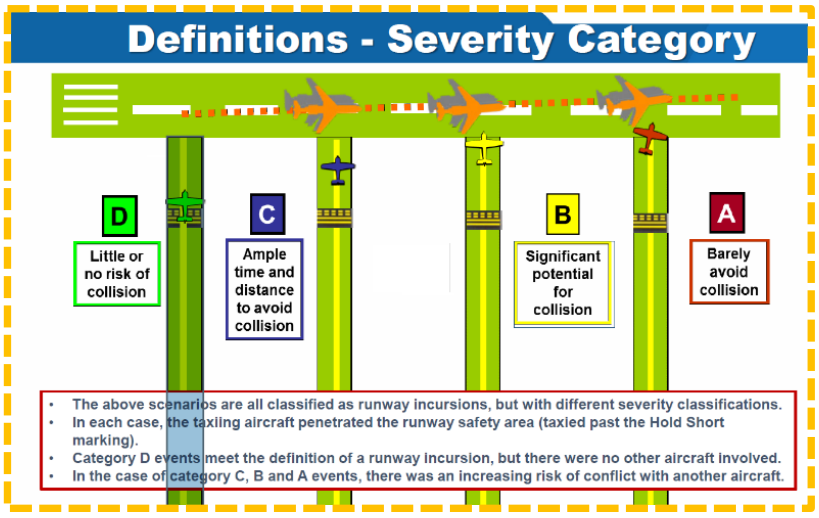
To report a Wildlife Strike, click on the link:

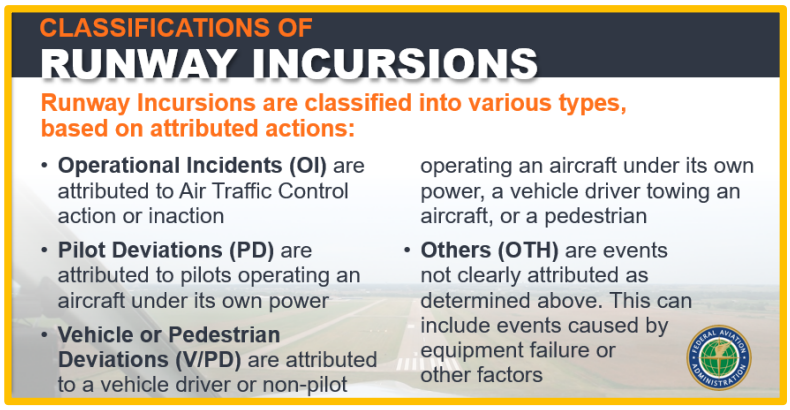
Report a Wildlife Strike

4.11. Runway Incursions: Runway Safety embodies a safe flight — both at its start and at its conclusion. It continues to be one of the FAA's highest priorities and encompasses pilots, air traffic controllers and airport vehicle drivers. For more information on Runway Incursions and Runway Safety statistics, click on the links:

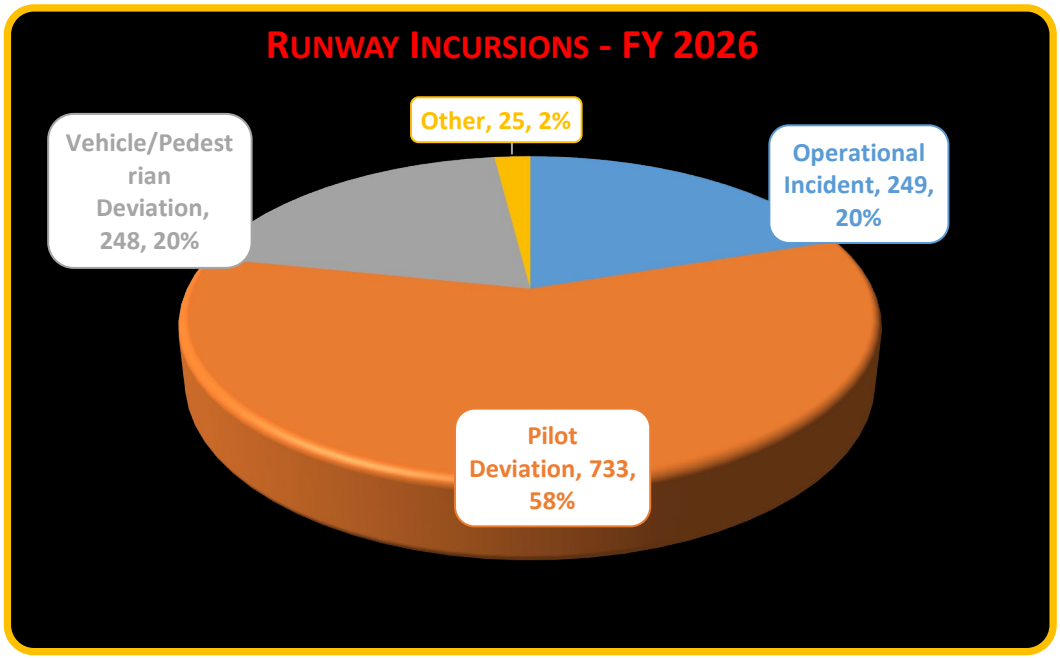




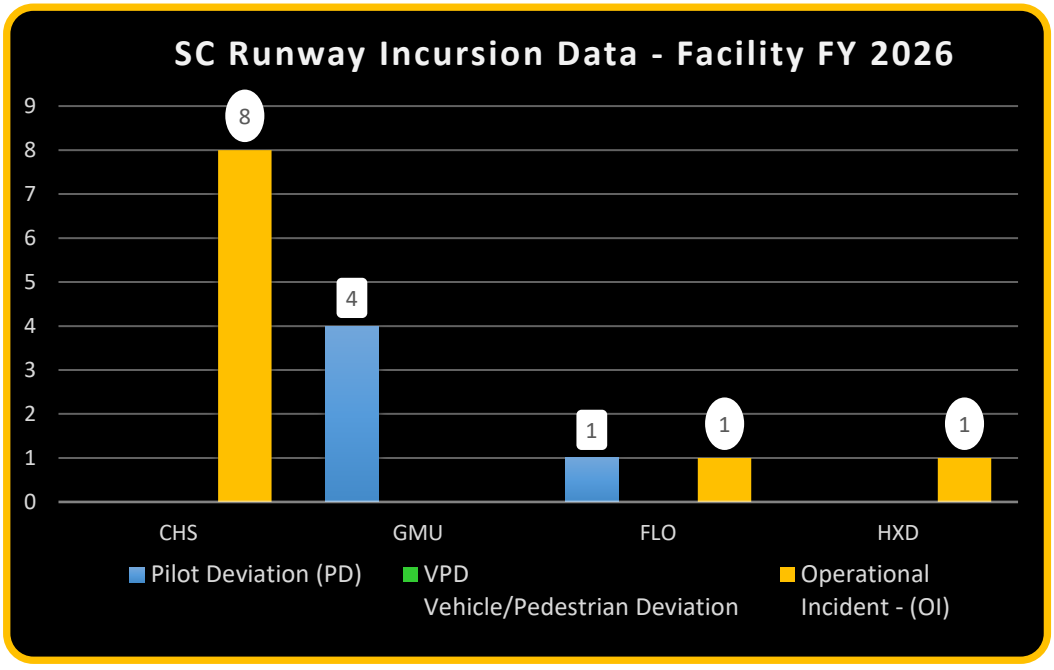




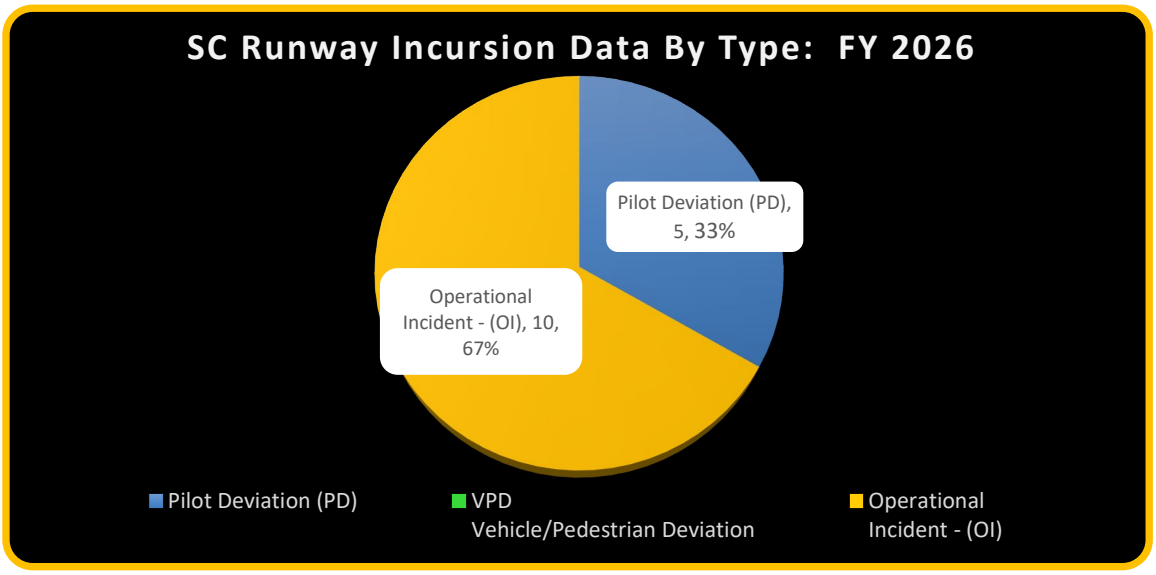
4.11.1. National Runway Incursion Data – FY 2026



4.11.2. SC Runway Incursion Data – FY 2026



4.11.3. SC Runway Incursion Data by Type – FY 2026

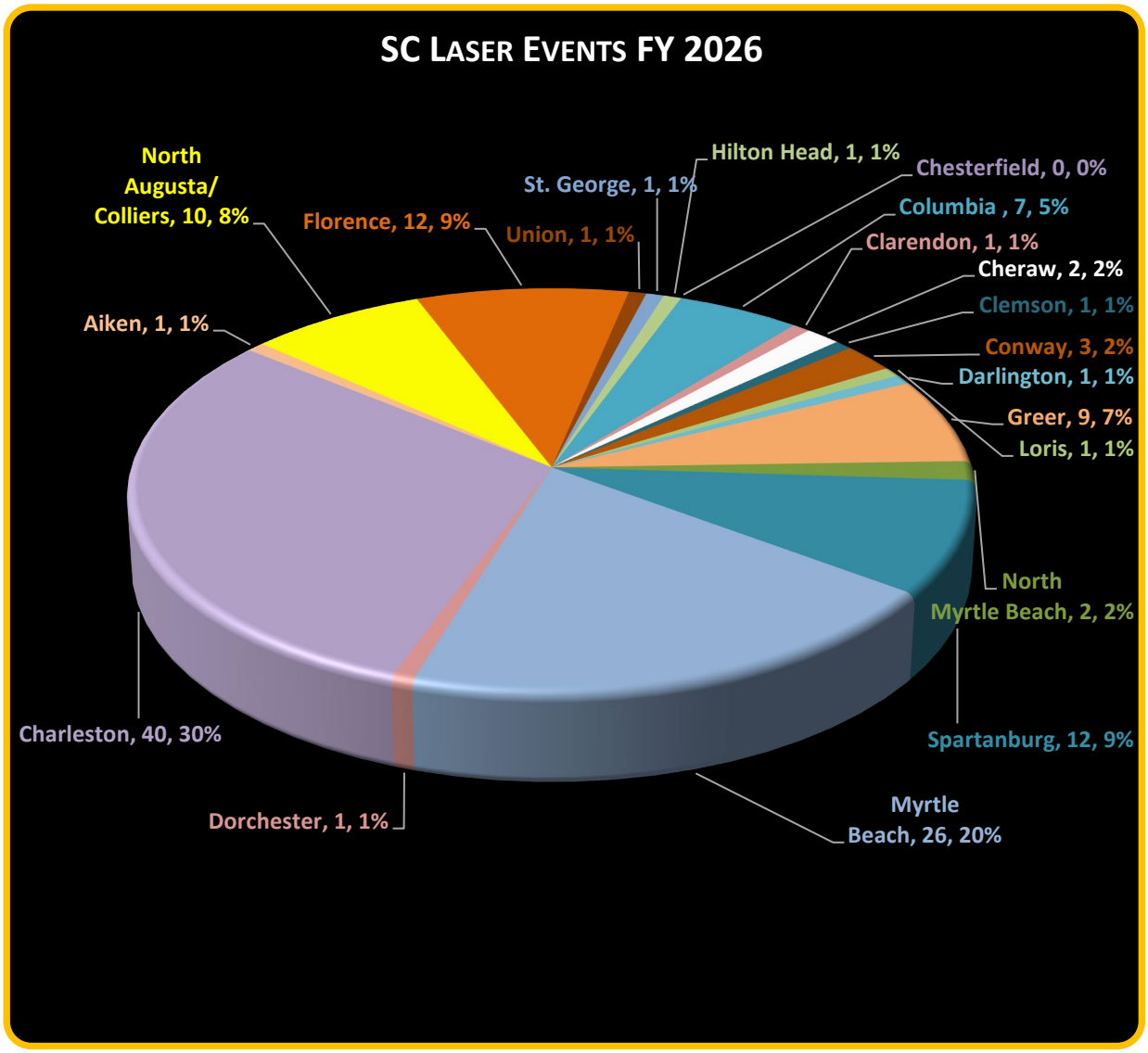


4.11.4. SC Runway Incursion Expanded Data – FY 2026

Airport	Date	Category
CHS	12/18/2025	D
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CHS	12/18/2025	D
CHS	12/18/2025	D
CHS	12/18/2025	D
CHS	12/18/2025	D
CHS	10/15/2025	C
FLO	3/4/2026	D
FLO	3/4/2026	D
GMU	4/18/2026	D
GMU	3/27/2026	C
GMU	3/27/2026	D
GMU	7/11/2026	D
HXD	1/26/2026	D

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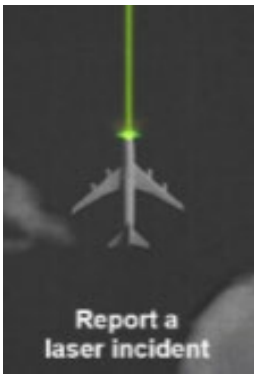
4.12. Lasering Events. For the third year in a row, reported laser strikes in the National Airspace System are down. Pilots reported 4,470 laser strikes to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 2026 - a 24 percent decrease from this time last year. In SC, the plurality of the **128** lasering events occurred in the **Charleston** area. Here's a look at the other locations in SC:



The FAA works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to pursue civil and criminal penalties against people who purposely aim a laser at an aircraft.

Moreover, the agency takes enforcement action against people who violate Federal Aviation Regulations by shining lasers at aircraft and can impose civil penalties of up to $11,000 per violation. The FAA has imposed civil penalties up to $30,800 against people for multiple laser incidents.

- Report a Laser Event:



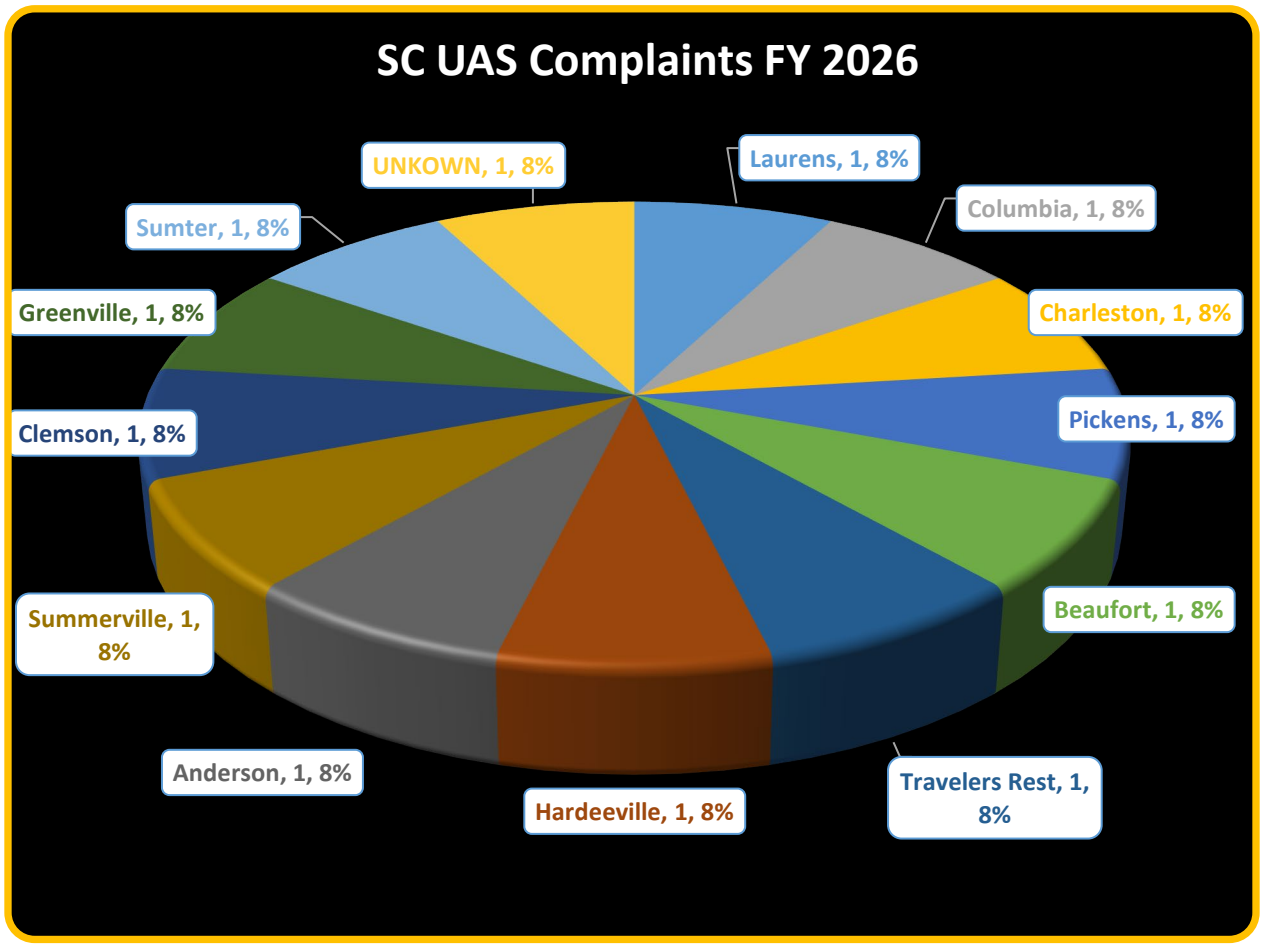
- Watch the *"Lose the Laser"* Video:



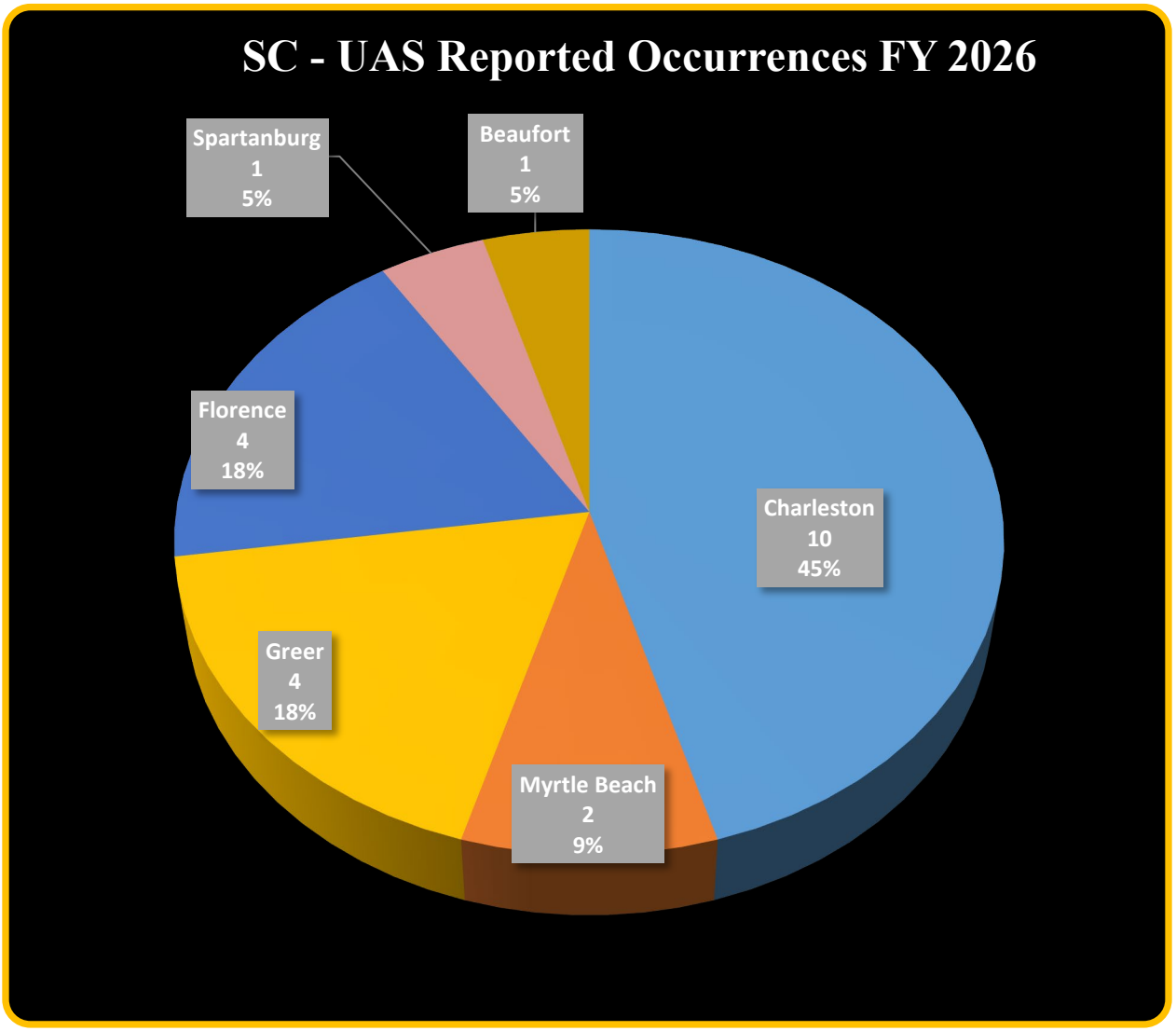
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4.13. UAS Events. Office personnel continue to investigate UAS complaints and reported occurrences throughout the district.

4.13.1. UAS Complaints – FY 2026. There were 13 complaints in the following locations:



4.13.2. UAS Reported Occurrences – FY 2026. Reported occurrences are filed by pilots via ATC. There were 22 reported occurrences as noted below:



5. Hazard Identification and Risk Management

5.1 Hazard Area 1: Pilot Errors and Airworthiness Issues Resulting in Accidents/Incidents (*Decision Errors, Skill Based Errors, Perceptual Errors)*

5.1.1. Hazard Statement – Nationally, approximately **48%** of accidents occurred during the *Landing* and *Enroute* phases of flight from FY 2022 through FY 2026; in SC, it was **48%** as well**.** And, Nationally, accident causal factors, which include personnel issues and airworthiness issues, accounted for **31%** and **30%**, respectively. In SC, personnel and airworthiness issues were attributed to **39%** and **53%** of accidents.

5.1.1.1. Risk Assessment:
5.1.1.1.1. Likelihood: Remote/Possible
5.1.1.1.2. Severity: Catastrophic

5.1.1.2. Mitigation Strategies: Personnel consider the Risk Assessment *Unacceptable;* personnel further consider mitigation safety outreach strategies essential. The outreach audience may include, but is not limited to, Airframe & Powerplant mechanics, IA certificate holders, flight schools (Part 61 and Part 141), flying clubs, pilot and/or airport associations, EAA chapters, flight instructors, and DPEs, etc. The FAASTeam will also promote Online courses on Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM) and Risk Management (RM) via FaaSafety.gov. The FAASTeam will also conduct safety outreach events focusing on the Safety Topics of the Month, Loss of Control, and Situational Awareness. Personnel will also conduct safety seminar topics on ADM and/or Human Factors as well.

5.1.1.3. Metrics: At a minimum, personnel will ensure completion of the G*eneral Aviation External Safety Promotion Program FY 27 National Promotion Plan (NPP)* Safety Outreach NPP63 – Safety Outreach Topics of the Month - and NPP15 – Controlled Flight into Terrain (CFIT) Outreach.

5.2. Hazard Area 2: Pilot Errors Resulting in Pilot Deviations (PD)
(*Decision/Judgement/Errors, Skill Based Errors, Perceptual Errors).*

5.2.1. Hazard Statement – PDs. Nationally and in SC, PDs have trended downward FY 2022 through FY 2026. The primary causal factors in SC PDs for FY 2026 were Airspace Violations, Clearance/Instruction/Heading Deviations, and Altitude Deviations.

5.2.1.1. Risk Assessment (See Addendum 6.0):
5.2.1.1.1. Likelihood: Remote
5.2.1.1.2. Severity: Major

5.2.1.2. Mitigation Strategies. As the data indicates, the National and SC PD trend is decreasing. To facilitate this trend, strategies include conducting Pilot/ATC Forums (NPP05 & 13) as well as four CFI/DPE Forums (NPP16).

5.2.1.3. **Metrics:** At a minimum, personnel will ensure completion of the FY 2027 NPP Safety Outreach events items NPP16 and NPP05.

5.3. Hazard Area 3: Wildlife Strikes

5.3.1. Hazard Statement – Wildlife Strikes. There were **171** reported Wildlife Strikes in SC. As the data indicates, CHS and MYR continue to experience most of the strikes.

5.3.1.1. Risk Assessment:
5.3.1.1.1 -Likelihood: Remote
5.3.1.1.2 -Severity: Catastrophic

5.3.1.2. Mitigation Strategies. FAASTeam personnel will ensure the distribution and display of the FAA's Wildlife Strikes poster (see 10.0) at aerodromes throughout SC, with particular emphasis on CHS and MYR and other coastal area. FAASTeam personnel will continue to promulgate the website:

https://wildlife.faa.gov/home

5.3.1.3. Metrics. Personnel will ensure the distribution and display of posters and issue Notices via the *FAASafety.gov* NOTC portal.

6. Deviation Risk Matrix

FAA Order 8040.4B – Appendix C, Fig. C-2, and Risk Assessment Work Instruction, QPM #FS-AFB-460-001-W4

SEVERITY / LIKELIHOOD	Minimal 1	Minor 2	Major 3	Hazardous 4	Catastrophic 5
Frequent/Almost Certain 5	[Green]	[Yellow]	[Red]	[Red]	[Red]
Probable/Likely 4	[Green]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Red]	[Red]
Remote/Possible 3	[Green]	[Green]	[Yellow]	[Red]	[Red]
Extremely Remote/Unlikely 2	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Yellow]	[Red]
Extremely Improbable/Rare 1	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Green]	[Yellow]

LEGEND

High Risk [Red]
Medium Risk [Yellow]
Low Risk [Green]

6. Addendum (Cont.) – Pilot Deviation Risk Management Matrix

Methodology. Personnel reviewed all Pilot Deviations occurring within the jurisdiction of South Carolina from **10-01-2025 through 09-30-2026**. Personnel then determined the appropriate severity and likelihood risk of *each* pilot deviation based on the *Risk Management Matrix*. From this assessment, personnel calculated the average of the results and rounded the averages to the nearest whole number. Finally, personnel assigned a risk value in accordance with the corresponding numerical value on the matrix *(QPM # FS-AFB-460-001-W4)*.

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7. FAASTeam Safety Program Event Report -

7.1. FAASTeam Seminar/Webinar Event Metrics



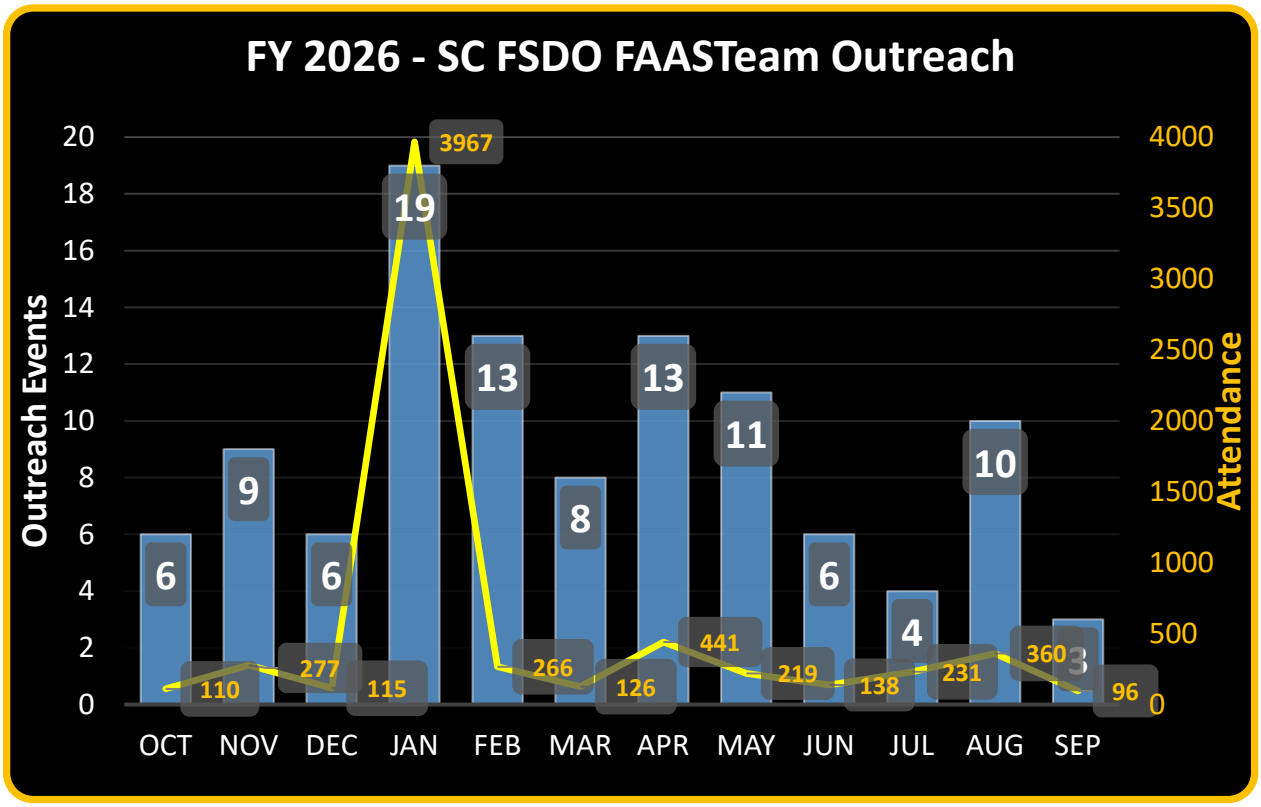
FAASTeam Reps. Zach Dodd and Donna Wood
Civil Air Patrol – Mt. Pleasant, SC
July 14, 2027

Total FY 2026 Attendees (Seminars and Webinars via SPANS)	**6092**
Total FY 2026 Events	**100**
Average Attendance	**61**
Mode Attendance	**7**
Median Attendance	**21**
FAASTeam Representative Coordinated Events	**47**



FAASTeam Rep. Brett Zukowski
CFI/DPE Forum – GMU
August 2026

7.2. FAASTeam Outreach Events Per Month:





FAASTeam Rep. Dan Ahern
CAE Civil Air Patrol
August 2026

7.3. FAASTeam Seminar/Webinar Event Listings:

Event Title	Event Date	Select Number (#)	Attendance
October Topic of the Month - Human Performance	10/13/2025 17:00	SO13139697	10
October Topic of the Month - Human Performance	10/27/2025 17:30	SO13139772	24
CSU CFI Safety Meeting	10/28/2025 9:00	SO13139979	23
Winter Flying Tips	10/28/2025 17:30	SO13139830	7
Pilot/ATC Forum - Florence SC	10/31/2025 12:00	SO13139586	23
Pilot/ATC Forum - Florence SC	10/31/2025 12:00	SO13140055	23
FAASTeam Flight Instructor / DPE / Pilot Open Forum	11/1/2025 9:00	SO13139945	16
November Topic of the Month - CFIT	11/6/2025 18:00	SO13140145	6
November Topic of the Month - CFIT	11/10/2025 17:00	SO13140031	11
Preventing Illegal Air Charters	11/12/2025 12:00	SO13139974	12
WINGS Program - Made Easy and Done Right!	11/17/2025 16:30	SO13140051	15
November Topic of the Month - CFIT	11/19/2025 16:45	SO13140052	136
FAASTEAM Representative Currency Training	11/21/2025 7:00	SO13139913	35
Pilot/ATC Forum - Greenville SC	11/22/2025 7:30	SO13139393	27
November Topic of the Month and Special Interest Item -- Controlled Flight Into Terrain	11/24/2025 17:30	SO13140250	19
December Topic of the Month - Tips for Winter Flight Operations	12/1/2025 17:00	SO13140315	8
Safety Management Systems - An Overview	12/3/2025 13:00	SO13140092	53
The 300 Dollar Annual Inspection	12/9/2025 12:00	SO13140610	4
Drones in the NAS	12/10/2025 13:00	SO13140252	26

Event Title	Event Date	Select Number (#)	Attendance
FAASTEAM Representative Training-Makeup	12/11/2025 7:00	SO13140454	12
Tips on Winter Operations	12/29/2025 17:30	SO13140520	12
3rd Annual FAASTeam Safety Day at GSP - Free Breakfast and Lunch!	1/3/2026 6:30	SO13140158	58
Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium-Main Announcement-2026	1/8/2026 7:00	SO13140021	1
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Helicopter Series - Day 1	1/8/2026 7:00	SO13140013	629
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Helicopter Series - Day 2	1/8/2026 11:00	SO13140996	24
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Helicopter Series - Day 2	1/9/2026 7:00	SO13140014	634
CSU CFI/Staff Safety Meeting	1/14/2026 16:00	SO13141183	137
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Piston Series - Day 1	1/15/2026 7:00	SO13140008	739
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Piston Series - Day 2	1/16/2026 7:00	SO13140009	723
January Topic of the Month - Safety Risk Management	1/20/2026 17:00	SO13140707	9
Safety Management Systems - An Overview	1/21/2026 12:00	SO13140581	20
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Turbine Series - Day 1	1/22/2026 7:00	SO13140010	458
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Turbine Series - Day 2	1/23/2026 7:00	SO13140011	265
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Helicopter Series - Day 2	1/8/2026 11:00	SO13140996	24
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Helicopter Series - Day 2	1/9/2026 7:00	SO13140014	634
CSU CFI/Staff Safety Meeting	1/14/2026 16:00	SO13141183	137

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The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Piston Series - Day 1	1/15/2026 7:00	SO13140008	739
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Piston Series - Day 2	1/16/2026 7:00	SO13140009	723
January Topic of the Month - Safety Risk Management	1/20/2026 17:00	SO13140707	9
Safety Management Systems - An Overview	1/21/2026 12:00	SO13140581	20
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Turbine Series - Day 1	1/22/2026 7:00	SO13140010	458
The 2026 Concorde Battery Virtual IA Symposium - Turbine Series - Day 2	1/23/2026 7:00	SO13140011	265
Part 137 Agricultural Aircraft Operations - An Overview	1/23/2026 8:00	SO13140076	45
January 2026 Topic of the Month - Safety Risk Management for GA Pilots	1/23/2026 9:00	SO13141044	7
January Topic of the Month -- Safety Risk Management for GA Pilots	2/4/2026 17:30	SO13141039	20
Visual Traffic Separation and Collision Avoidance	2/7/2026 8:00	SO13141308	7
February 2026 Safety Topic of the Month - Visual Traffic Separation and Collision Avoidance	2/7/2026 9:00	SO13141250	9
February 2026 Safety Topic of the Month - Visual Traffic Separation and Collision Avoidance	2/7/2026 10:00	SO13141285	11
February Topic of the Month - Visual Traffic Separation and Collision Avoidance	2/12/2026 9:30	SO13141778	17
2026 Banner Tow Parasail Commercial Air Tour Operator Safety Meeting - Virtual ONLY	2/12/2026 12:00	SO13140074	35
CFIT - A Perennial Problem	2/18/2026 14:45	SO13141621	16

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Aircraft Accident First Responder Training - An Overview	2/23/2026 12:30	SO13141830	37
Dirty Dozen for AMT Students	2/24/2026 7:00	SO13141960	33
February Topic of the Month - Visual Separation and Collision Avoidance	2/23/2026 17:30	SO13141673	20
Dirty Dozen for AMT Students	2/24/2026 11:00	SO13141961	16
Dirty Dozen for AMT Students	2/24/2026 15:00	SO13141962	24
FAASTeam Flight Instructor / DPE / Pilot Open Forum	2/28/2026 7:30	SO13141038	21
CFIT - A Perennial Problem	3/4/2026 13:00	SO13141966	15
FY 2026 SC FSDO DPE Annual Meeting	3/10/2026 9:00	SO13141332	18
Pilot/ATC Forum Mt Pleasant SC	3/14/2026 9:00	SO13142149	40
March 2026 Topic of the Month - Human Factors and WINGS	3/26/2026 16:00	SO13142590	7
2026 Cooper River Bridge Run Air Ops Meeting	3/27/2026 12:00	SO13141989	18
UAS Operations Over Human Beings	3/27/2026 13:00	SO13142187	7
March 2026 Topic of the Quarter - Human Factors and the WINGS Program	3/28/2026 9:00	SO13142469	7
General Aviation Essentials for Runway Safety	3/30/2026 17:30	SO13142404	22
Human Factors and WINGS	4/1/2026 17:00	SO13142738	114
Dirty Dozen for Operator and Agencies Ethos Energy	4/7/2026 12:00	SO13142633	41
Greenville - Spartanburg Airport (GSP) Virtual Runway Safety Action Team Meeting	4/8/2026 10:00	SO13142224	23
Dirty Dozen for AMT Students	4/13/2026 12:00	SO13142959	62

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Greenville Downtown Airport Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	4/9/2026 9:00	SO13142229	35
Helicopters and Their Intricacies of Maintenance	4/14/2026 9:00	SO13143057	5
FAASTeam Flight Instructor / DPE / Pilot Open Forum	4/18/2026 7:30	SO13142483	23
April Topic of the Month - Angle of Attack Awareness	4/22/2026 18:00	SO13142941	6
Dirty Dozen for AMT Students	4/23/2026 12:00	SO13142641	70
April Topic of the Month - Angle of Attack Awareness	4/26/2026 18:30	SO13142872	21
April Topic of the Month - Angle of Attack Awareness	4/27/2026 17:30	SO13143074	23
SC FSDO-13 Designee Meeting	4/28/2026 9:00	SO13142432	18
FAASTEAM Representative Currency Training - Spring Edition	5/4/2026 7:00	SO13143329	35
Donaldson Center - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting	5/7/2026 12:00	SO13142219	18
May Topic of the Month - Aircraft Owner and Mechanic Relationships	5/9/2026 7:30	SO13143255	26
FAASTeam Safety Day at CHS - Free Breakfast and Lunch!	5/16/2026 6:30	SO13144349	26
Controlled Flight into Terrain	5/16/2026 8:00	SO13143295	1
Human Factors and the SC FSDO 2nd Quarter Safety Report	5/16/2026 9:00	SO13144585	34
FAASTEAM Representative Currency Training - Spring Makeup Edition	5/18/2026 7:00	SO13143266	10
Hilton Head Island Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	5/27/2026 12:00	SO13142231	7

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Charleston International Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting	5/28/2026 9:00	SO13142778	18
Wildlife Strikes - The Aviation Impact	6/3/2026 13:00	SO13142618	21
FAASTEAM Representative Currency Training - Spring Makeup Edition	5/18/2026 7:00	SO13143266	10
Hilton Head Island Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	5/27/2026 12:00	SO13142231	7
Charleston International Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting	5/28/2026 9:00	SO13142778	18
Wildlife Strikes - The Aviation Impact	6/3/2026 13:00	SO13142618	21
Understanding Aircraft Owner/Mechanic Roles and Responsibilities	6/3/2026 17:30	SO13144662	42
Dirty Dozen for Operator and Agencies	6/12/2026 11:00	SO13144395	8
Columbia Metropolitan Airport Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	6/17/2026 9:00	SO13142264	27
Topic of the Month - Hindsight Bias and Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT)	6/27/2026 9:00	SO13145122	12
Topic of The Month - Hindsight Bias and Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT)	6/29/2026 17:30	SO13144999	28
Stabilized Approaches	7/14/2026 17:30	SO13145375	18
UAS Outreach - BVLOS and Operations Over People	7/15/2026 7:00	SO13145676	108
Helicopter Maintenance Accidents Explored	7/28/2026 12:00	SO13145177	75
Topic of the Month -Tailwheel Transition and Getting Flight Review Credit through WINGS	7/29/2026 17:30	SO13145609	30
FAASTeam Flight Instructor / DPE / Pilot Open Forum	8/1/2026 7:30	SO13144965	17

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Myrtle Beach International Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	8/3/2026 9:30	SO13142247	31
Grand Strand Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting	8/5/2026 10:00	SO13142235	14
Florence Regional Airport - Runway Safety Action Team Meeting - Hybrid Event	8/11/2026 7:00	SO13142419	19
TOM Stabilized Approaches	8/15/2026 10:00	SO13145739	49
Runway Incursions PLUS Line Up and Wait	8/19/2026 12:30	SO13144983	15
August Topic of the Month - Pre and Inflight Weather Resources	8/22/2026 9:00	SO13145949	10
Pre and Inflight Weather Resources	8/24/2026 17:00	SO13146105	33
CSU Fall Safety Meeting	8/26/2026 16:30	SO13146270	144
Topic of the Month -- Pre-flight and In-flight Weather Resources	8/26/2026 17:30	SO13145948	28
Angle of Attack Awareness	9/5/2026 8:00	SO13146195	4
TOM Stabilized Approaches	8/15/2026 10:00	SO13145739	49
Runway Incursions PLUS Line Up and Wait	8/19/2026 12:30	SO13144983	15
August Topic of the Month - Pre and Inflight Weather Resources	8/22/2026 9:00	SO13145949	10
Pre and Inflight Weather Resources	8/24/2026 17:00	SO13146105	33
CSU Fall Safety Meeting	8/26/2026 16:30	SO13146270	144
Topic of the Month -- Pre-flight and In-flight Weather Resources	8/26/2026 17:30	SO13145948	28
Angle of Attack Awareness	9/5/2026 8:00	SO13146195	4
Helicopter Accidents for Mechanics	9/21/2026 8:00	SO13146433	72
Topic of the Month - Advance Air Mobility	9/30/2026 18:30	SO13146659	20

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8. FAASTeam Targeted Activity

8.1. Part 91, 101, and 105 Surveillance and Education Outreach. SO-13 personnel conducted the Annual Banner Tow, Parasail, and Commercial Air Tour Safety meeting in February simultaneously via *Zoom*® and *in person* at Myrtle Beach. Richmond, Birmingham and North Florida, and Greensboro FSDO personnel participated in the event as well.

8.2. Pilot/ATC Forums. In FY 2026, FAASTeam personnel conducted Pilot/ATC Forums in Florence, Greenville, and Charleston as part of the effort to mitigate runway incursions and pilot deviations.

8.3. Illegal Air Charter Outreach. FAASTeam personnel conducted Illegal Air Charter Outreach Seminars and Webinars at Pilot Schools and Part 135 events.

8.4. Safety Management Systems (SMS). FAASTeam personnel conducted SMS events at *BravoAir*, *Ethos Energy*, and the Banner Tow/Parasail/Commerical Air Tour Safety Meeting.

9. Local and National Initiatives

9.1. FAASafety.gov. FAASTeam personnel continue to promote the FAASafety.gov website and WINGS participation at seminars and webinars.



9.1.1. WINGS Activity

WINGS Statistics	FY 2025 09-30-2025	FY 2026 10-01-2026	%Chg
SC Phased BASIC - Current	156	135	-13%
Southern Region Phased BASIC - Current	1651	1408	-15%
SC Phase TOTAL – Current	260	236	-9%
Southern Region Phase TOTAL - Current	3061	2665	-13%

9.2. Remedial Training. For FY 2026 FAASTeam personnel received and conducted three successful Remedial Training (RT) referrals from other FSDOs. The *FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 15, Chapter 6* provides RT policy and procedures.

9.3. CFI Analysis. FAASTeam personnel completed an analysis of the **1,807 certificated flight instructors** in the District of South Carolina based upon records contained within the FAA national database utilizing the *Tableau*® Data Visualization Application as required by National Performance Plan 38 (NPP38) – *CFI Performance Analysis*. During the analysis, personnel reviewed pilot certification records for airmen endorsed by a flight instructor for certification.

9.3.1. Methodology. Pursuant to the criteria established in the *National FAASTeam CFI Performance Analysis* (AVS-920-W11, R2), personnel identified **11 certificated flight instructors** to have an unacceptably high number of failures (i.e., Pass Rate < 70% as defined in, Section 2.0 of the AFS-920-W11) in proportion to a predetermined minimum number of practical test endorsements from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025.

9.3.2. Mitigation. FAASTeam personnel mitigated the risk by one of the following accepted methods:

9.3.2.1. Counseling by the FPM
9.3.2.2. Participation in the CFI/DPE Forum Program
9.3.2.3. Mentoring by a FAASTeam Representative or DPE
9.3.2.4. Surveillance by an Aviation Safety Inspector
9.3.2.5. Voluntary remedial training
9.3.2.6. Re-examination under U.S.C. §44709

9.4. LRSATs in SC. FAASTeam personnel continue to support and participate in Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) Meetings and Events consistent with *FAA Order 7050.1B and FY 2026 FAASTeam National Program Plan*.

RSAT meetings included Airports of Interest and Priority Airports (PA) as noted in the *FY25 Southern Region Runway Safety Plan.* FAAST Team personnel, including FAASTeam Reps., attended *Local Runway Action Safety Team* (LRSAT) meetings at the following *towered facilities*:

9.4.1. Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) – attended via *Zoom*®
9.4.2. Donaldson Center Airport (GYH) – attended in person
9.4.3. Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU) – attended via *Zoom*®
9.4.4. Greenville/Spartanburg Int'l Airport (GSP) – attended via *Zoom*®
9.4.5. Florence Regional Airport (FLO) – attended via *Zoom*®
9.4.6. Hilton Head Airport (HXD) – attended via *Zoom*® person

9.4.7. Myrtle Beach Airport (MYR) – attended via *Zoom*®
9.4.8. Grand Strand - North Myrtle Beach (CRE) – attended in person
9.4.9. Charleston Air Force Base/Int'l Airport (CHS) – attended in person

9.5. Other Mitigation Strategies. SC FSDO personnel promoted and will continue to promote safety to facilitate improvement to the Aviation Safety Culture in the following areas:

9.5.1. Part 147 AMT Schools. Visit and provide an Introduction/Orientation to Part 147 AMT Schools. FAASTeam personnel focus on a positive safety culture and Safety Management Systems (SMS).
9.5.2. IA Renewal. FAAST personnel will continue to provide IA Renewal Training Support.
9.5.3. Aircraft Maintenance Facilities. FAASTeam personnel will continue to coordinate appropriate interface with various maintenance facilities including Repair Stations, Part 135 Maintenance Facilities, Flight School Maintenance Departments, and Fixed Base Operators. Appropriate subjects include Composites, Aging Aircraft, Failing to Follow Procedures/Instructions, Positive Safety Culture, and Personal Minimum Checklist.
9.5.4. Aircraft Owner Maintenance Outreach. Provide Owner Operator Maintenance presentations to EAA Chapters, flying clubs, and pilot organizations.

9.6. General Aviation Honorees Recognition. FSDO management recognized the 2024 FAASTeam Representative of the Year, General Aviation Flight Instructor of the Year, and the Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year at the South Carolina Aviation Association Conference in February 2025 convened at the *Hyatt Regency*®, Greenville, SC.
9.6.1. 2026 General Aviation Flight Instructor of the Year: **James B. McCoy**
9.6.2. 2026 FAASTeam Representative of the Year: **Gary Burleson**
9.6.3. 2026 Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year: **Joshua Pengra**
9.6.4. 2026 Designated Pilot Examiner of the Year: **Chris Peterson**
9.6.5. 2026 Designated Mechanic Examiner of the Year: **Michael Basara**

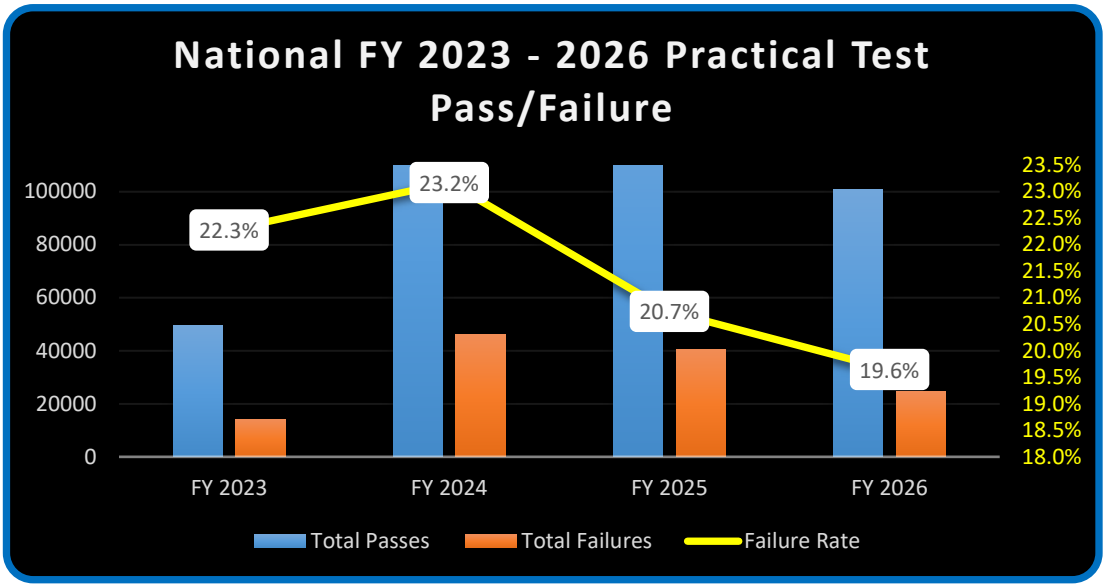
9.7. FAASTeam NOTC Issuance. SC FSDO FAASTeam personnel issued the following Notices via the FAASafety.gov**:**

Date	Notice#	Description
12/10/2025	NOTC4740	2026 SC FAASTeam Representative of the Year - District Honoree
12/10/2025	NOTC4739	2026 SC Certificated Flight Instructor of the Year - District Honoree
12/10/2025	NOTC4741	2026 SC FAASTeam Designated Pilot Examiner of the Year
12/10/2025	NOTC4743	2026 SC FAASTeam Representatives - Outstanding Community Support
01/06/2026	NOTC4772	2026 SC FAASTeam AMT
1/06/2026	NOTC4773	2026 SC FAASTeam DME
01/26/2026	NOTC4792	Bald Eagle Survey Flights in SC
03/10/2026	NOTC4822	Cooper River Bridge Run - March 2026
02/18/2026	NOTC4829	SC Low Country & Coast - 20th FW Large Force Exercise
07/22/2029	NOTC5097	GSP Runway Rehab Closures (July – Nov 2026)

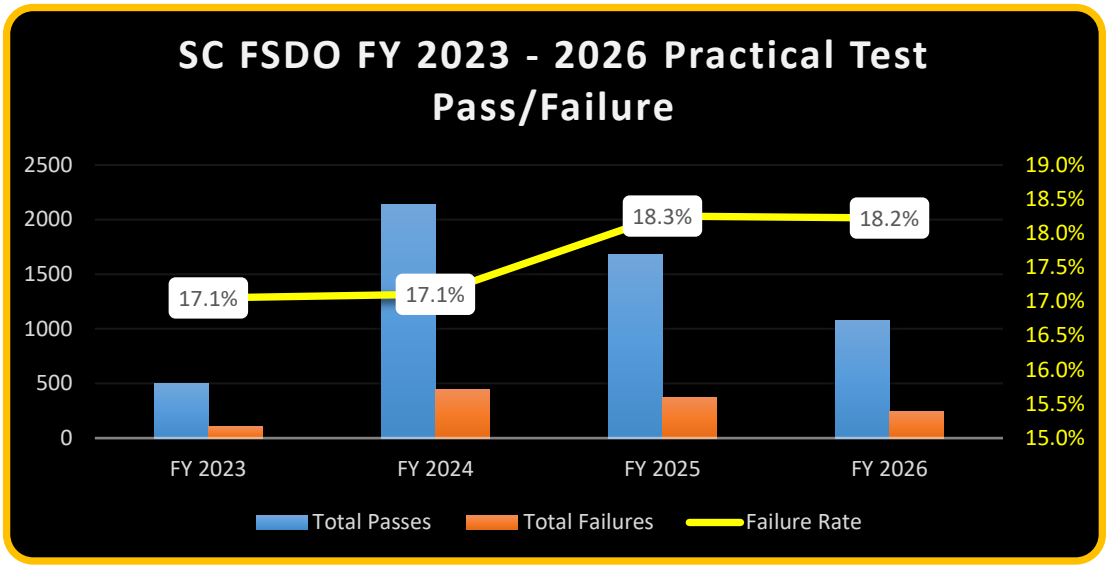
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10. National and SC FSDO Practical Test Data

10.1. National Data. There were **291,526** practical tests that were passed on the first attempt. Likewise, there were **73,016** failures on the first attempt, resulting in an approximate **78%** first time pass rate from FY 2023 through FY 2026.



10.2. SC Data. There were **6559** practical tests that were passed on the first attempt; there were **1161** failures on the first attempt, resulting in an approximate **82%** first time pass rate from FY 23 through FY 2026.



11. FY 2026 4th Quarter Accident/Incident Synopsis

	DATE EVENT NUMBER	LOCATION	Incident/ Accident	CFR PART	FATAL	REDACTED SYNOPSIS OF EVENT FROM A/IDS AND NTSB
1	07/02/2026	Lancaster, SC	Accident	91	No	The BE55 crashed into a wooded area approximately 4.5 miles SE of LKR because of loss of power to both engines. The pilot and one passenger were seriously injured. Post crash fire destroyed the aircraft.
2	07-15-2026	GYH	Incident	91	No	The pilot in command of the PIAT aircraft experienced a hard landing and bounce on Rwy 5 that resulted in a prop strike. There were no injuries.
3	07-31-2026	EOE	Incident	91	No	During taxi, the engine caught fire due to a burst fuel line. There were no injuries.
4	08-09-2026	HYW	Accident	91	No	The M20E aircraft crashed short of Runway 4 in a wooded area due to loss of power during departure. There were no injuries.
5	08-18-2026	BNL	Incident	91	No	The pilot in command of the BE36 failed to extend the landing gear and landed gear up on Rwy 35.
6	08-02-2026	FDW	Incident	91	No	While hand propping the Luscombe aircraft, the aircraft jumped the chocks, crossed the taxiway and hit a ditch. There were no injuries..
7	09-17-2026	Bishopville, SC	Accident	137	Yes	The pilot in command of the Weatherly 620B agricultural monoplane crashed in a field near Bishopville, SC. There was one fatality.
8	09-30-2026	KLRO	Accident	91	No	The pilot in command of the C182 landed on Rwy 17 and then veered into the grass for unknown reasons.
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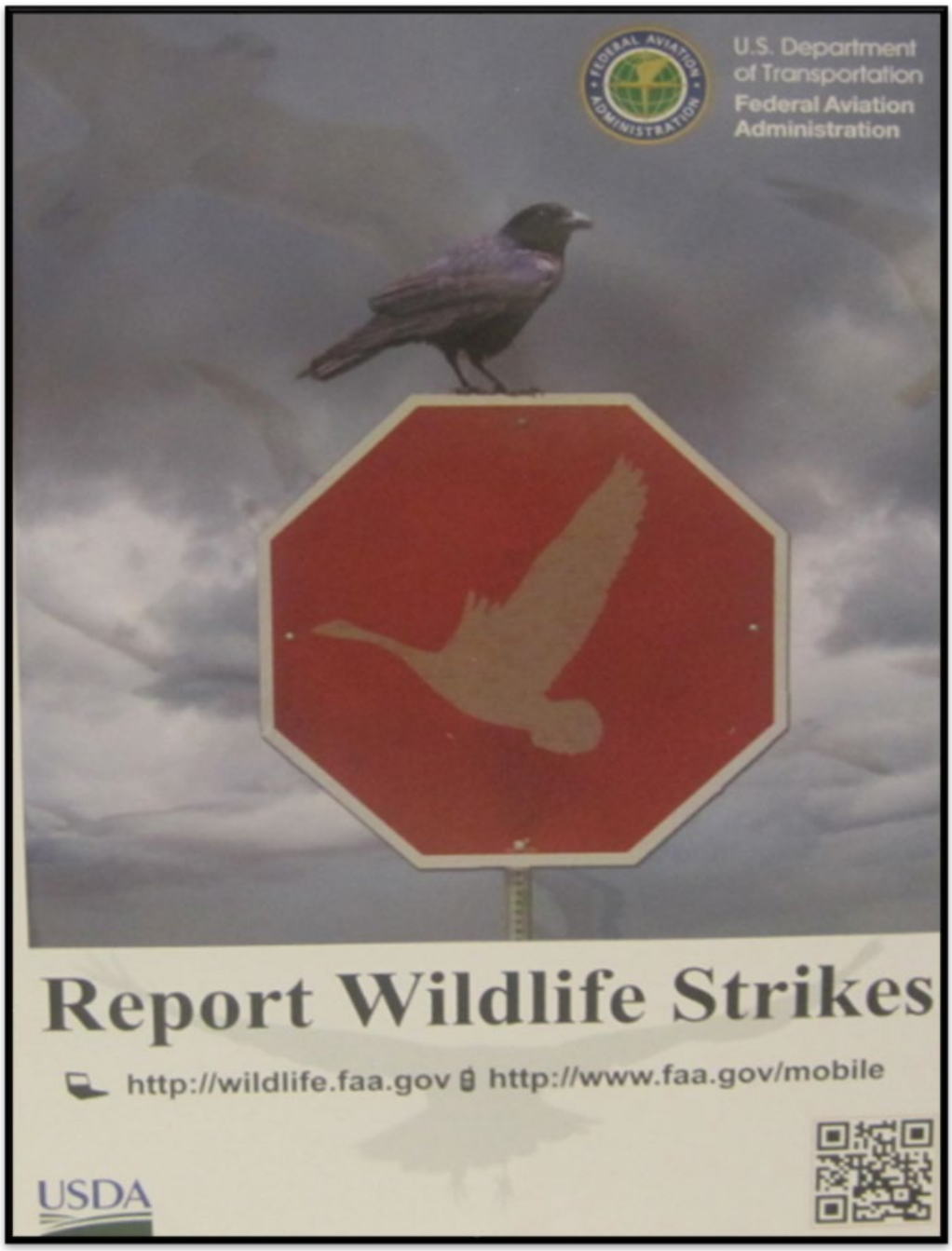
12. FY 2026 4th Quarter Pilot Deviation, Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation (VPD) Synopsis

	DATE	TYPE	CFR	NEAREST AIRPORT	SYNOPSIS OF EVENT FROM ATQA DATABASE (REDACTED FOR PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION)
1.	07-11-2026	Runway Incursion	91	GMU	The pilot in command of the M20 aircraft crossed Runways 10/28 without ATC authorization. There was no loss of separation (Reported 07-14-2026).
2.	07-10-2026	Clearance/Instruction Deviation	91	MYR	The pilot in command of the RV7 failed to follow ATC course instructions. There was no loss of separation.
3.	07-21-2026	NMAC	Mil	GSP	The pilot in command of the F16 flew within 300 feet vertical and .29 miles of a Cirrus SR-22 resulting in a loss of separation.
4.	08-03-2026	NORDO	91	ZTL	The pilot in command of the C25B was NORDO for approximately 20 minutes. There was no loss of separation.
5.	08-31-2026	Airspace Violation	91	CAE	The pilot in command of the B190 entered CAE Class C airspace without establishing two-way communication with ATC. There was no loss of separation
6.	08-25-2026	Altitude Deviation	121	ZTL	The crew of the A319 climbed the aircraft above the ATC assigned altitude without ATC authorization resulting in a loss of separation (Reported on 09-05-2026).
7.	08-30-2026	Clearance/Instruction Deviation	91	CHS	The pilot in command of the C210 failed to follow ATC climb instructions resulting in an altitude below the MVA – minimum vectoring altitude (Reported 09-03-2026).
8.	09-04-2026	Runway Incursion	91	GMU	The pilot in command of the SR22 aircraft crossed the hold short line and entered Rwy 19 without ATC authorization resulting in a loss of separation (Reported 09-14-2026).
9.	09-07-2026	Clearance/Instruction Deviation	91	MYR	The pilot in command of the M7 aircraft deviated from ATC assigned clearance instructions. There was no loss of separation (Reported 09-17-2026).
10.	09-21-2026	Clearnce/Instruction Deviation	MIL	GSP	The crew of the C560 failed to comply with assigned crossing restriction. There was no loss of separation (Reported 09-30-2026).
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13. Educational Outreach Material – Uncertified Air Charter



14. Educational Outreach Material – Report Wildlife Strikes



15. Questions, Comments, Concerns



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