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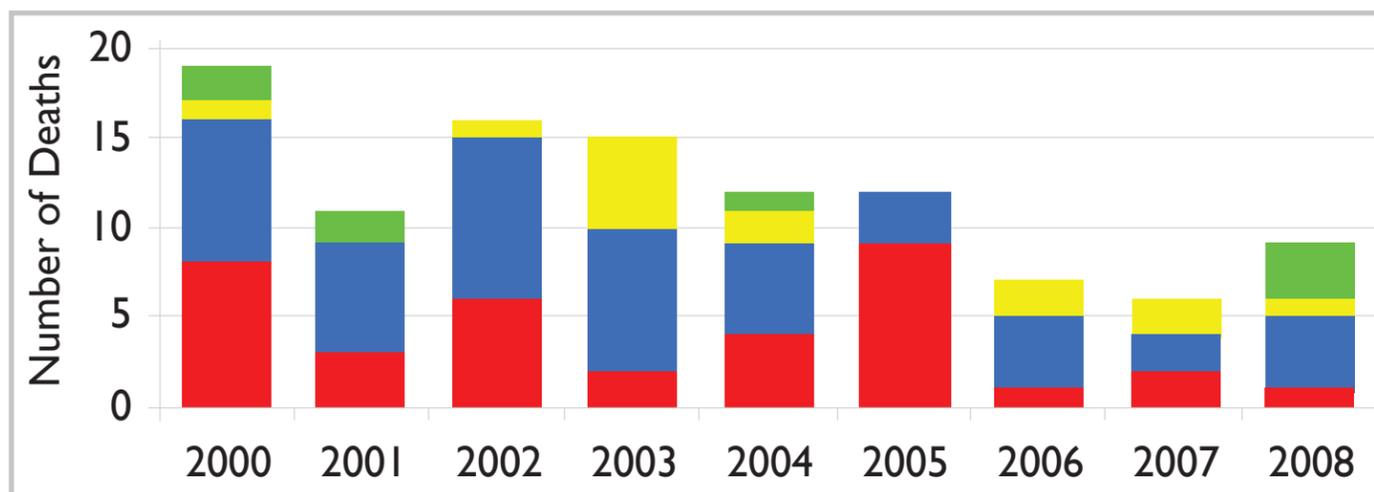
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## U.S. Commercial Fishing Fatalities

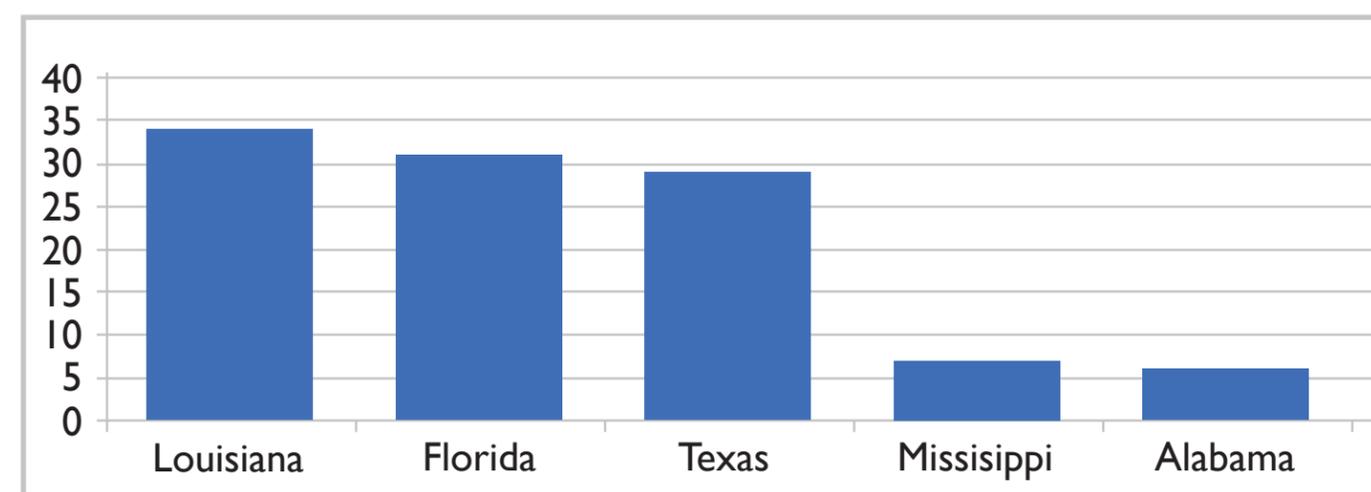
### Regional Summary: *Gulf Of Mexico*



Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Incident Type, 2000-2008 (n=107)

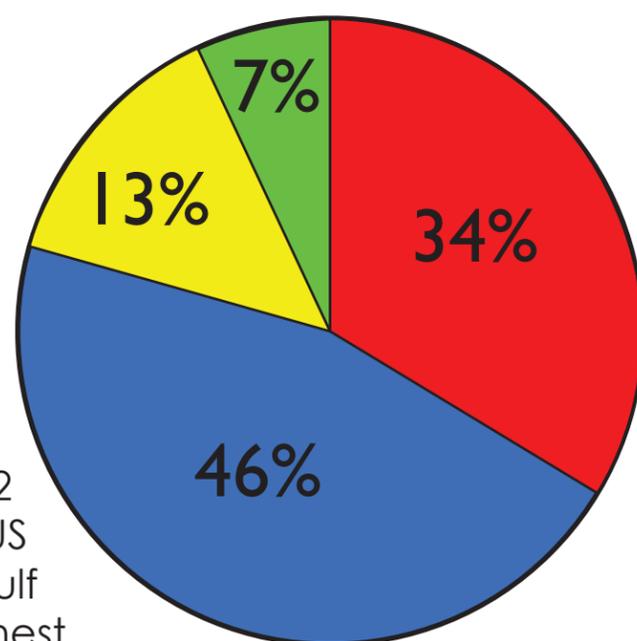


Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fishing Fatalities by State, 2000-2008 (n=107)



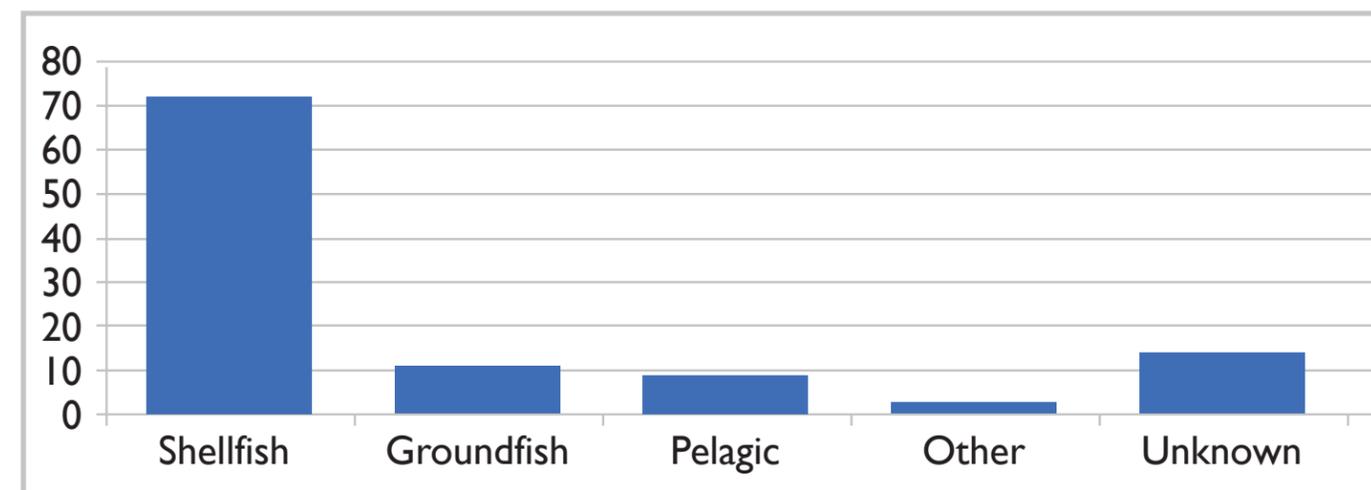
- Vessel Disaster
- Falls Overboard
- On-Board Injury
- On-Shore Injury
- Diving Injury

Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Incident Type, 2000-2008 (n=107)



During the nine year period 2000-2008, 107 commercial fishermen died while working in the Gulf of Mexico of the United States, an average of 12 fatalities per year. Of the five US fishing regions analyzed, the Gulf of Mexico had the second highest total number of fatalities. Fatalities due to falls overboard were much more common in this region (46% of total deaths) than in the whole US fishing industry (30% of total deaths). It was the only region analyzed where vessel disasters were not the leading cause of fatalities (only 34% of fatalities). Thirteen percent of fatalities were caused by on-board injuries.

Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Fishery, 2000-2008 (n=107)



There are five states which make up the Gulf of Mexico fishing region, and all of those states had commercial fishing fatalities during 2000-2008. Louisiana, Florida (Gulf side), and Texas had the majority of fatalities, together accounting for 88 percent of fatalities. The vast majority (77%) of fatalities were in the shellfish fisheries (excluding unknown fisheries), and of those, 72 percent were shrimp fishermen. In all, 52 shrimp fishermen died in the Gulf of Mexico during 2000-2008, as many as died in all fisheries in the Mid & South Atlantic region during the same time period. Over half (64%) of the deaths in the groundfish fishery were snapper/grouper fishermen.