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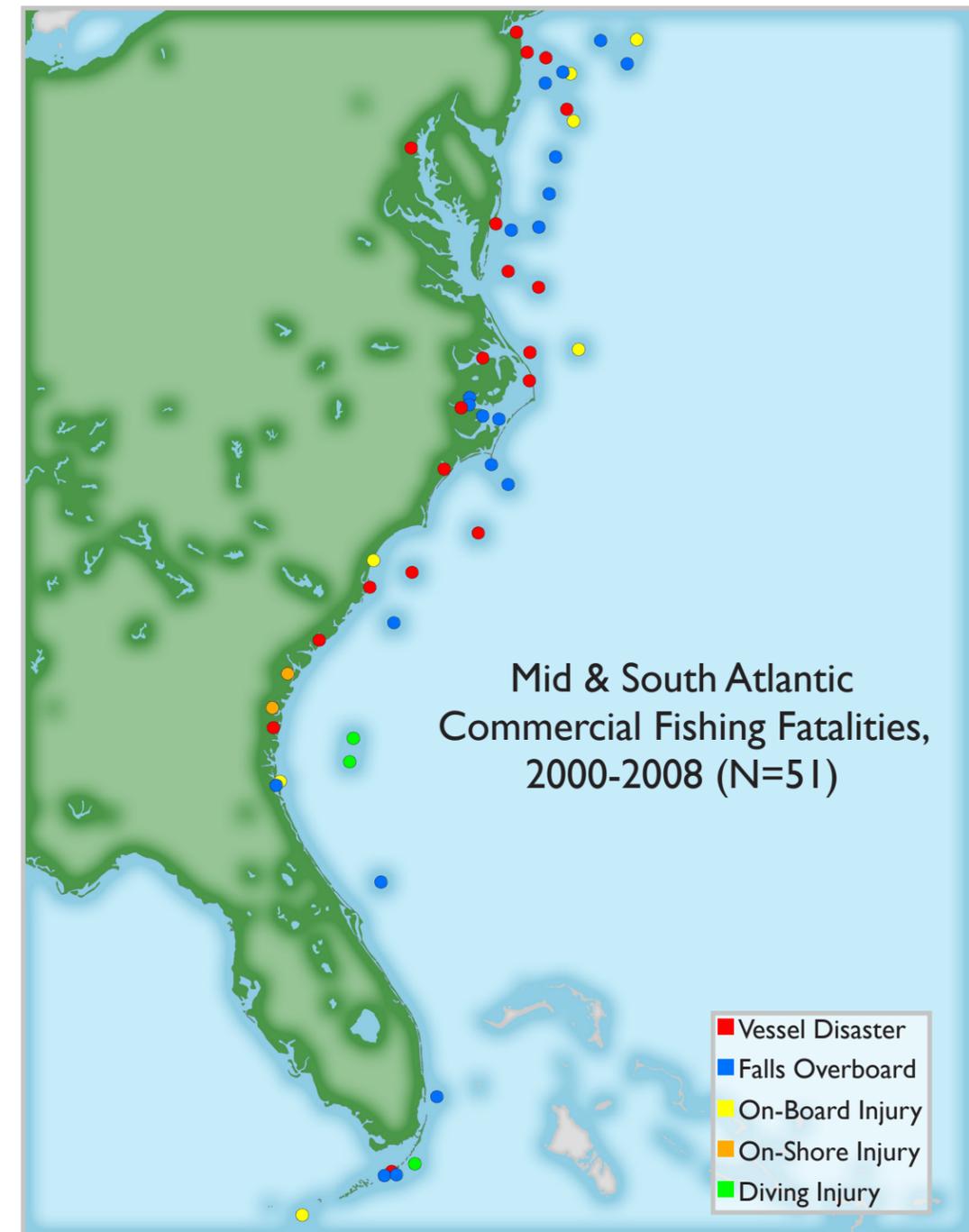
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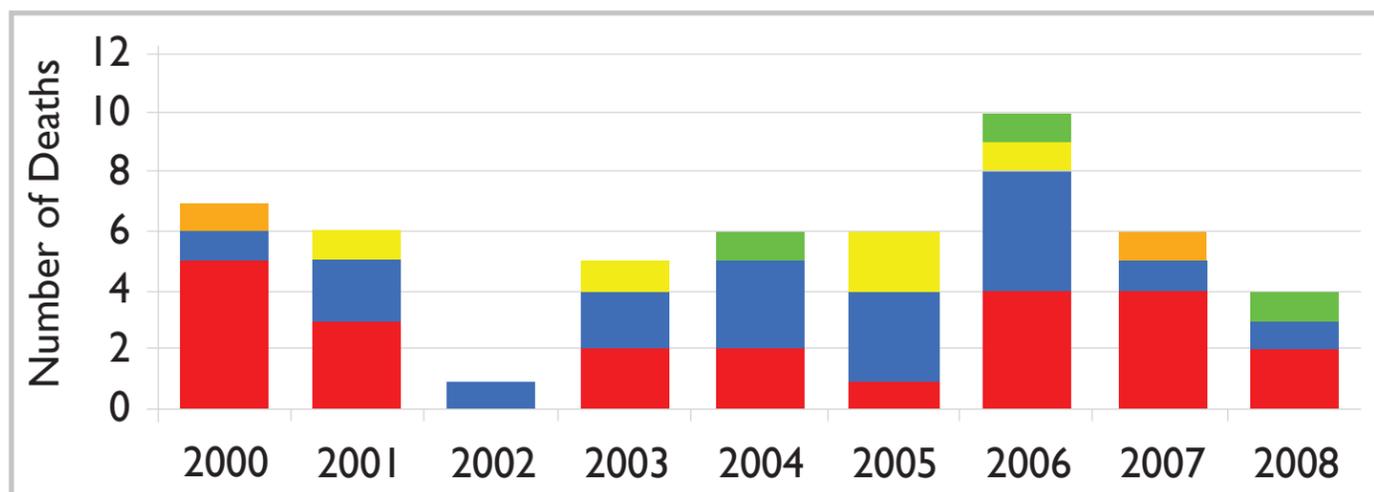
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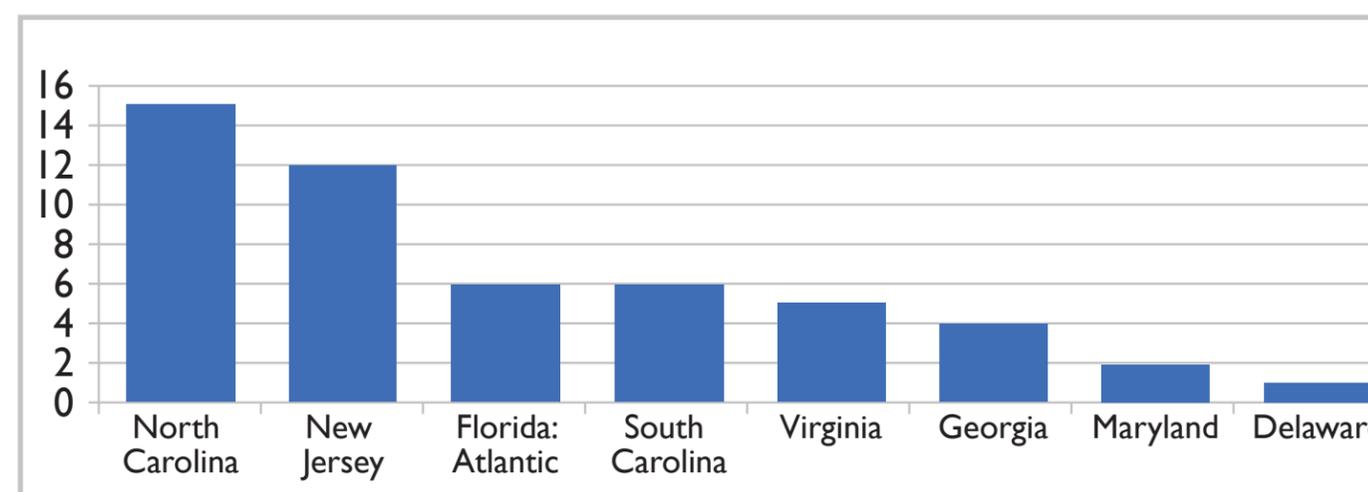
## U.S. Commercial Fishing Fatalities Regional Summary: Mid & South Atlantic



Mid & South Atlantic Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Incident Type, 2000-2008 (n=51)

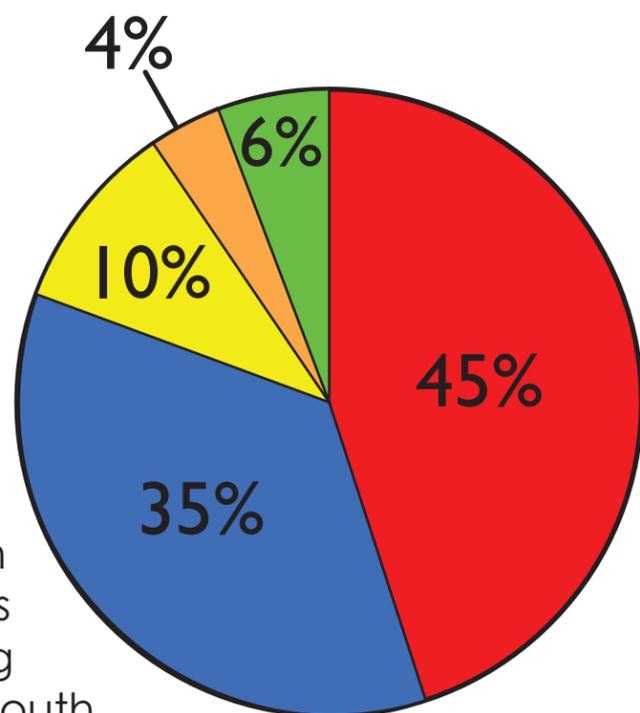


Mid & South Atlantic Commercial Fishing Fatalities by State 2000-2008 (n=51)



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

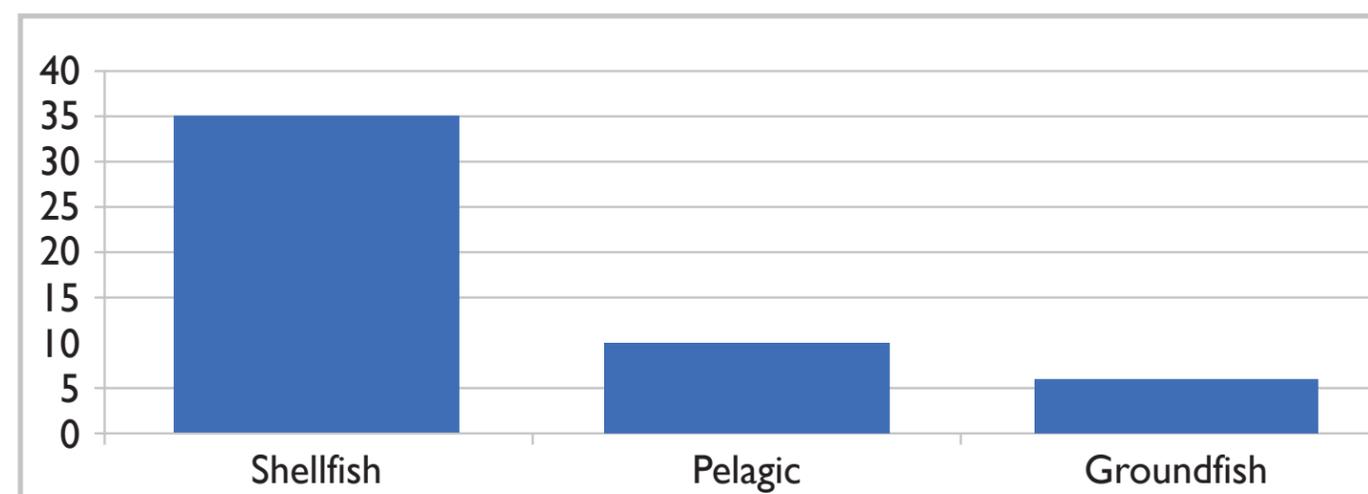
Mid & South Atlantic Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Incident Type, 2000-2008 (n=51)



During the nine year period 2000-2008, 51 commercial fishermen died while working off the Mid & South Atlantic Coast of the United States, an average of almost six fatalities per year. Of the five US fishing regions analyzed, the Mid & South Atlantic had the lowest total number of fatalities. Fatalities due to falls overboard were slightly more common in this region (35% of total deaths) than in the whole US fishing industry (30% of total deaths). Ten percent of fatalities were caused by on-board injuries.

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Mid & South Atlantic Commercial Fishing Fatalities by Fishery, 2000-2008 (n=51)



There are eight states which make up the Mid & South Atlantic region and all of those states had commercial fishing fatalities during 2000-2008. North Carolina and New Jersey had the highest number of fatalities, with the rest being distributed across the other six states. Maryland and Delaware had the fewest fatalities. Sixty-seven percent of fatalities occurred in the shellfish fisheries, and almost half (14) of those were scallop fishermen. Crab (9), Clam (4), and shrimp (6) fishermen also contributed many fatalities to the shellfish fisheries. All six of the deaths in the groundfish fishery were snapper/grouper fishermen.