

Child Fatality Prevention Team
Community Child Protection Team

2017 Annual Report

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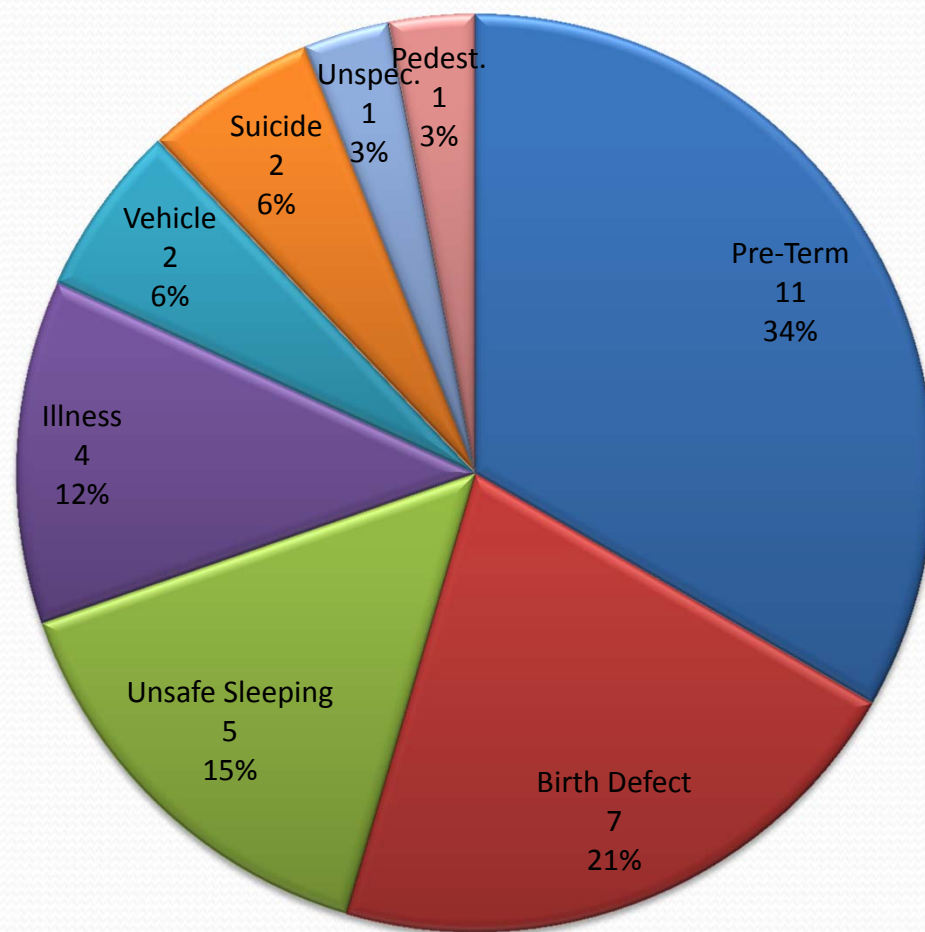
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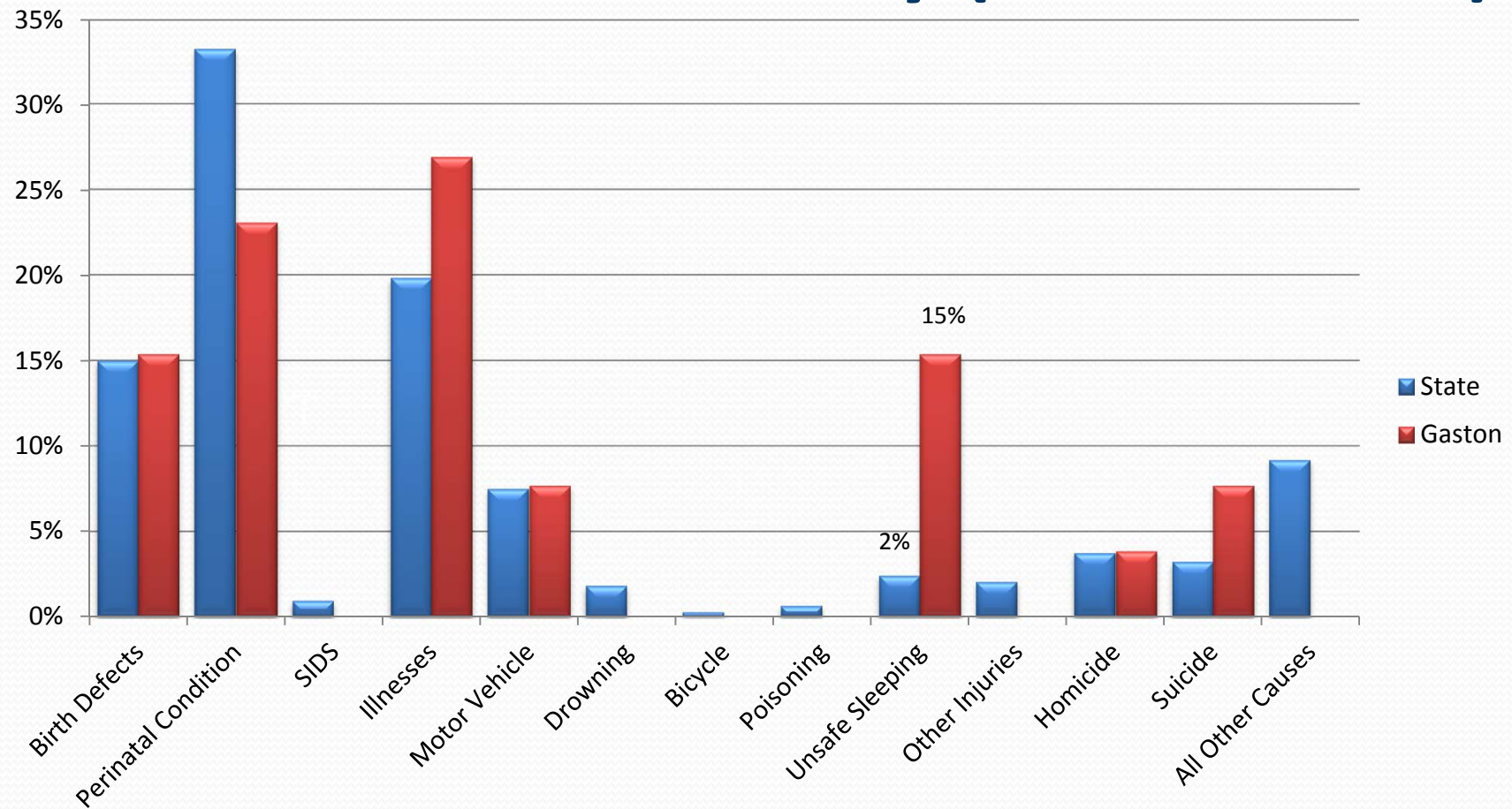
CCPT & CFPT: Purpose

- Develop communitywide approach to child abuse & neglect
- Understand causes of childhood deaths
- Identify system gaps or deficiencies
- Make and Implement recommendations for policy and practice changes

33 Fatalities Reviewed

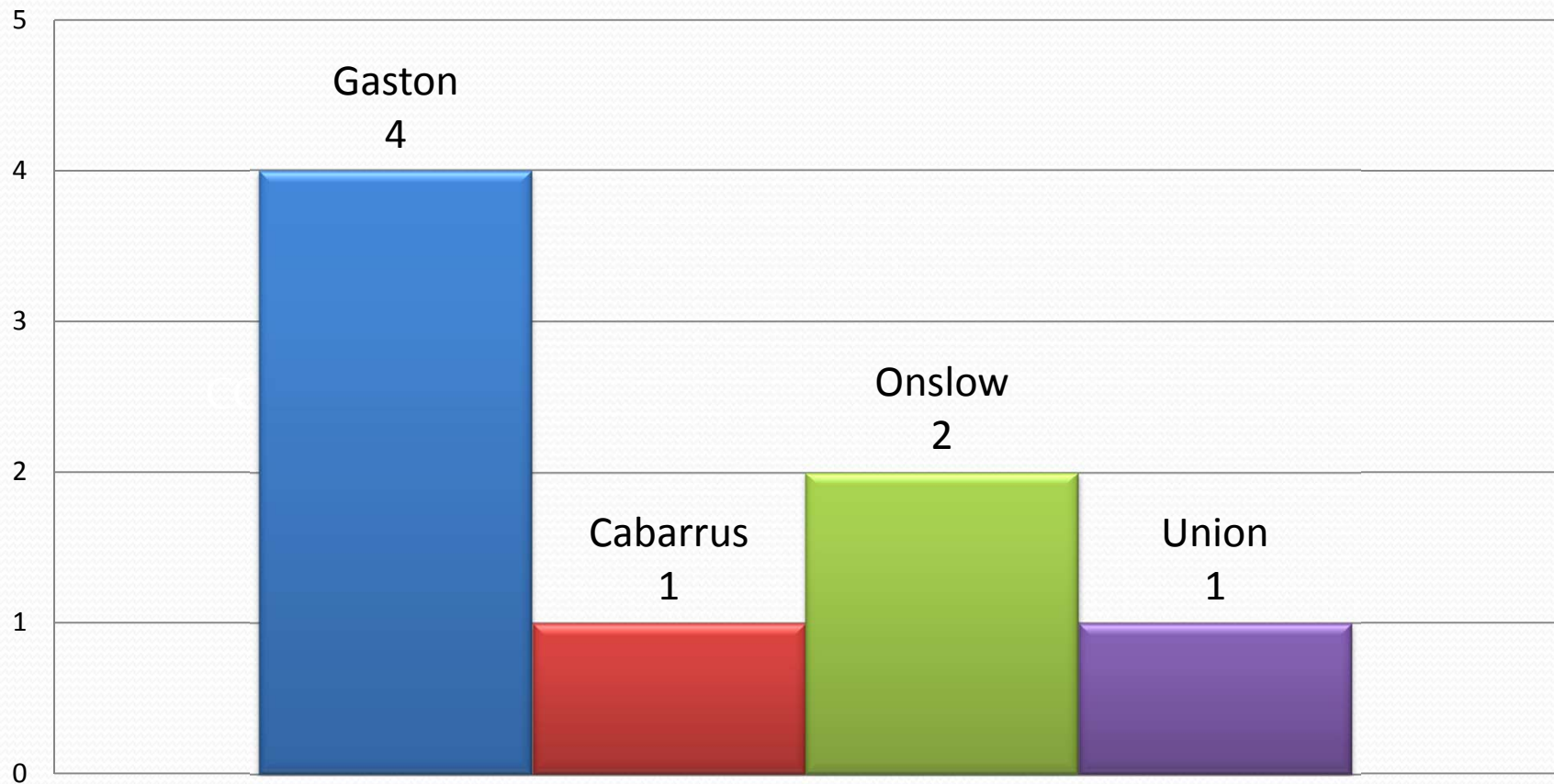


State vs. Gaston County (2016 deaths)



Gaston VS Comparable Counties

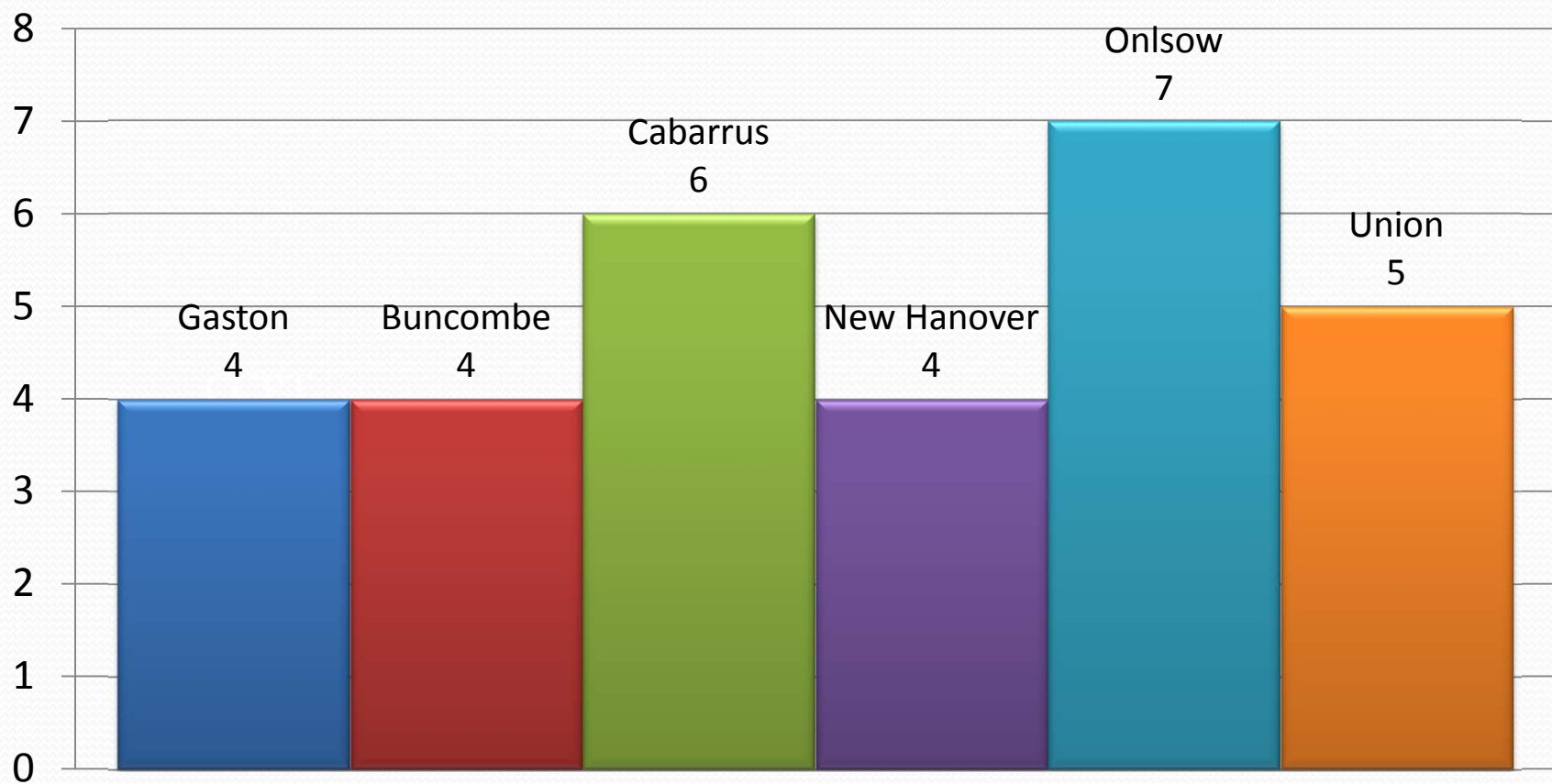
Unsafe Sleeping



Buncombe & New Hanover – 0

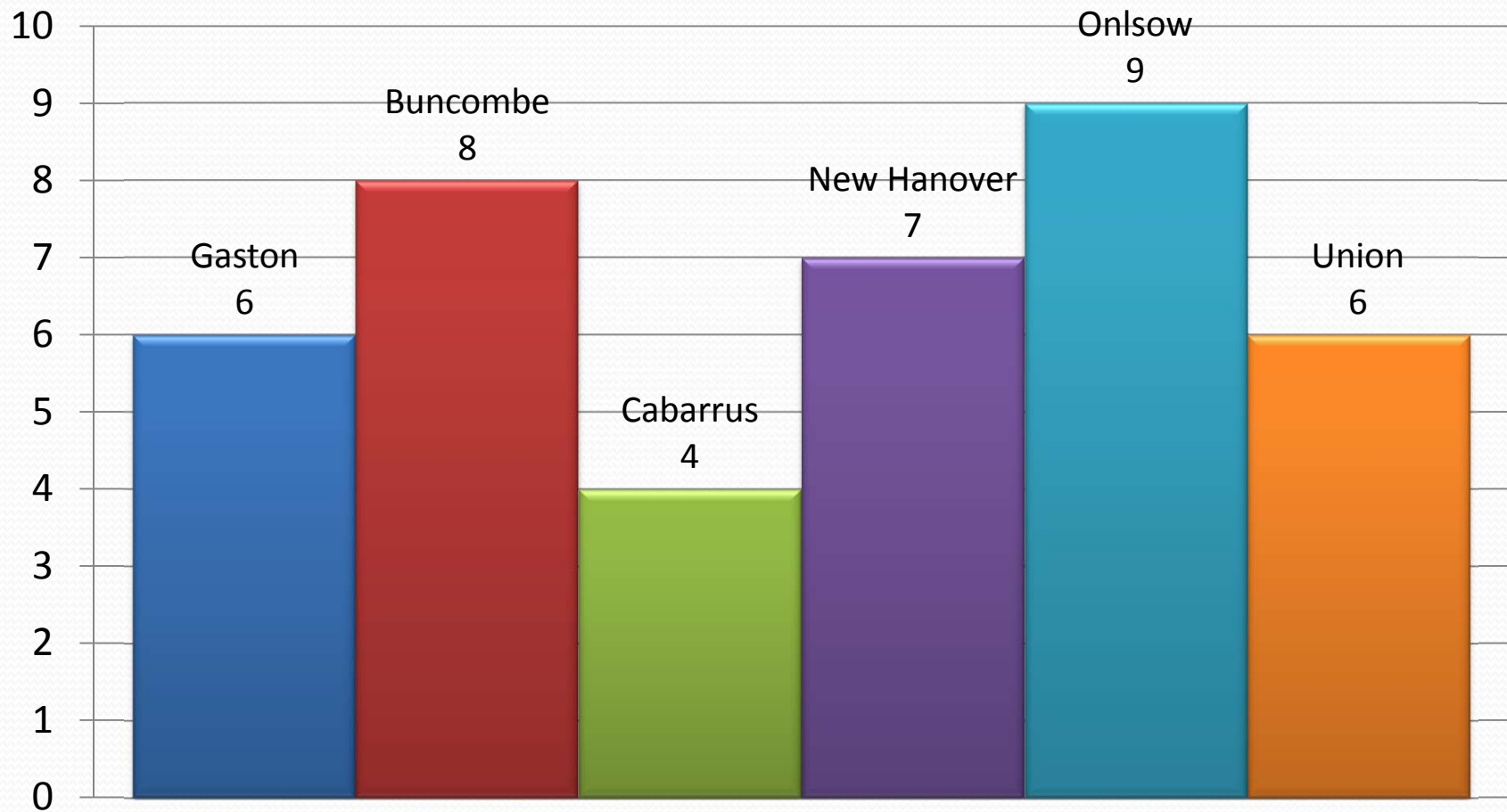
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Birth Defects



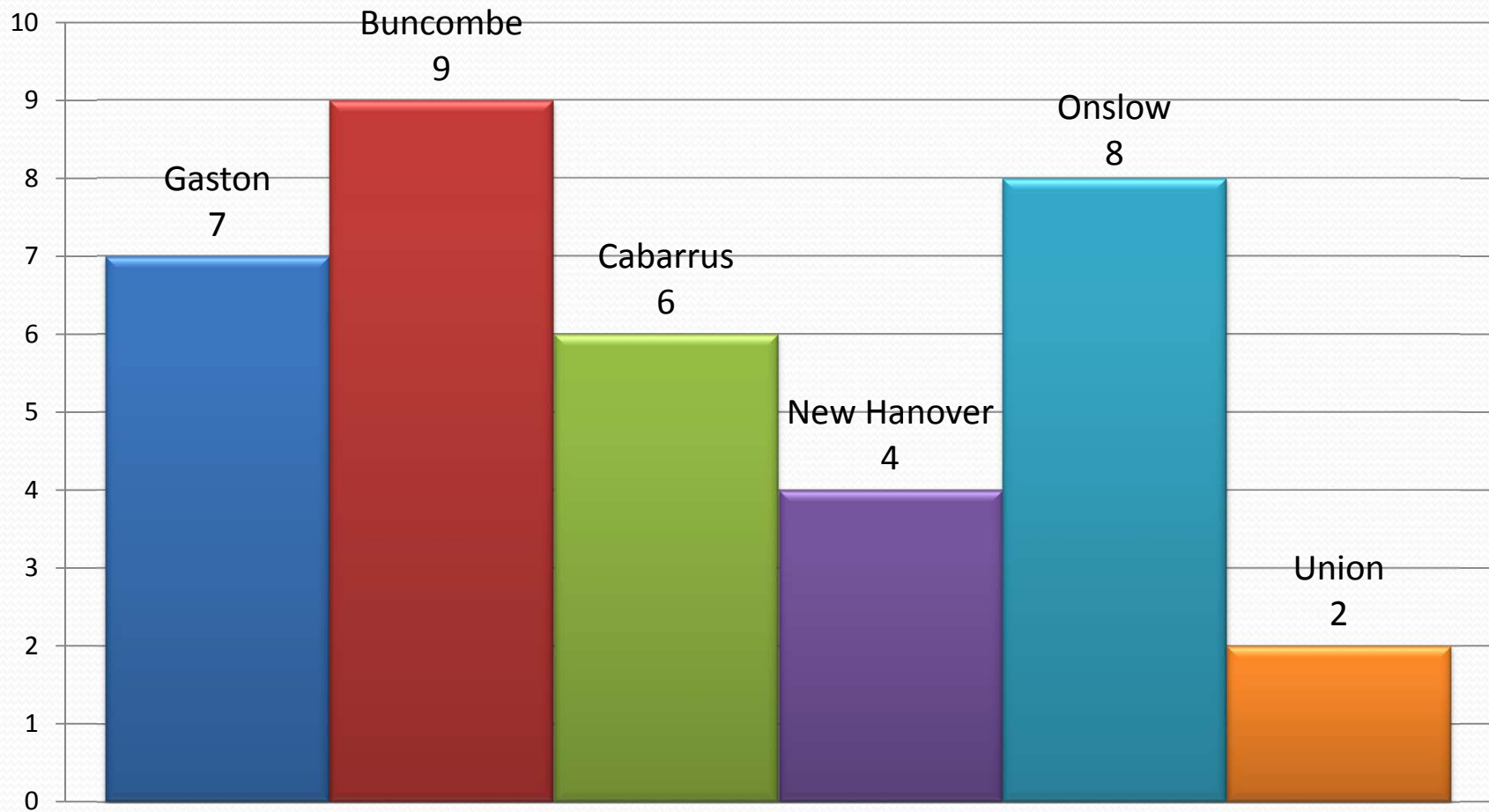
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Perinatal Condition



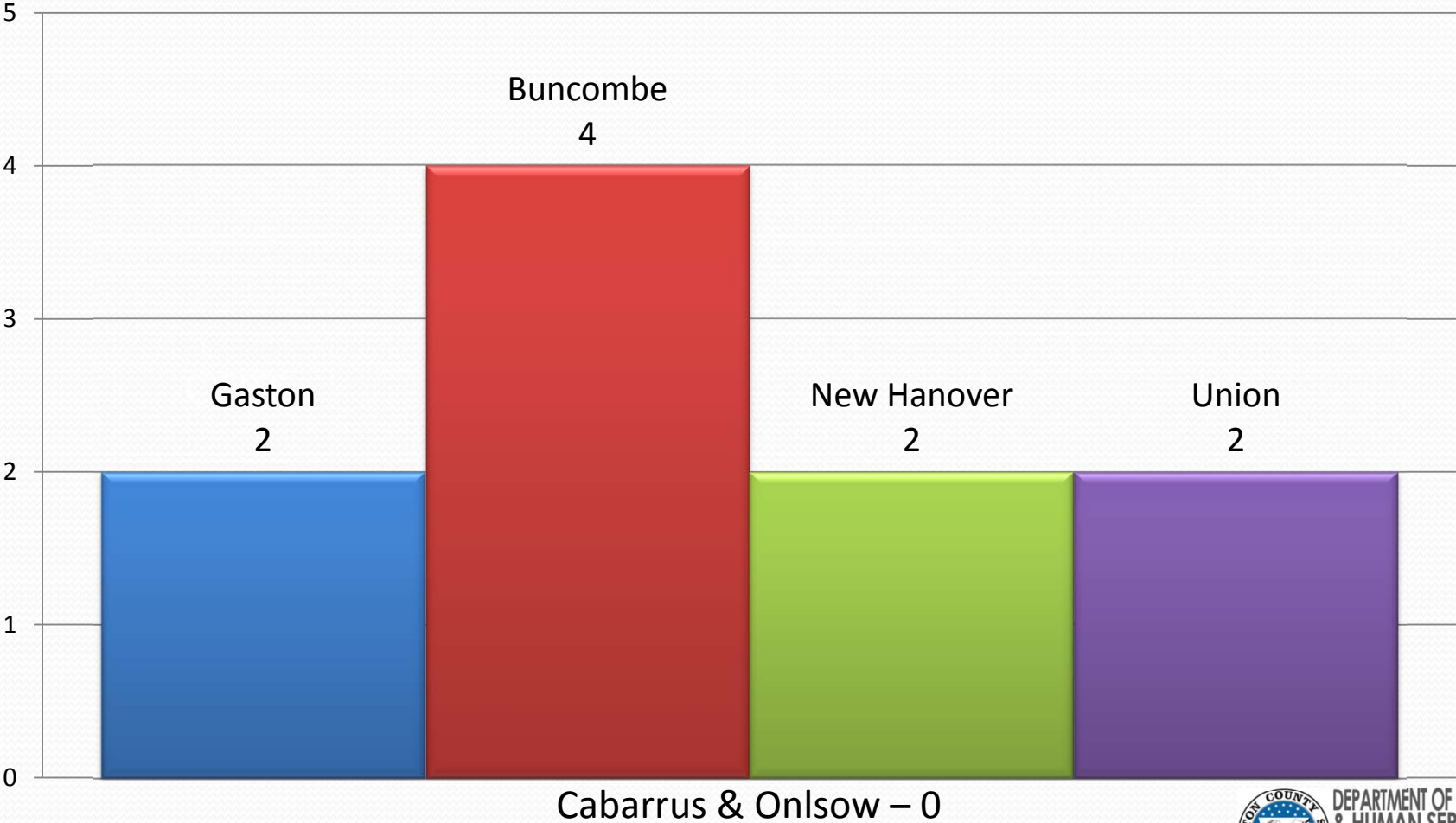
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Illnesses



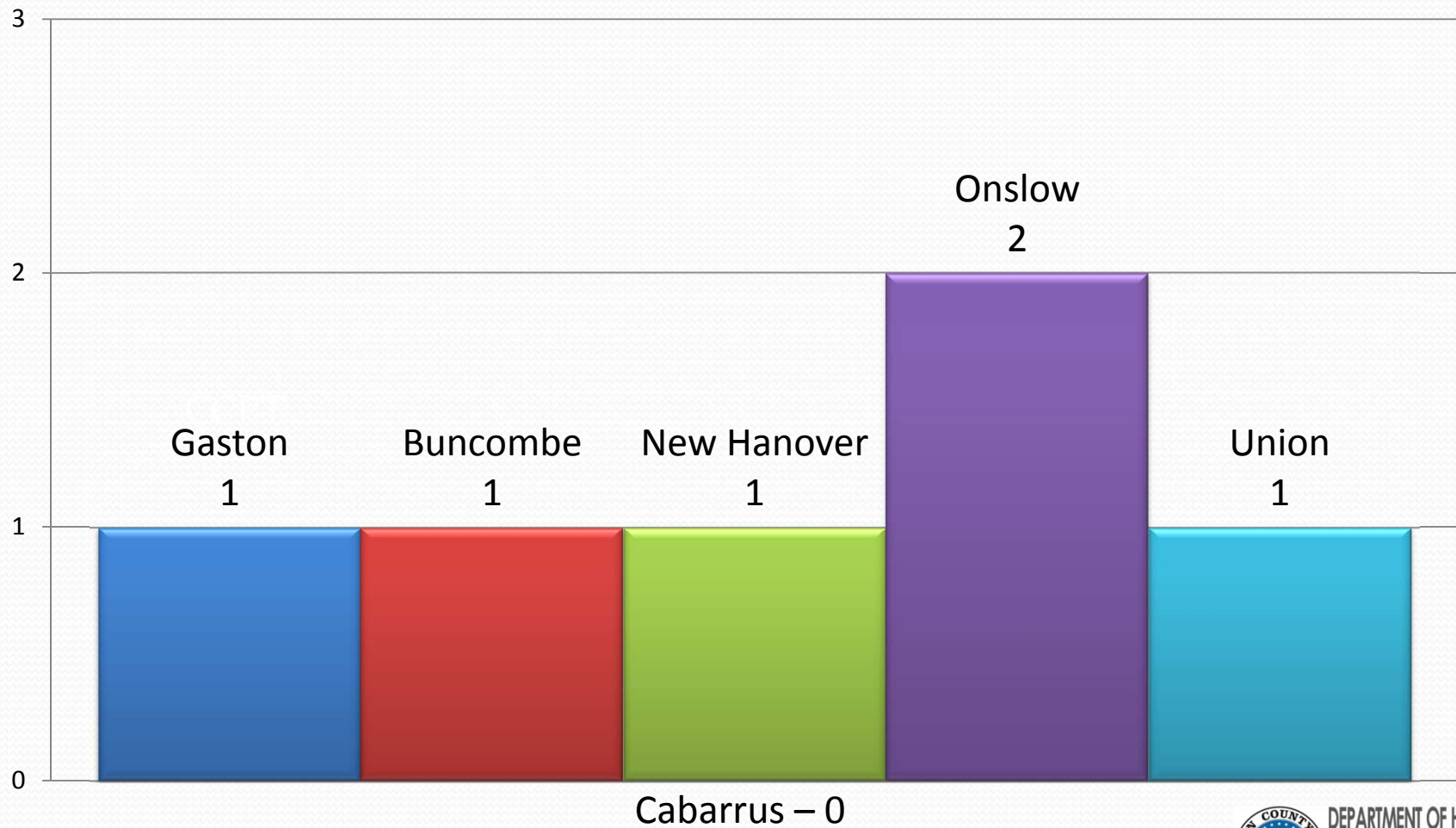
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Motor Vehicle



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Homicide



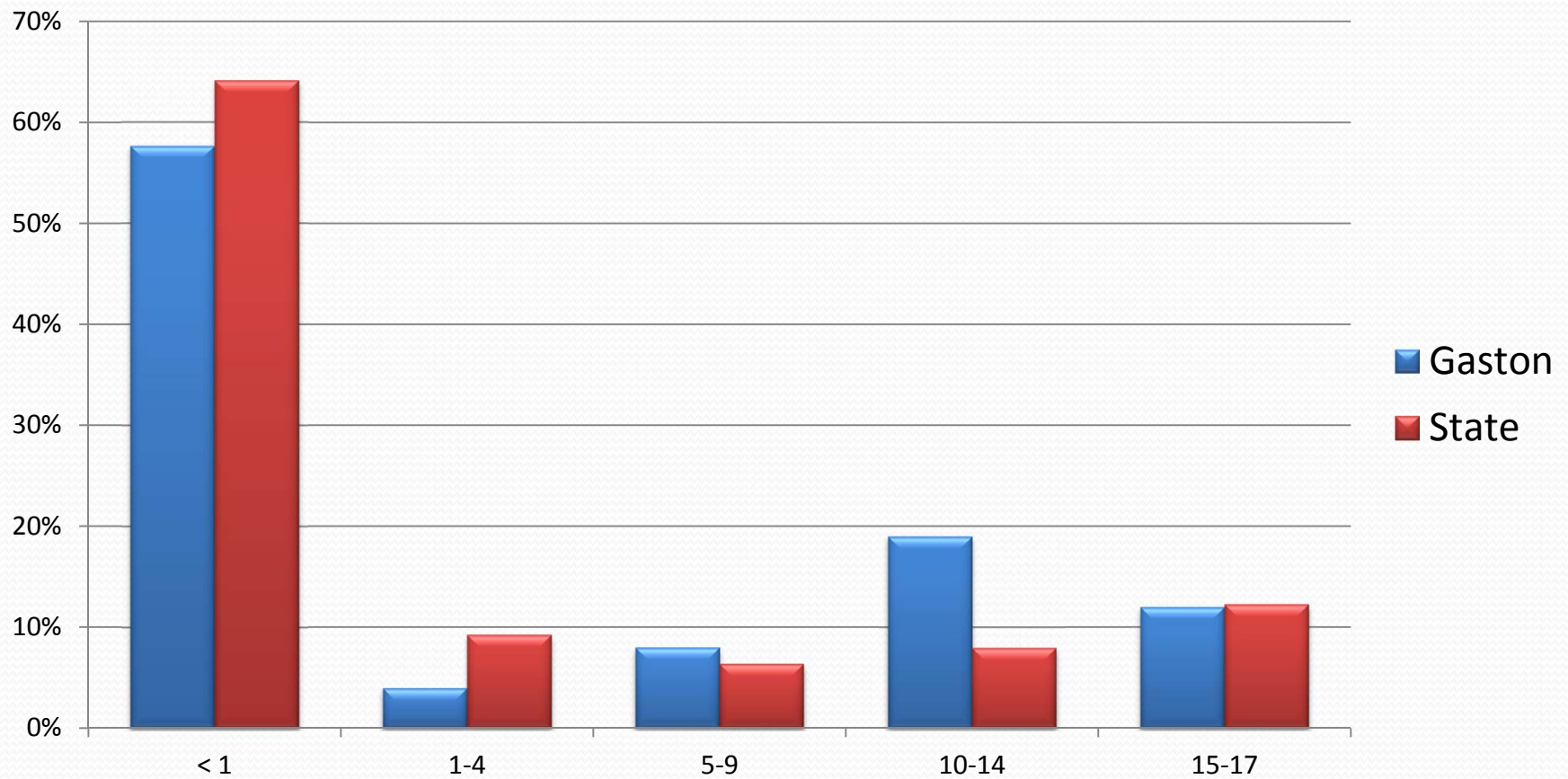
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Suicide

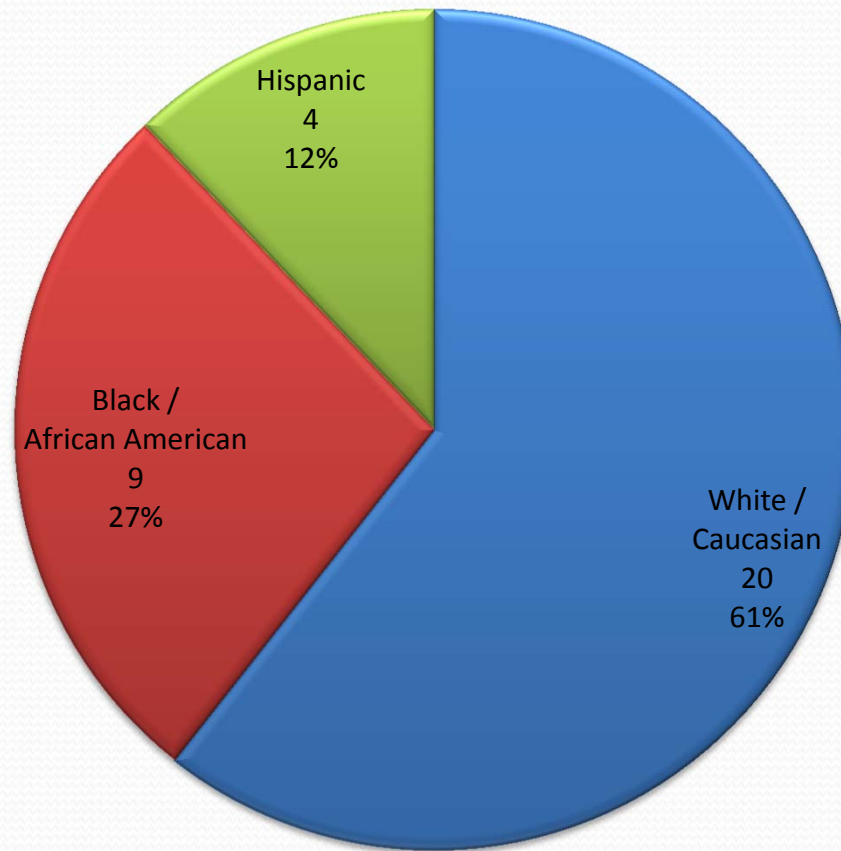


Gaston County VS State

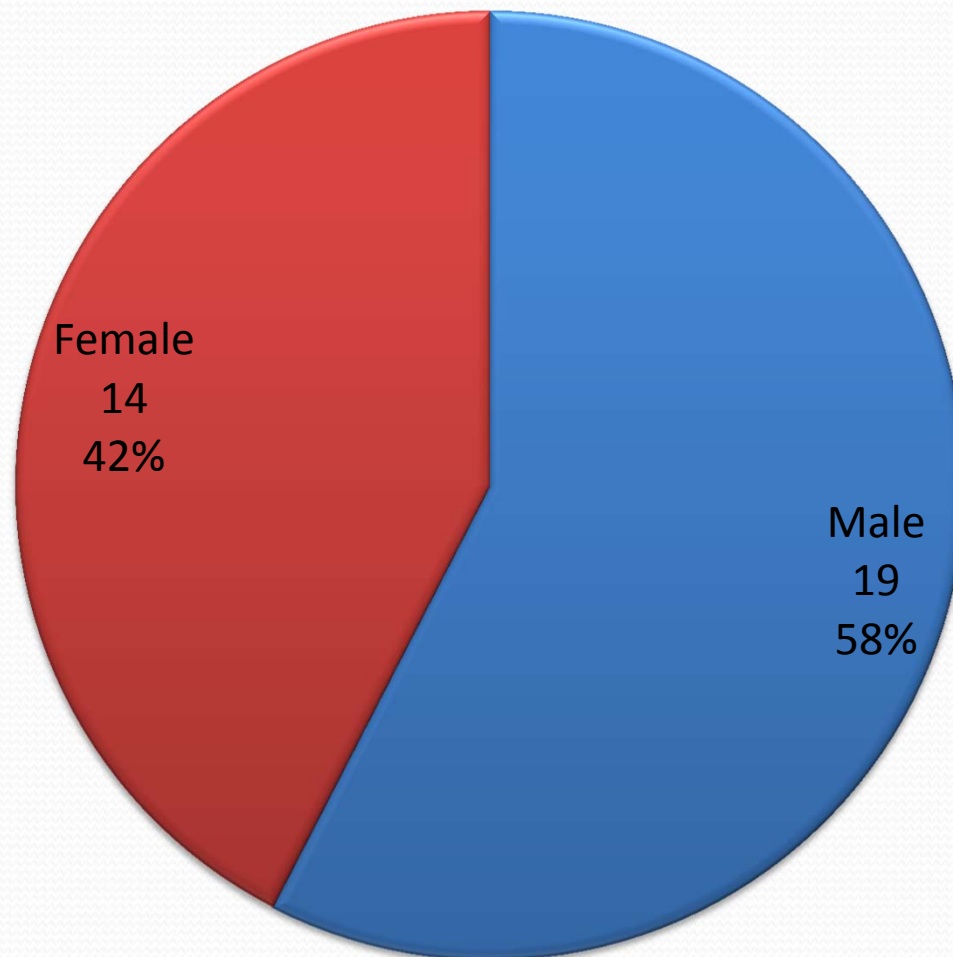
Age in Years



Race/Ethnicity



Gender



CCPT Case Reviews

- 6 child fatalities transferred from CFPT
- 7 open Child Protective Services cases
- 4 State Intensive Child Fatality Reviews
- 1 additional case recommended for a Intensive Review
- Meeting with school officials regarding suicide prevention and awareness initiatives

CCPT Open Case Reviews

- Mentoring Opportunities
- Gang Extrication Programs
- Voluntary Placements
- Out of Home Placements
- School-Based Services
- Regular Doctor's Visits
- Mental Health Assessments
- Drug Treatment Programs
- Parenting Programs

Baby Box Program

- CFPT & CCPT joint initiative
- Equips parents with vital education and resources
- Unsafe sleeping intervention
- January 2018



What's Next in 2018?

- Bi-Monthly Intensive Fatality Reviews, 4 Quarterly Reviews, 8 Open Case Reviews
- Child Death Scene Investigation Training
- Informed Response to Victims of Strangulation & Abuse Across the Lifespan Training (Phoenix Counseling)
- Suicide Training (Phoenix Counseling)
- NC Child Fatality Prevention Summit
- Motivational Interview Training

Questions?