Recent Canadian Avalanche Fatality Statistics and Patterns

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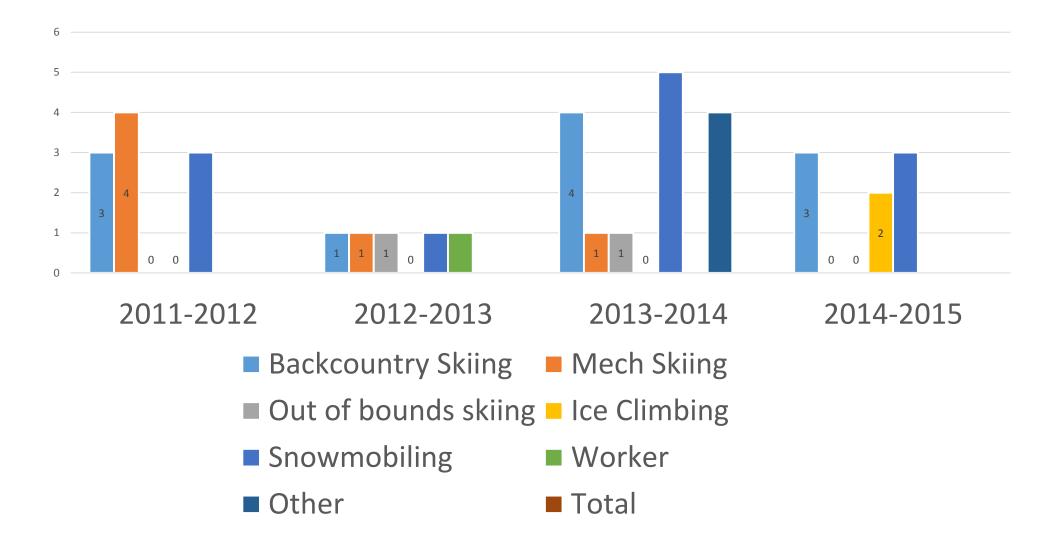
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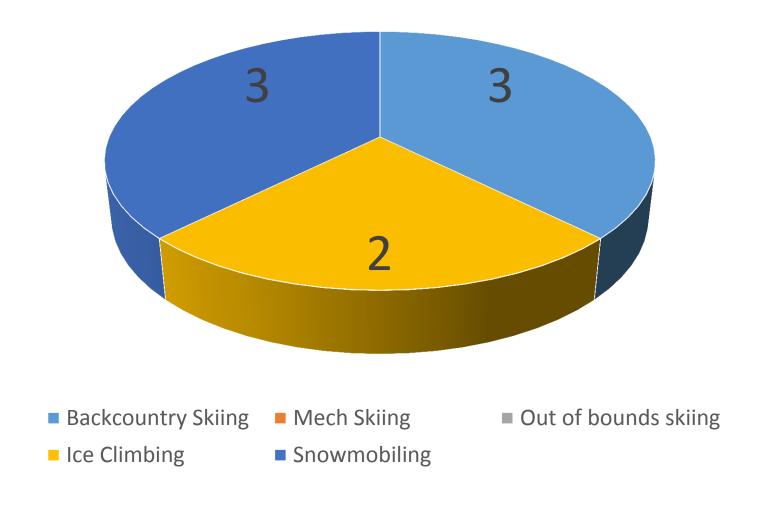








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- Encouraging possible trend toward single fatality accidents which continued: 8 fatalities, 7 events.
- 2 ice-climbing events, one in Quebec. Quebec ice-climbing fatality is not common.
- 1 workplace fatality; that's 2 in three years; One highly skilled/trained Guide; 2012-13 was an unskilled/untrained worker
- Snowcrest Mtn was as much a climbing accident as an avalanche, and as much climbing as backcountry skiing (i.e. coding wasn't a slam-dunk).
- Even distribution amongst backcountry skiers, sledders, and iceclimbers.
- British Columbia was the hotspot -- 63%





