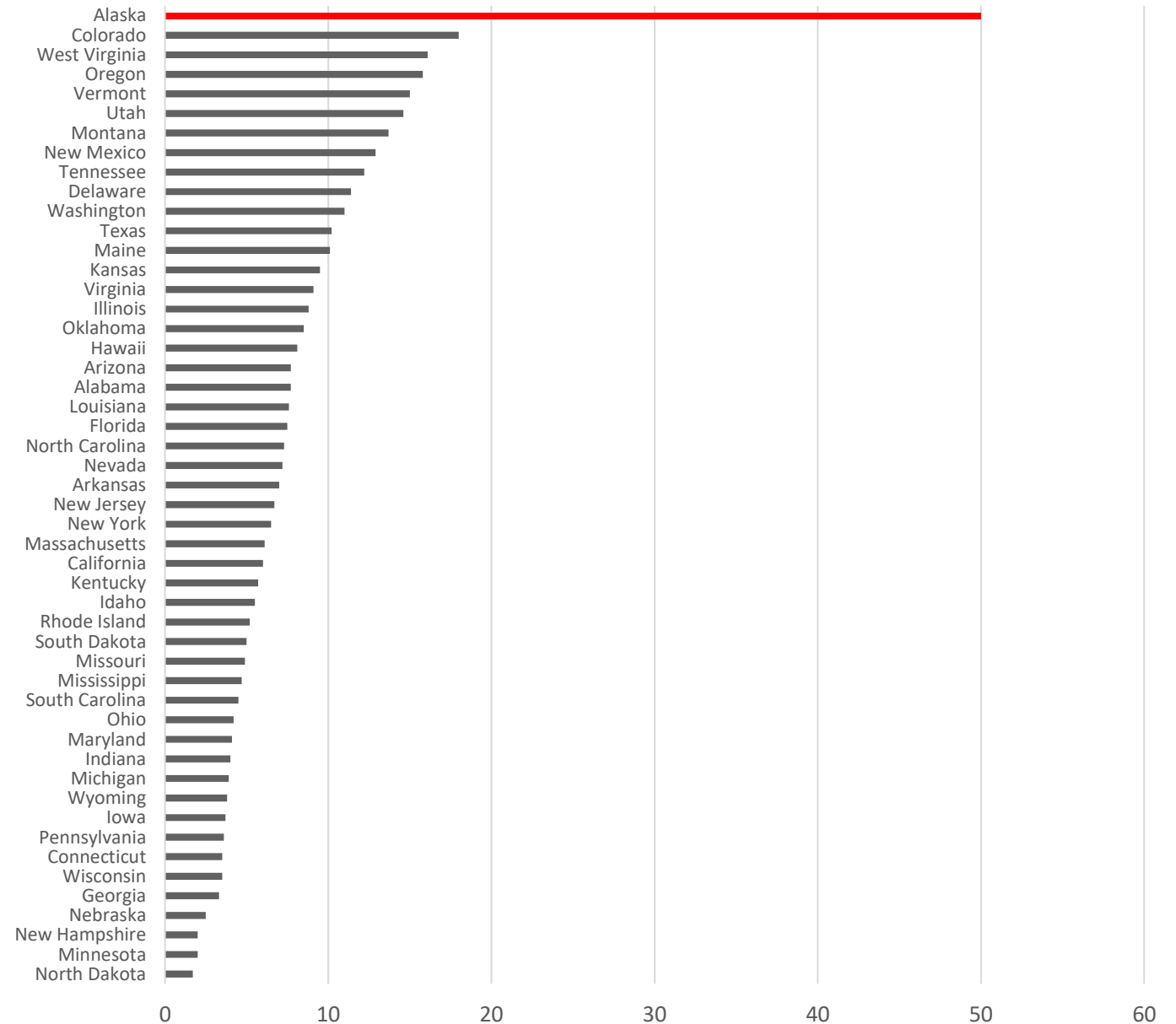


SB 148: Boating Safety Requirement

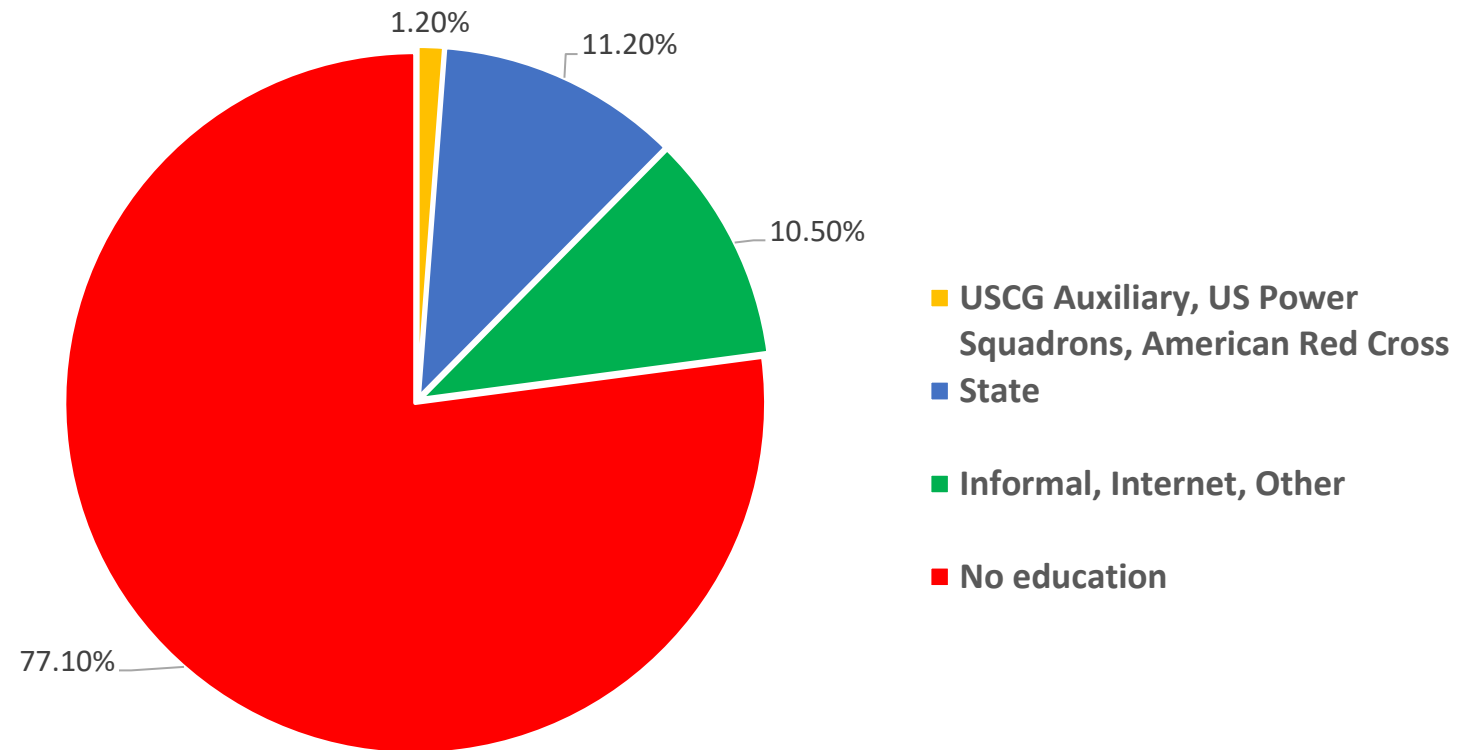
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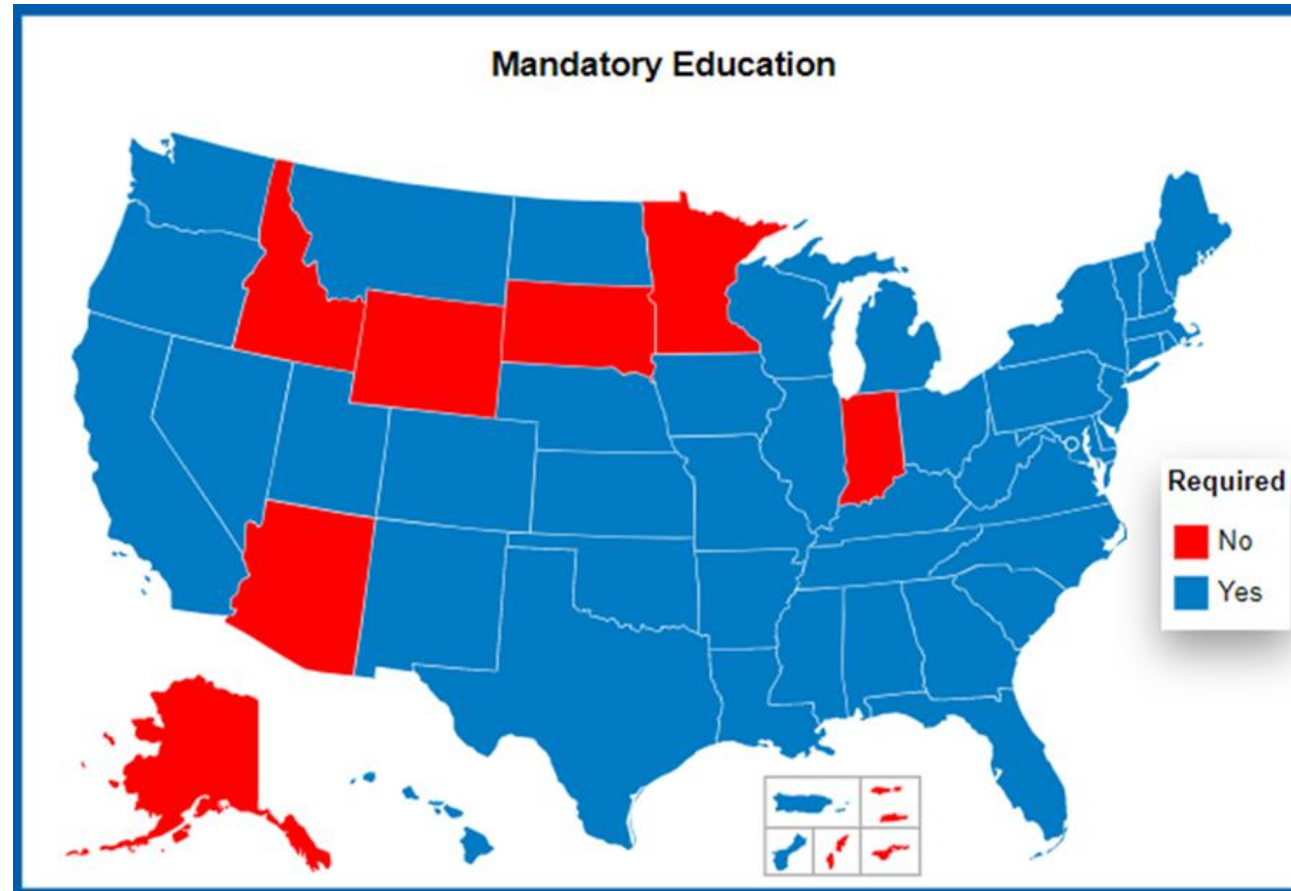
Boating Fatalities per 100,000 Registered Boats



Percent of Deaths by Known Operator Instruction



Education Requirement by State



Source: [iDashboards \(nasbla.net\)](http://iDashboards.nasbla.net)

Existing Program

- Created in 2000 by HB 108 (Chapter 28, SLA 2000)
- Voluntary participation
- Eight-hour class covering:
 - pre-departure preparation, boating operations, boating emergencies, cold-water survival, navigation rules, and legal requirements
- ~1,000 participants per year
- Managed by Division of Parks and Recreation within the Department of Natural Resources
 - Funded by boater registration fees and federal match

SB 148 - Bill Highlights

- Requires boaters to complete a training course before operating a boat over 10 hp
 - Exemptions for:
 - Anyone over 18 on the effective date
 - Commercial fishing license holder
 - Coast Guard Merchant Mariner credential holder
 - Anyone who has passed any other department approved boating safety course
- Creates a “boating safety” insignia for a driver’s license or state ID
- Removes contingent repeal tied to federal funding
 - Sunset date was previously repealed in 2012



Questions?