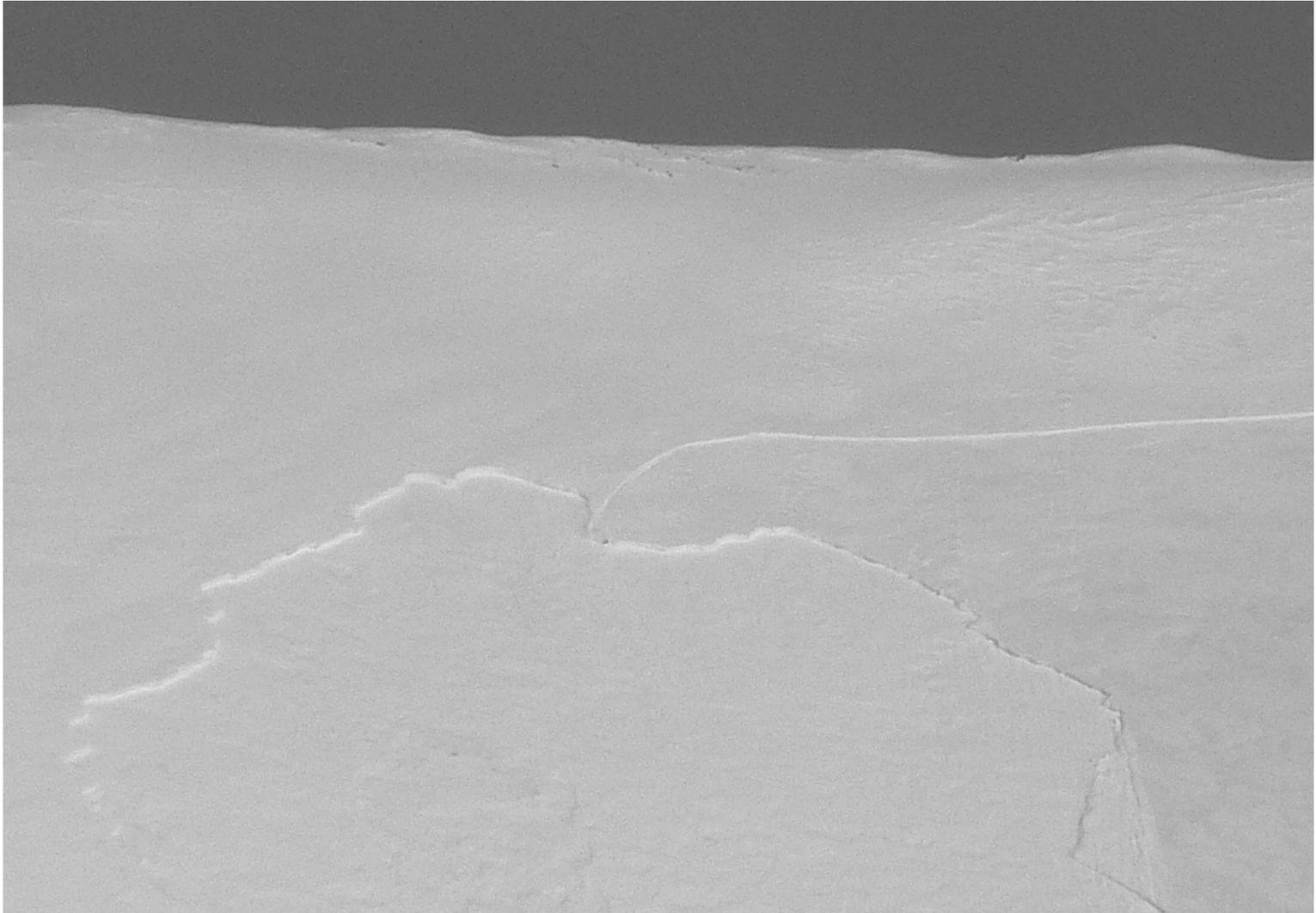




# **Avalanche Accidents in France 2009-2010 Review**

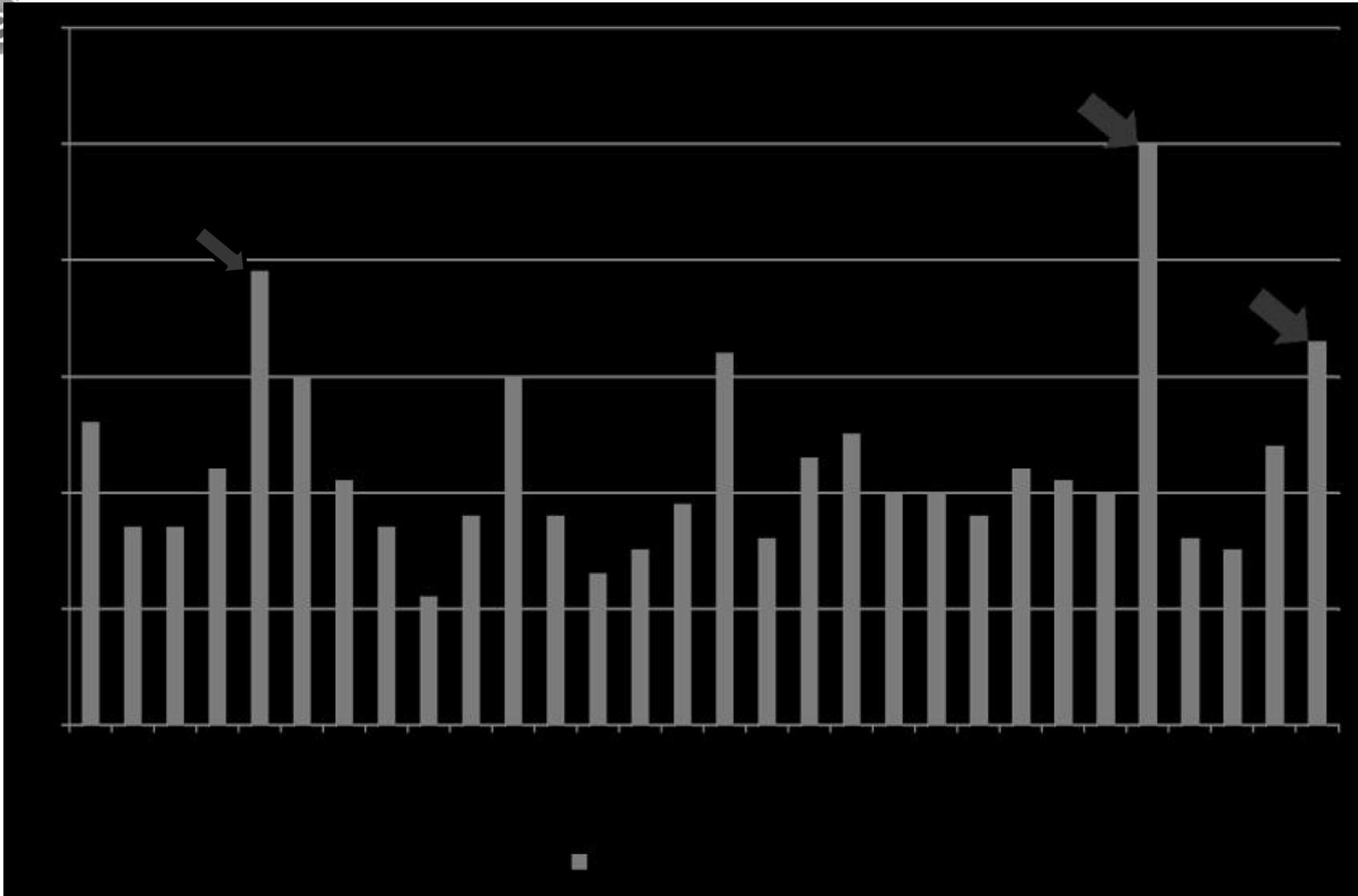


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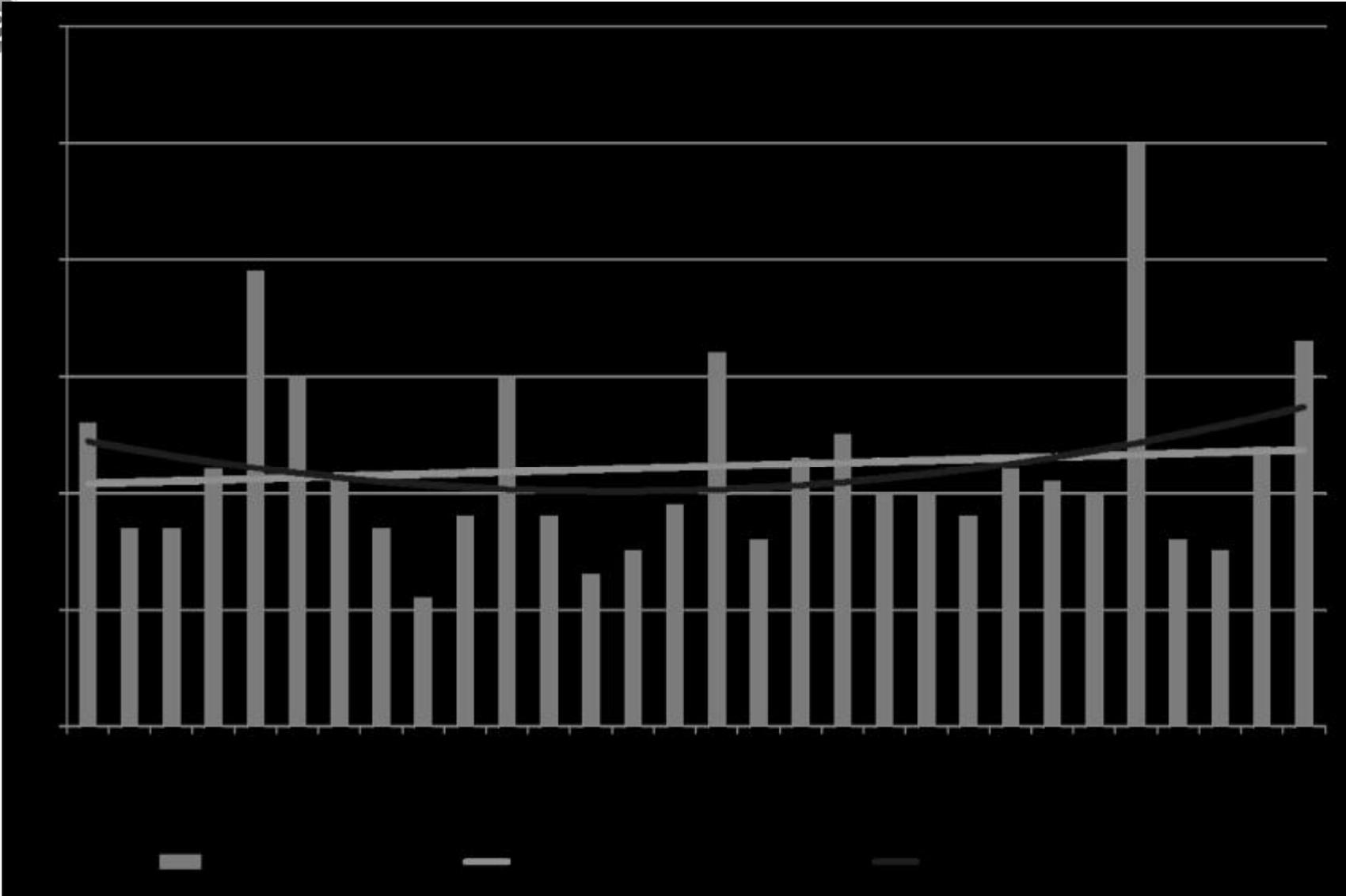
- ✓ 85 avalanche accidents
- ✓ 33 fatal avalanche accidents
- ✓ 41 fatalities

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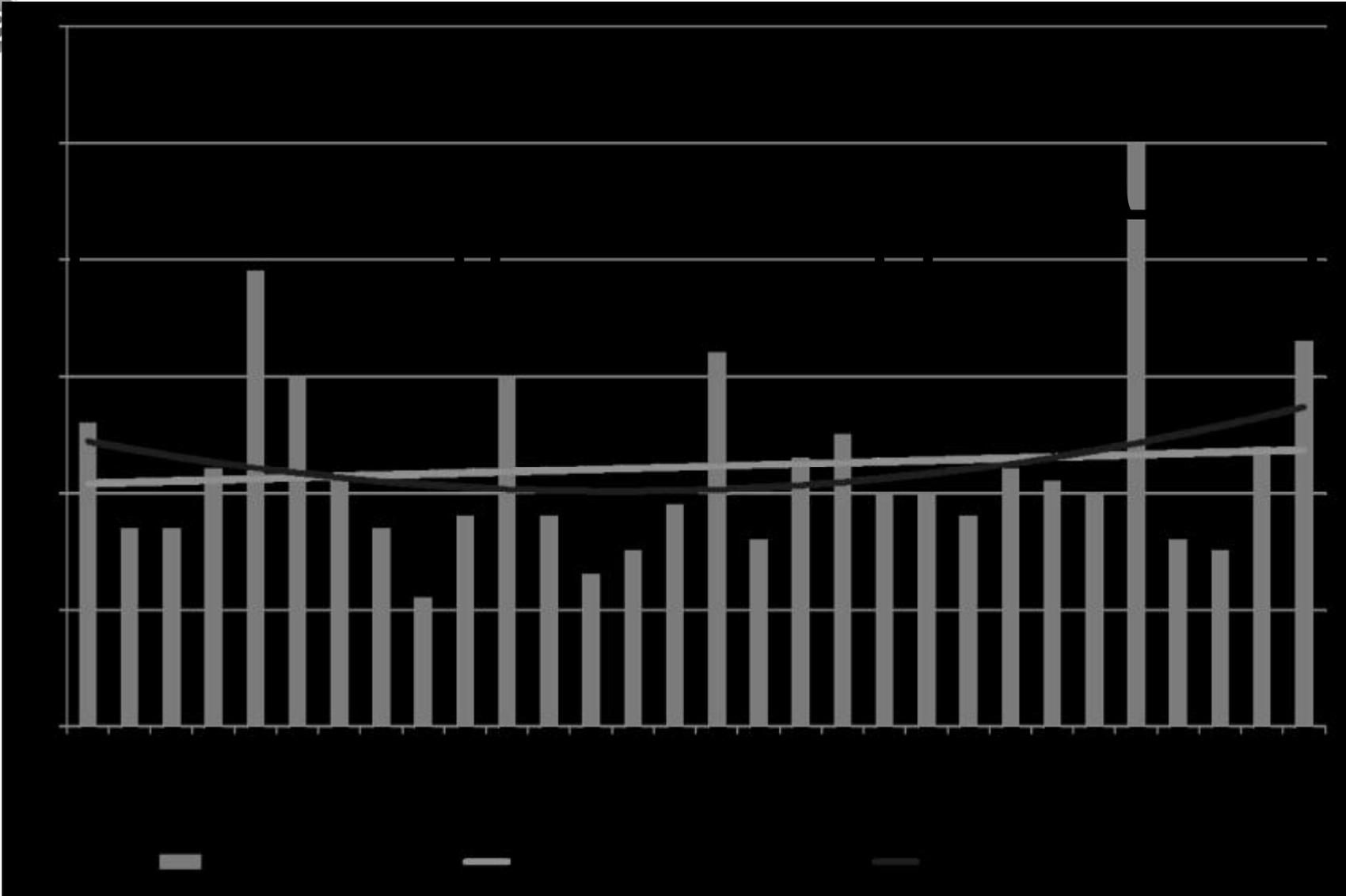
⇒ the 3rd worst year since 1980-1981  
(in terms of fatal accidents, not fatalities)

# Fatal accidents trend on 30 years



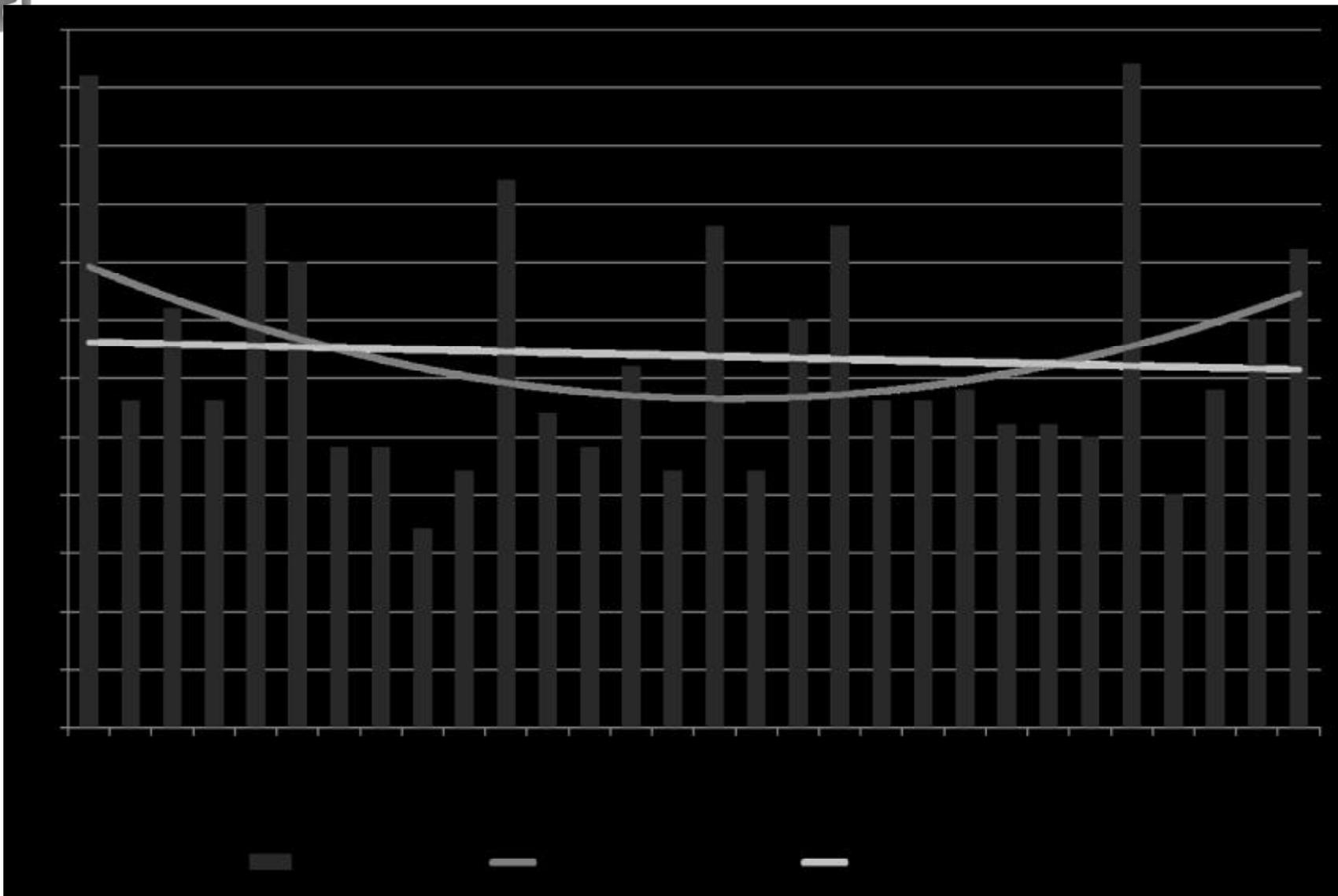
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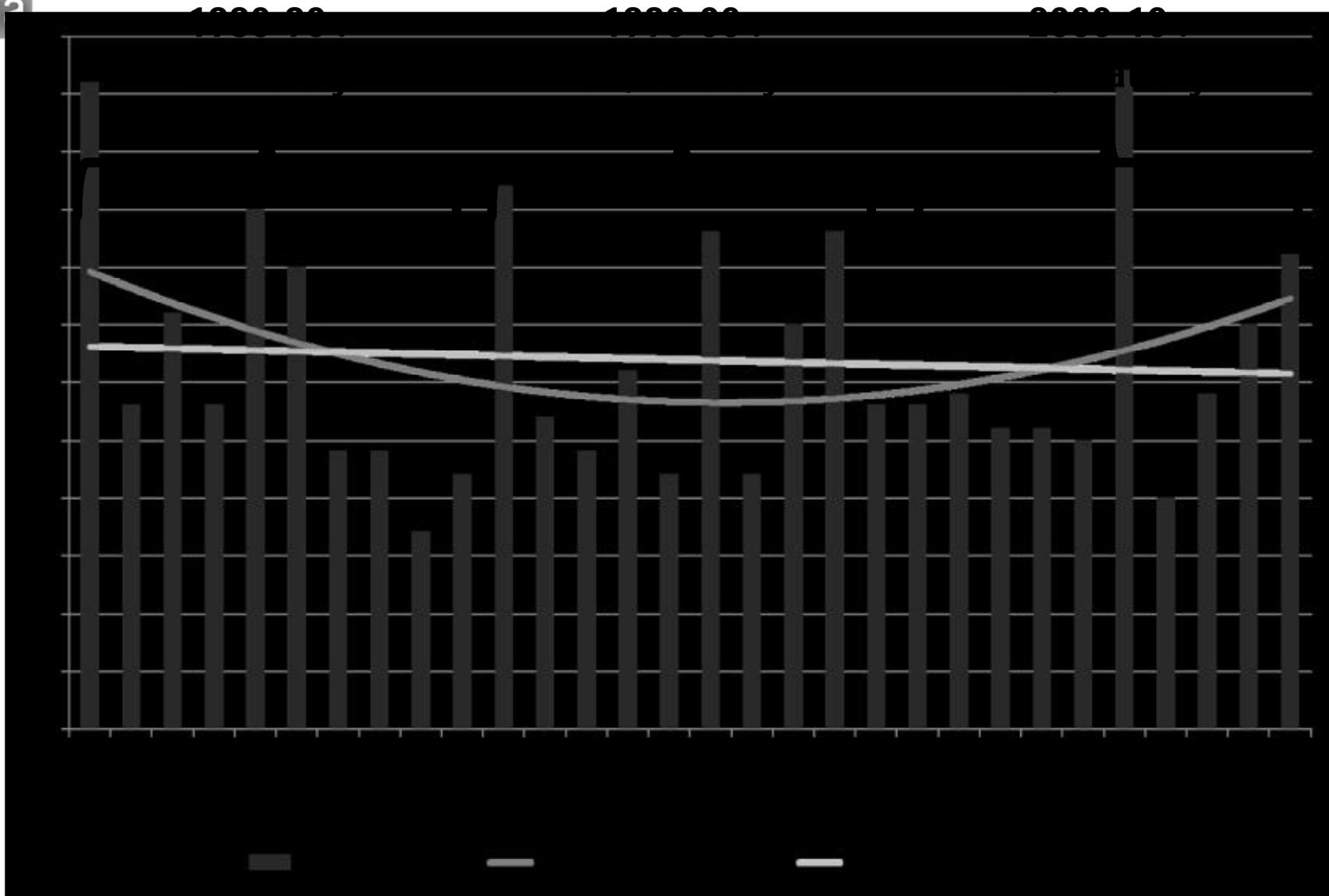
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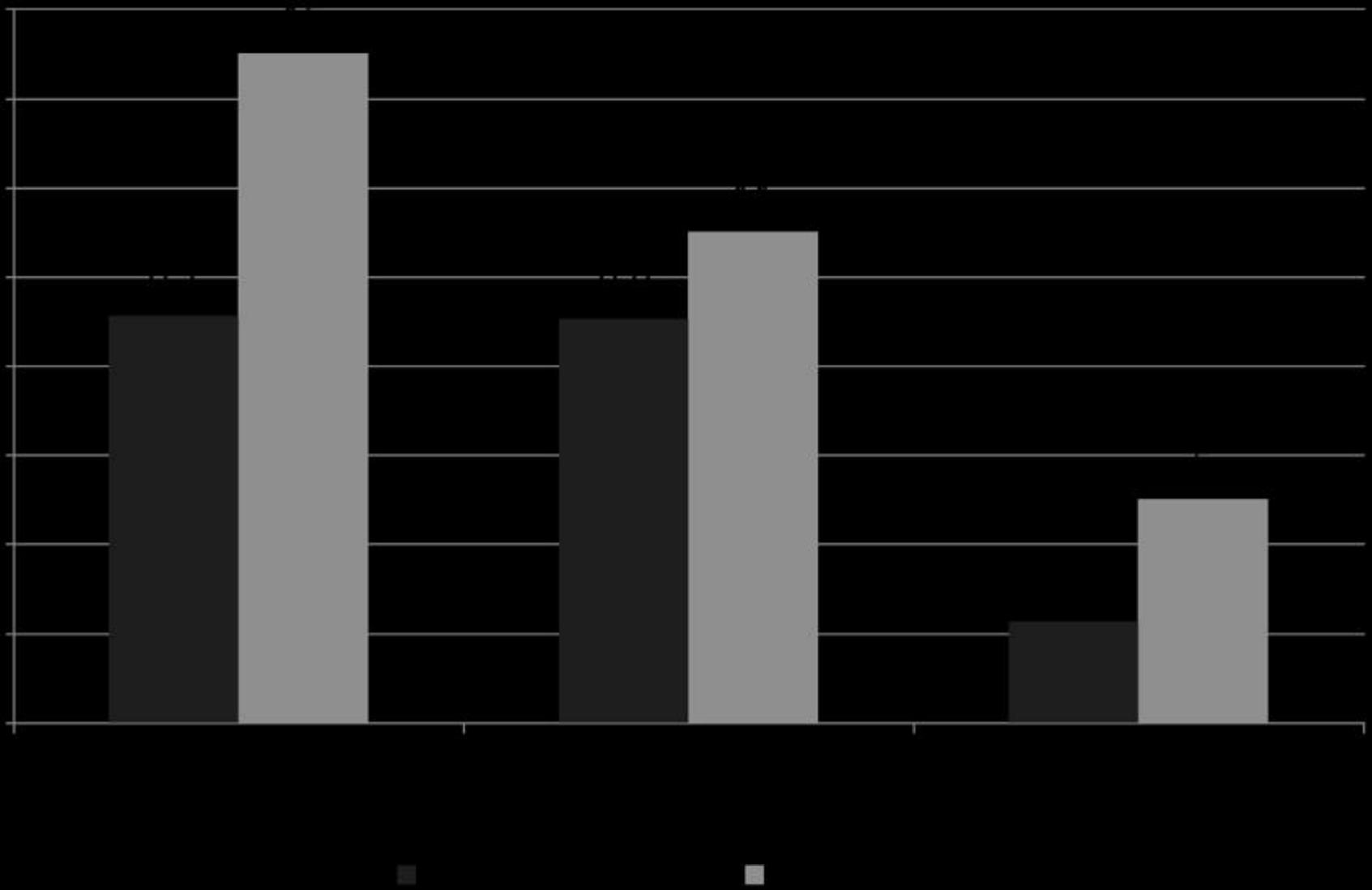
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# Most accidents in backcountry activities 1980-2009 / 2009-10



# Many accidents in unlikely areas



✓ a cold and snowy winter everywhere

✓ many more area concerned than usual (Southern Alps (Corsica), Pyrenees, Massif Central, Vosges)

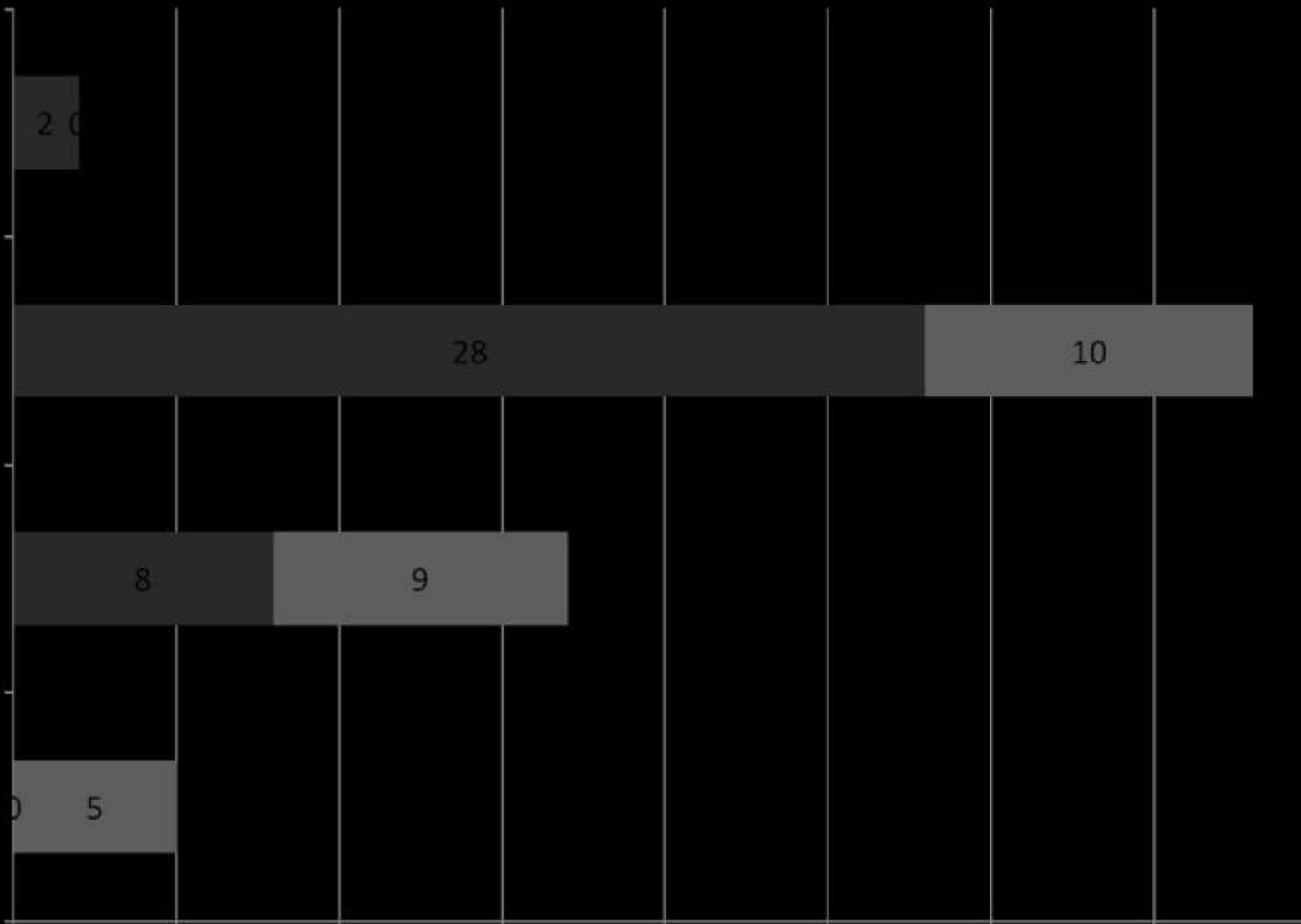
✓ many accidents in areas that usually are seldom concerned with avalanches

(40% this year VS 20% over 30 years)

⇒ mostly explains this year figures

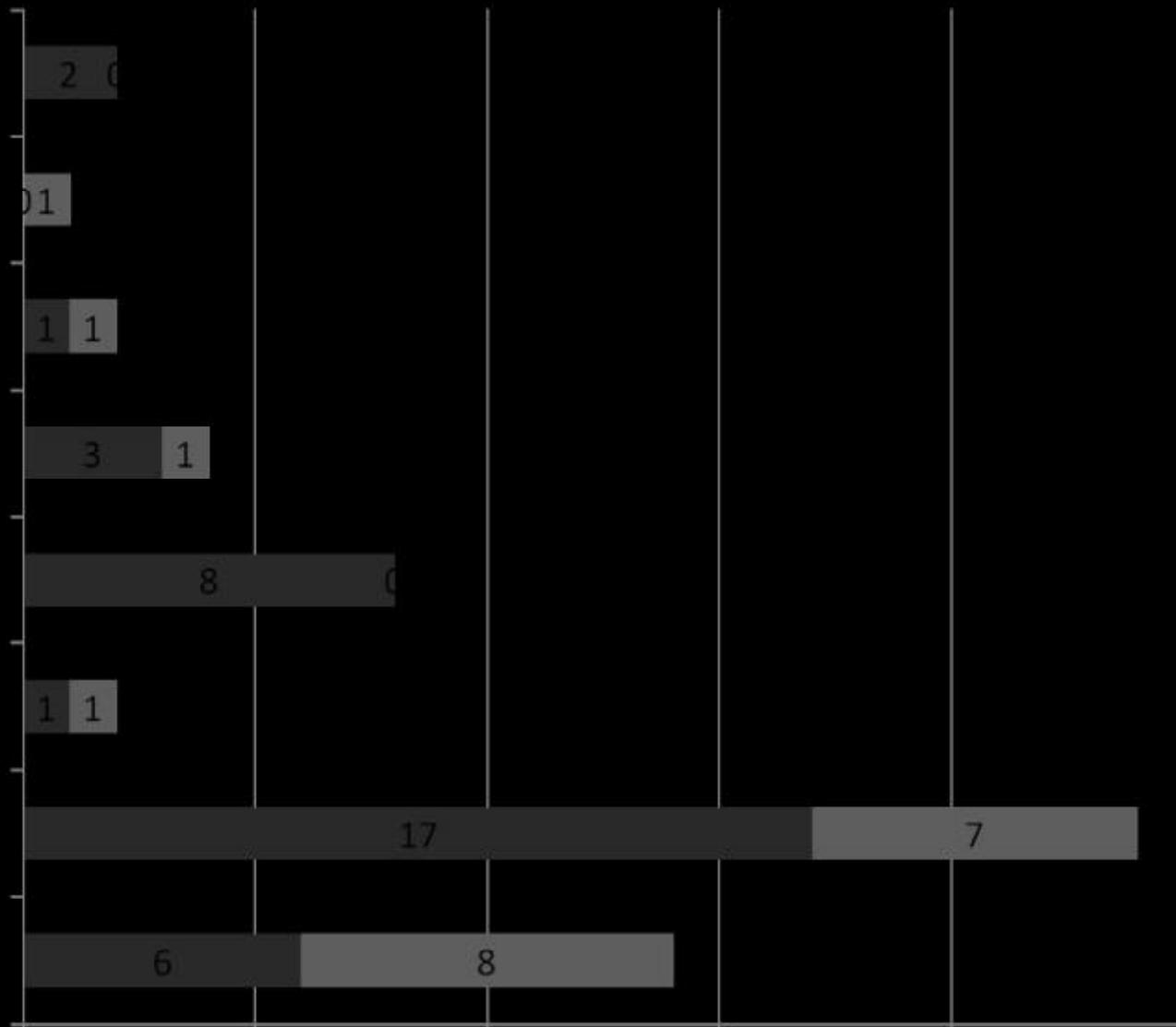


# Rescuers and means of localization - 2009-2010



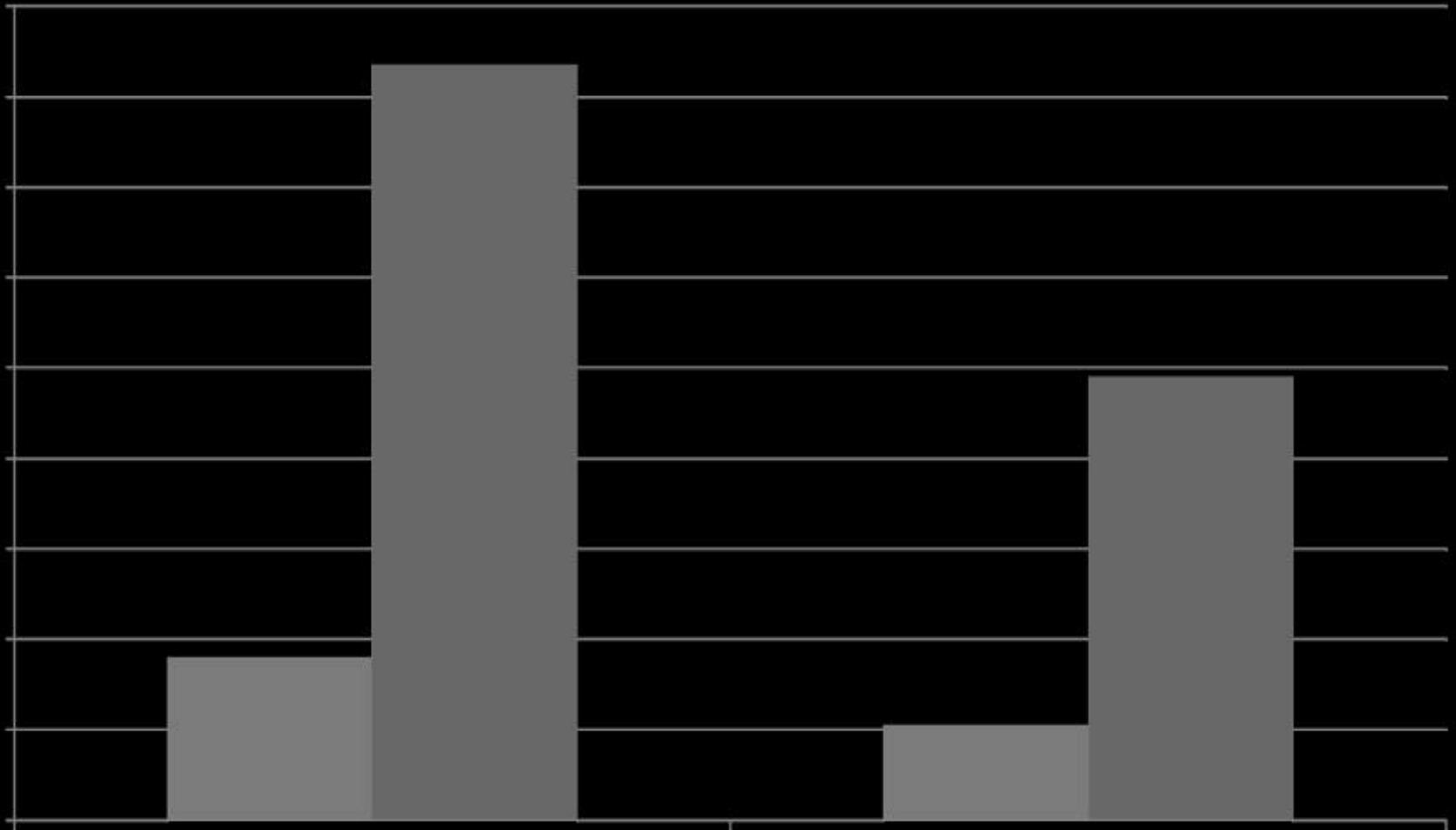


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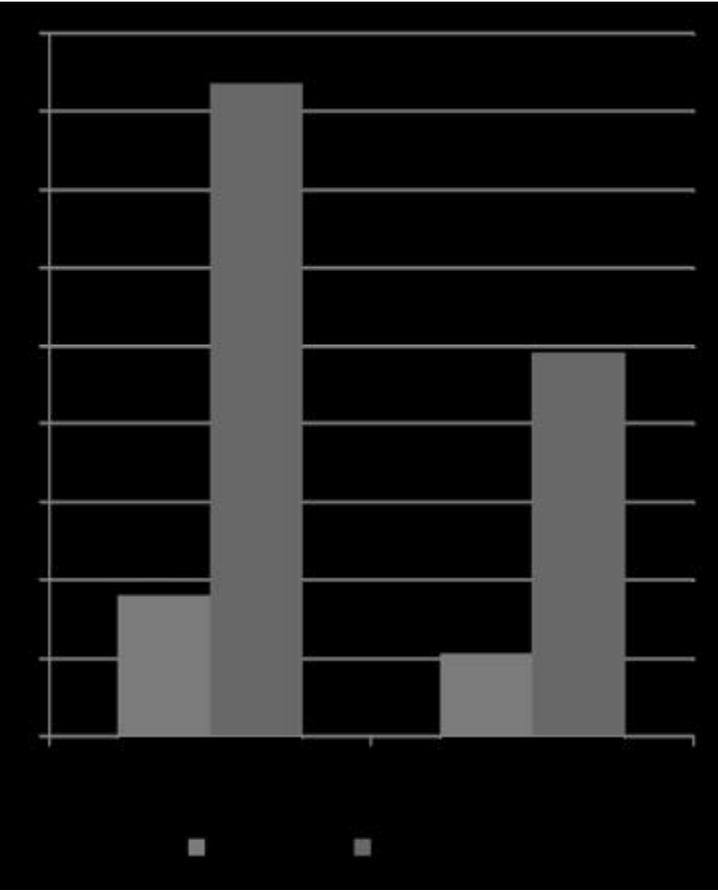




# Buried victims carrying a transceiver 1980-85 / 2005-10



# Rescuers of buried victims carrying transceiver 2005-2010

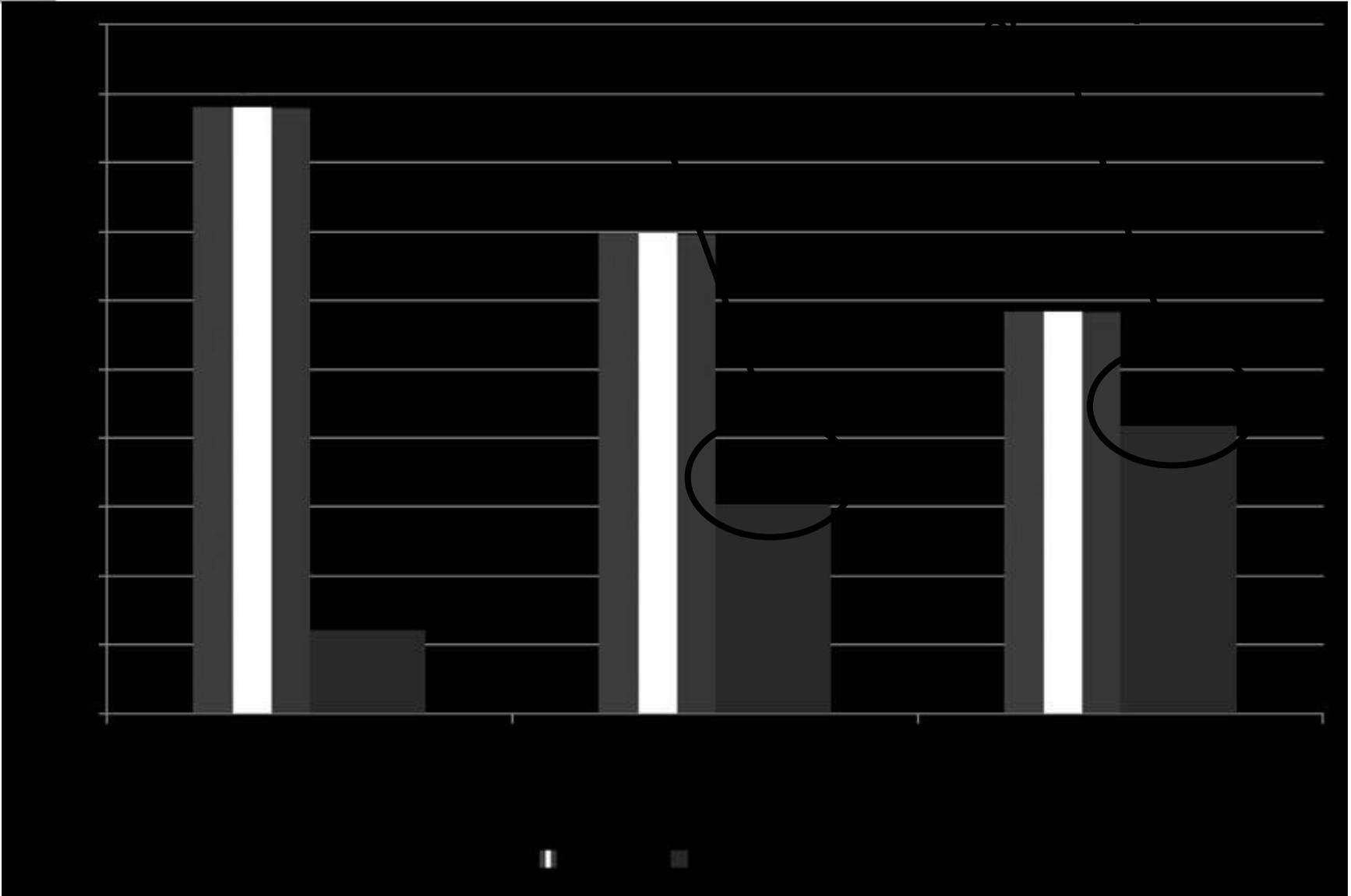


✓ Backcountry : 43% localized by professional rescuers

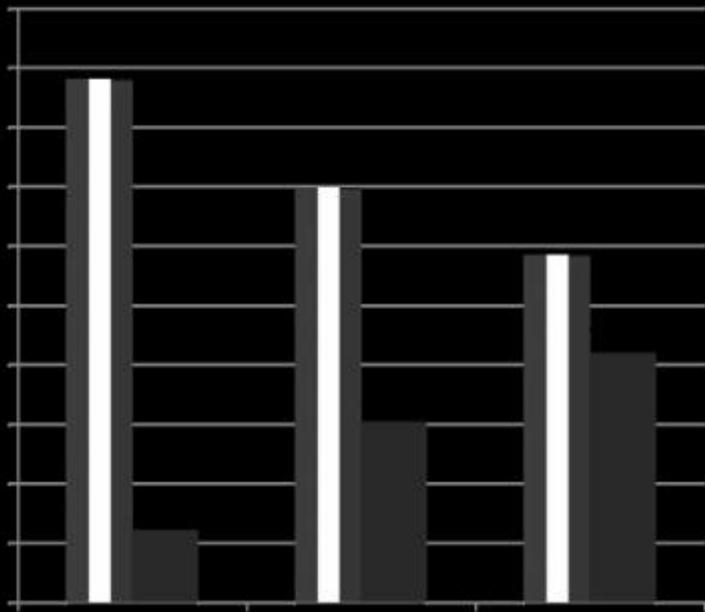
✓ Off Piste : 46% localized by professional rescuers

⇒ more people carrying a transceiver, but still not able to rescue their companion !

# Foreigners in French avalanche accidents



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✓ Off Piste : 1/3 caught victims are from a foreign country (10% from United Kingdom)

✓ Alpinism: 2/5 caught victims are from a foreign country (13% from Switzerland)



**Thank you for your attention !  
Any question ?**

