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The meeting will begin shortly.





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# Power Point Presentation



This presentation is available for download from the RRC website at

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/workshops-and-conferences/rrc-regulatory-webinars/regulatory-webinars-2021-schedule/>



## 811 – “Call Before You Dig” Law

- Sept. 1999 - Texas enacted first Damage Prevention law, Chapter 251
- One-Call Board of Texas, Texas One-Call Law, and notification center(s)
- Chapter 18 Rules effective September 2007

# 811, Locates and Dig Ups



- 811 Notification center required to operate 24hrs, every day of the year.
- 14-day locate ticket life
- Locate/Excavate agreements in writing
- Emergency locates – 2hrs for marks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> party providing own locates

# Chapter 18 Rules – The Basics



- Effective in 2007
- Excavator responsibilities: Locates/updates, tolerance zone, protect marks for life of project, Dig ups
- Operator responsibilities: Locators have 48hrs to mark, 2hrs for Emergencies
- TDRFs due to RRC within 30 working days.

# EDI Uploads (1 of 3)



- RRC Online System and EDI filing links:
  - <https://webapps.rrc.texas.gov/security/login.do>
  - [https://portalvhdskzlf8q9lqr9.blob.core.windows.net/media/27522/tdrf edi document 03232015 rev16.pdf](https://portalvhdskzlf8q9lqr9.blob.core.windows.net/media/27522/tdrf%20edi%20document%2003232015%20rev16.pdf)

The screenshot shows the top section of the RRC Online System. It features a red header bar with the "RRC ONLINE SYSTEM" logo on the left. Below this is a dark red bar with the text "Texas Damage Reporting Form (TDRF)". At the bottom of this section are three navigation links: "TDRF Main", "About", and "TDRF Help".


## Texas Damage Reporting File Upload

As of Mar 23, 2015, the specifications for EDI submission have changed. The following fields are now required: Excavator State

The screenshot displays the "EDI Upload" interface. It has a tabbed design with three tabs: "EDI Upload" (active), "EDI Test", and "EDI Status". The main content area contains the text "Select the file to upload:" followed by a "Choose File" button and the text "No file chosen". Below this is a "Verify" button. A horizontal line separates this from the next section, which contains the text "The following files have successfully verified. Confirm that these are the files you want to send by pressing the Submit button" and "No files found." at the bottom are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons.

# EDI Uploads (2 of 3)



 **ONLINE SYSTEM**

**Texas Damage Reporting Form (TDRF)**

[TDRF Main](#) [About](#) [TDRF Help](#)

**Texas Damage Reporting File Upload**

As of Mar 23, 2015, the specifications for EDI submission have changed. The following fields are now required: Excavator

- 10 valid reports verified.
- File passed verification.
- 0 invalid reports verified.
- 10 total reports verified.

**EDI Upload**

[EDI Test](#)

[EDI Status](#)

Select the file to upload:  No file chosen

The following files have successfully verified. Confirm that these are the files you want to send by pressing the Submit button

File Uploaded and Verified	Date Uploaded	Status	Action
EdiUploadSample.txt	01/29/2021	VALIDATED	<a href="#">Remove</a>



# EDI Uploads (3 of 3)



## ONLINE SYSTEM

### Texas Damage Reporting Form (TDRF)

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#### Texas Damage Reporting File Upload

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An email will be sent indicating which records were rejected and the corresponding reasons.

File Name	Date Received	Status	Valid Reports	Rejected Reports	Total Reports
EdiUploadSample.txt	01/29/2021	PENDING	10	0	10



# Importance of Correct Info



- Without accurate and correct info, we may be unable to conclusively make a determination
  - Depth
  - Possible cause
  - Locate/dig-up tickets
  - Location
  - Dates

# Photo Documentation



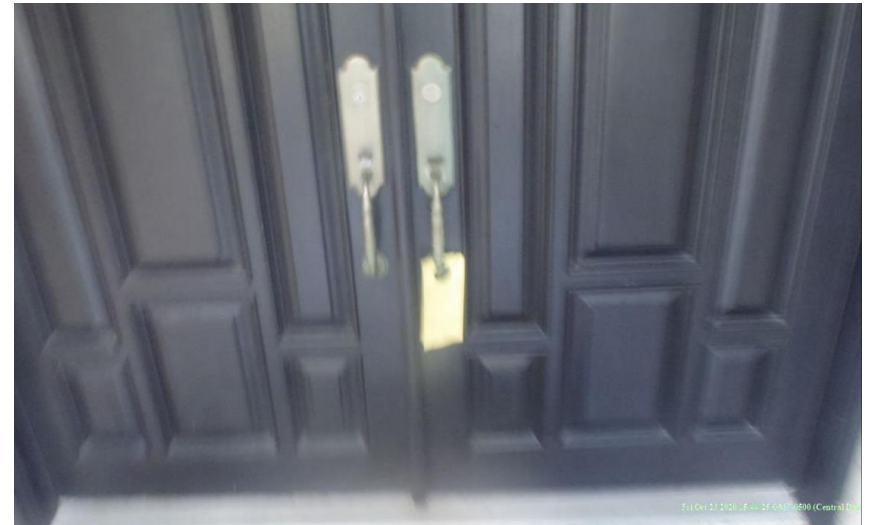
- This is your chance to take us to the scene
  - Use fixed or immovable objects
  - Make good use of the hit kit
  - Clearly show standard measurements
  - Develop a standardized practice for photo documentation



# How Not To Take Pics (1 of 2)



# How Not To Take Pics (2 of 2)





# Preferred Locked Gate Photos

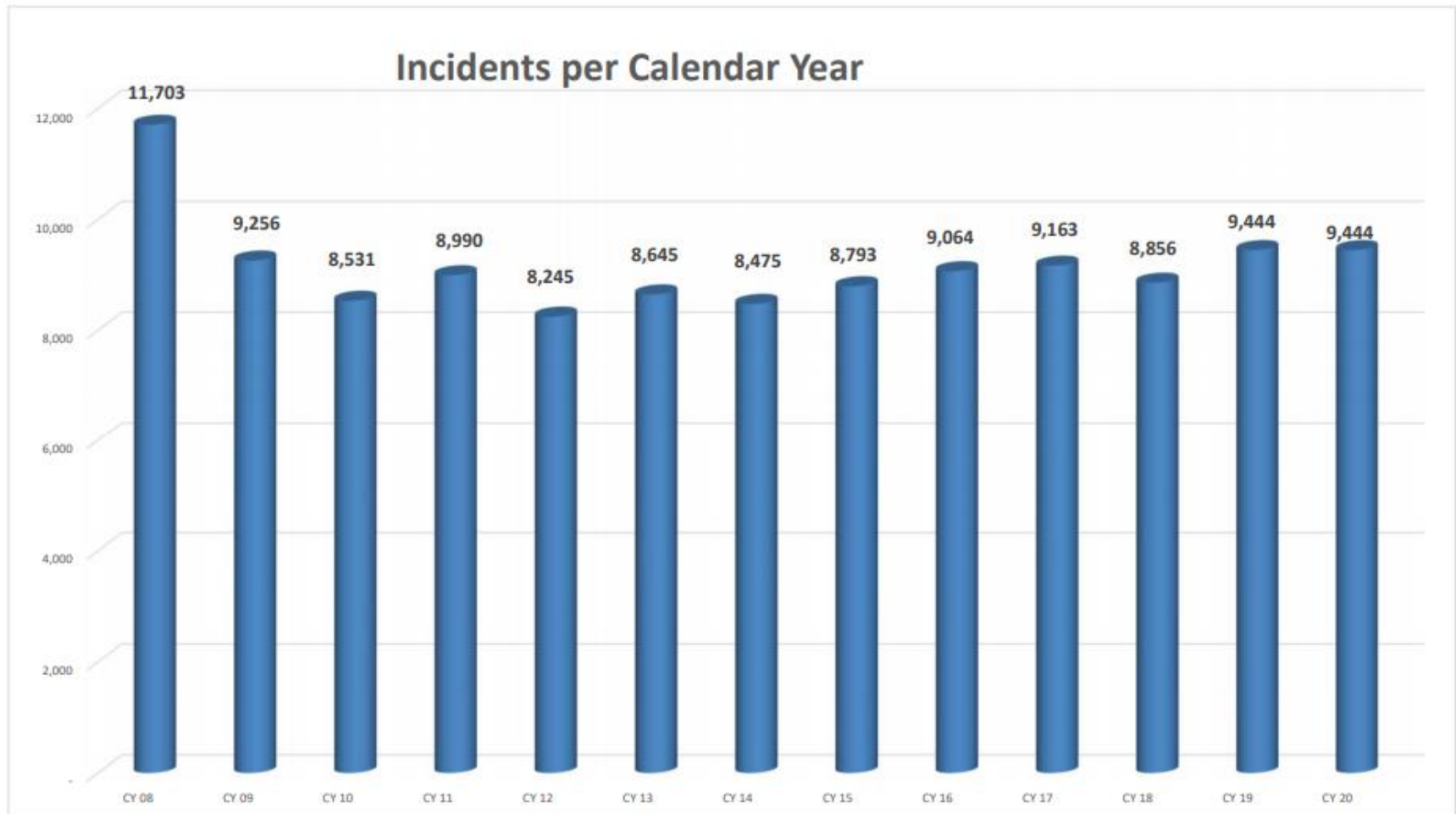


# On-Time Payments



- Communication with the PDPP
  - Don't hesitate to reach out
  - Provide expected timeframes
  - Disputes preferred before docket due date
  - Mail delays, non receipt of dockets

# Stats: Incidents per Year

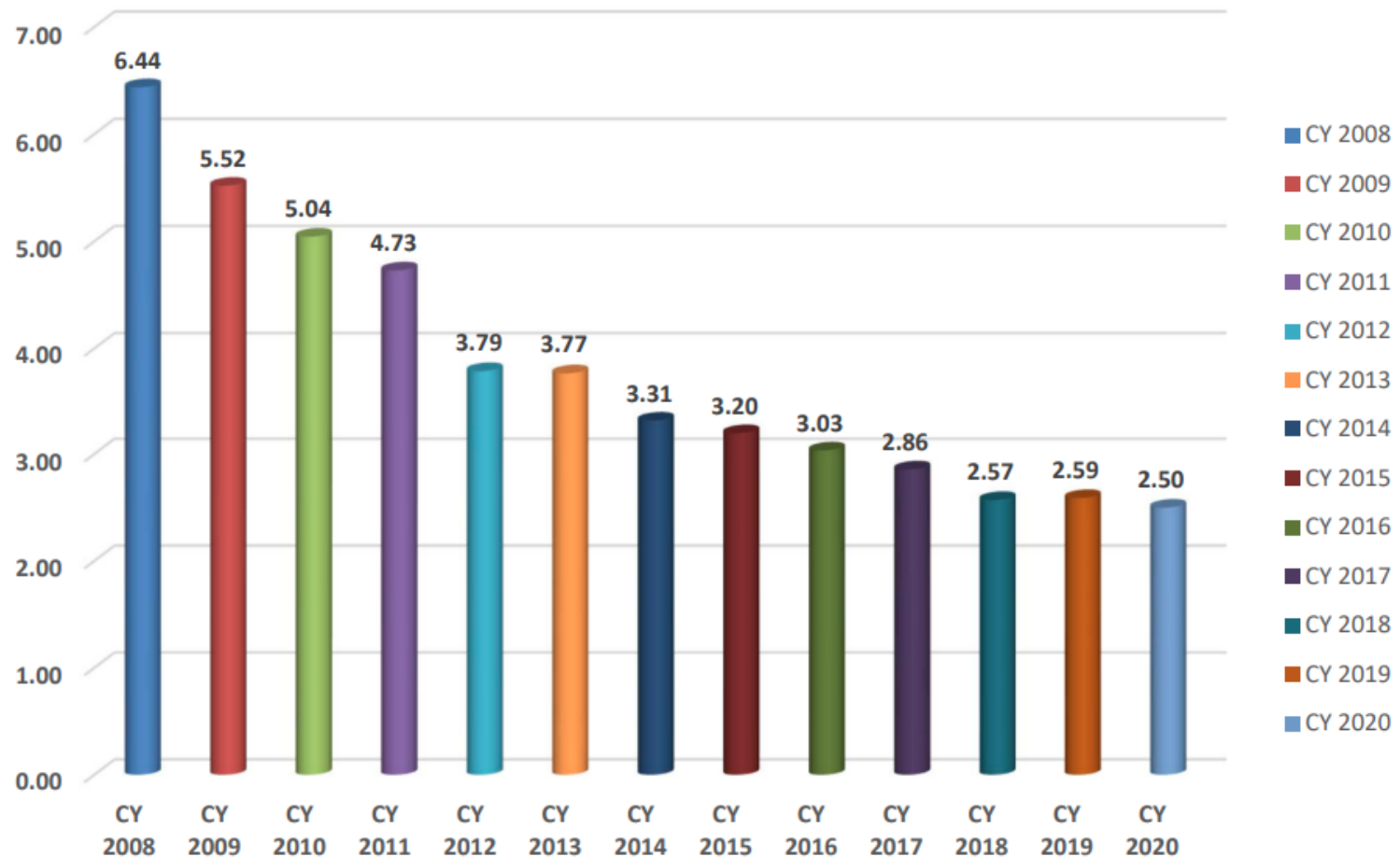




# Stats: Damages per 1,000 Locates



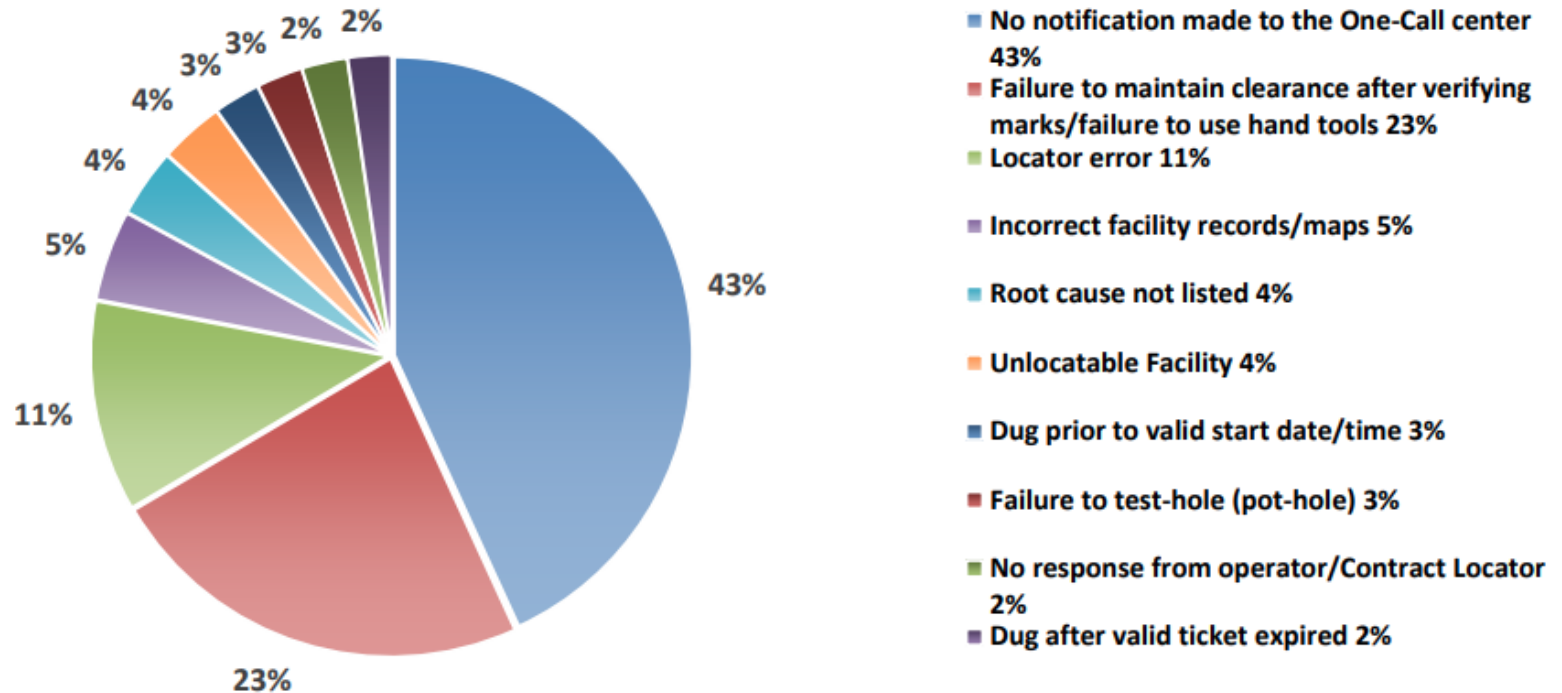
Damages per Thousand Locates  
Calendar Year



# Stats: Root Causes



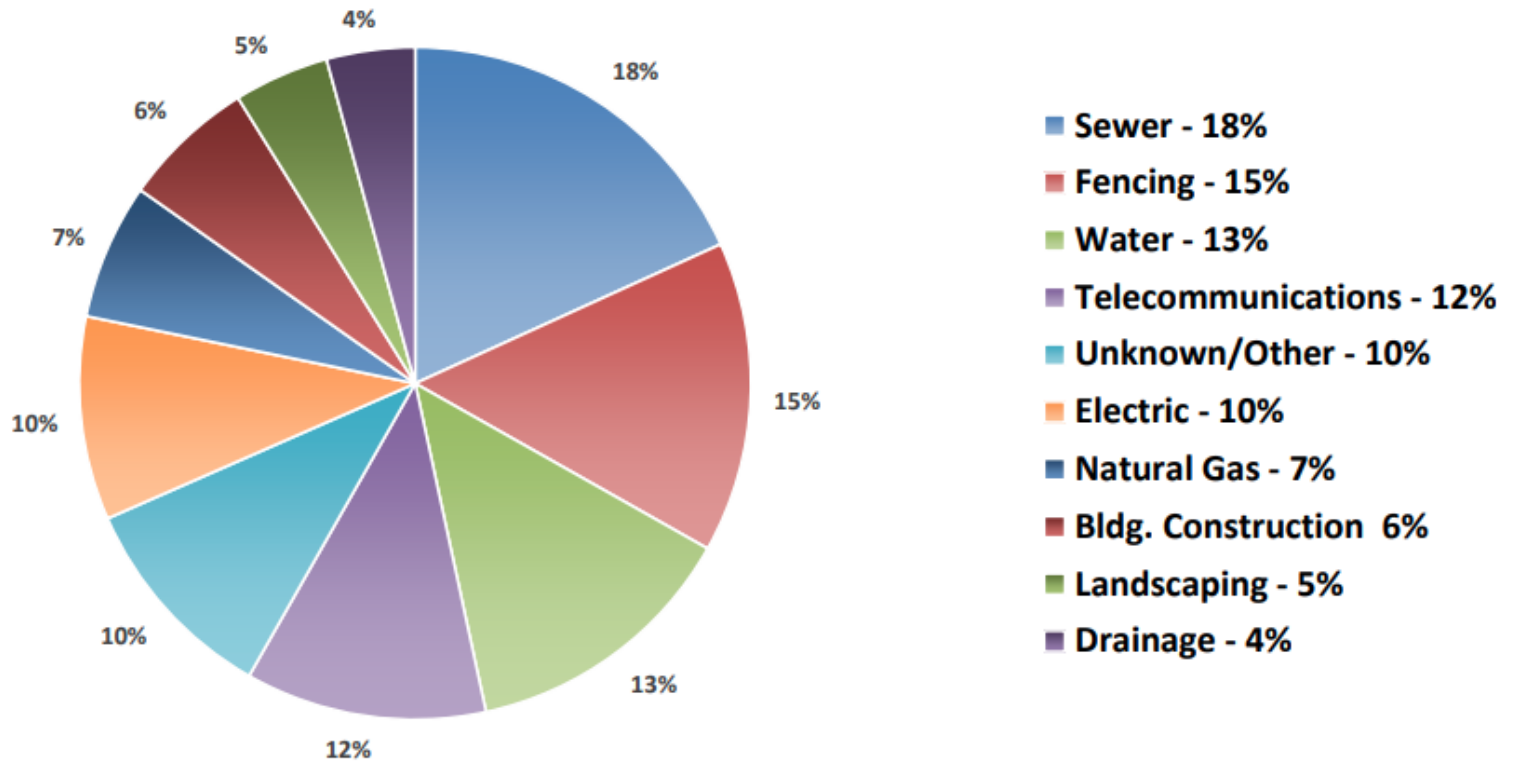
## Top 10 Root Causes - Calendar Year 2020



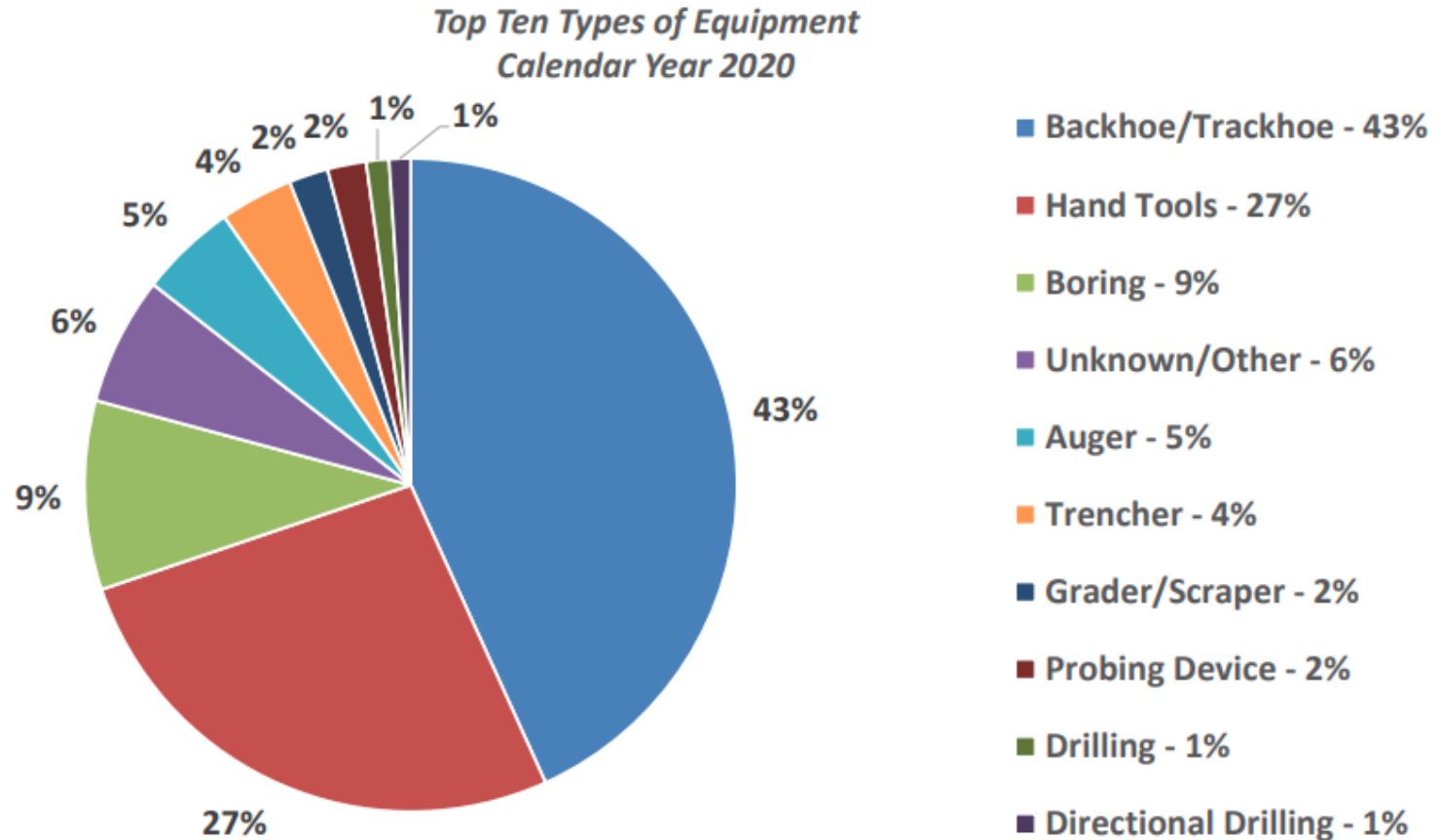
# Stats: Types of Work Performed



## Top Ten Types of Worked Performed Calendar Year 2020



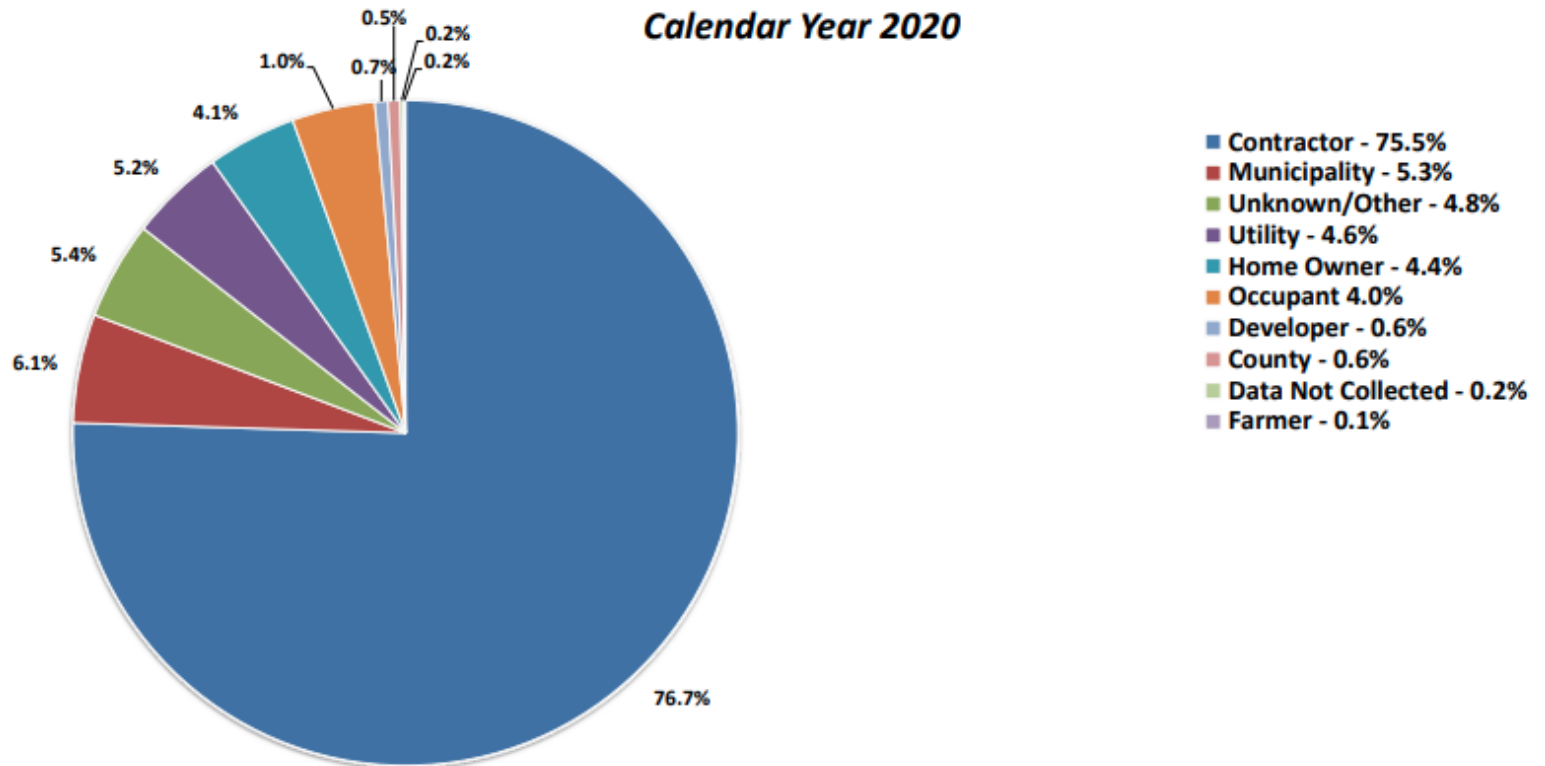
# Stats: Types of Equipment



# Stats: Types of Excavator



*Top Ten Types of Excavator  
Calendar Year 2020*



# Outreach To Date



- Current total: 51 events attended/scheduled
  - DPC
    - Over 300 audience members reached
  - UPSA
    - 208 audience members recorded
- Current fiscal year has been mostly virtual

# Q & A



- If you haven't already asked questions in the Q & A, please feel free to do so now.

# Contact Information



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Know what's **below.**  
**Call** before you dig.





## Evaluation

- Please complete the evaluation available on the RRC website at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6403402/2021-RRC-Regulatory-Webinars-Oil-Gas-and-Pipeline-Safety-Evaluation>

## Archive Video

- A link to the archive video of the webcast will be available on the same webpage as the presentation.