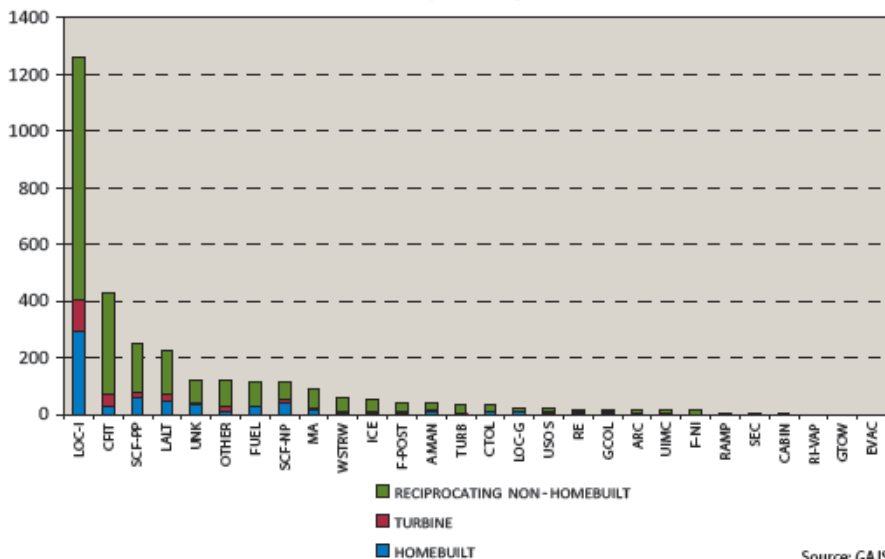


Leading Causes of Fatal GA Accidents (2001-2010)



Source: GAJSC

THE DATA, PLEASE...

Loss-of-control events of all kinds remain the top cause of general aviation accidents—non-fatal and fatal alike—according to the most-recent data from the FAA’s General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC). This isn’t new—the data remain amazingly consistent from 2001 to 2011, with about 70 percent of fatal accidents classified as LOC events.

And we’re good at the ways we lose control. The box below shows the top 10 leading causes and fatality numbers for fatal general aviation accidents in 2008 and 2009. The Part 91/135 numbers were tabulated using “defining events” identified by the NTSB.

Event	Fatalities
1. Loss of control in flight while maneuvering	26
2. Loss of control in flight during initial climb	21
3. Aerodynamic stall or spin while maneuvering during low-altitude flying (a LOC event)	12
4. Low-altitude operation or event while maneuvering during low-altitude flying	10
5. Controlled flight into terrain/object (CFIT) during en route cruise	8
6. Aerodynamic stall or spin during initial climb (a LOC event)	8
7. VFR encounter with IMC during en route	7
8. Loss of control in flight during en route cruise	7
9. Loss of control in flight while maneuvering during low-altitude flying	7
10. Collision with terrain or an object (non-CFIT) while maneuvering during low-altitude flying	7