

WEATHER-RELATED

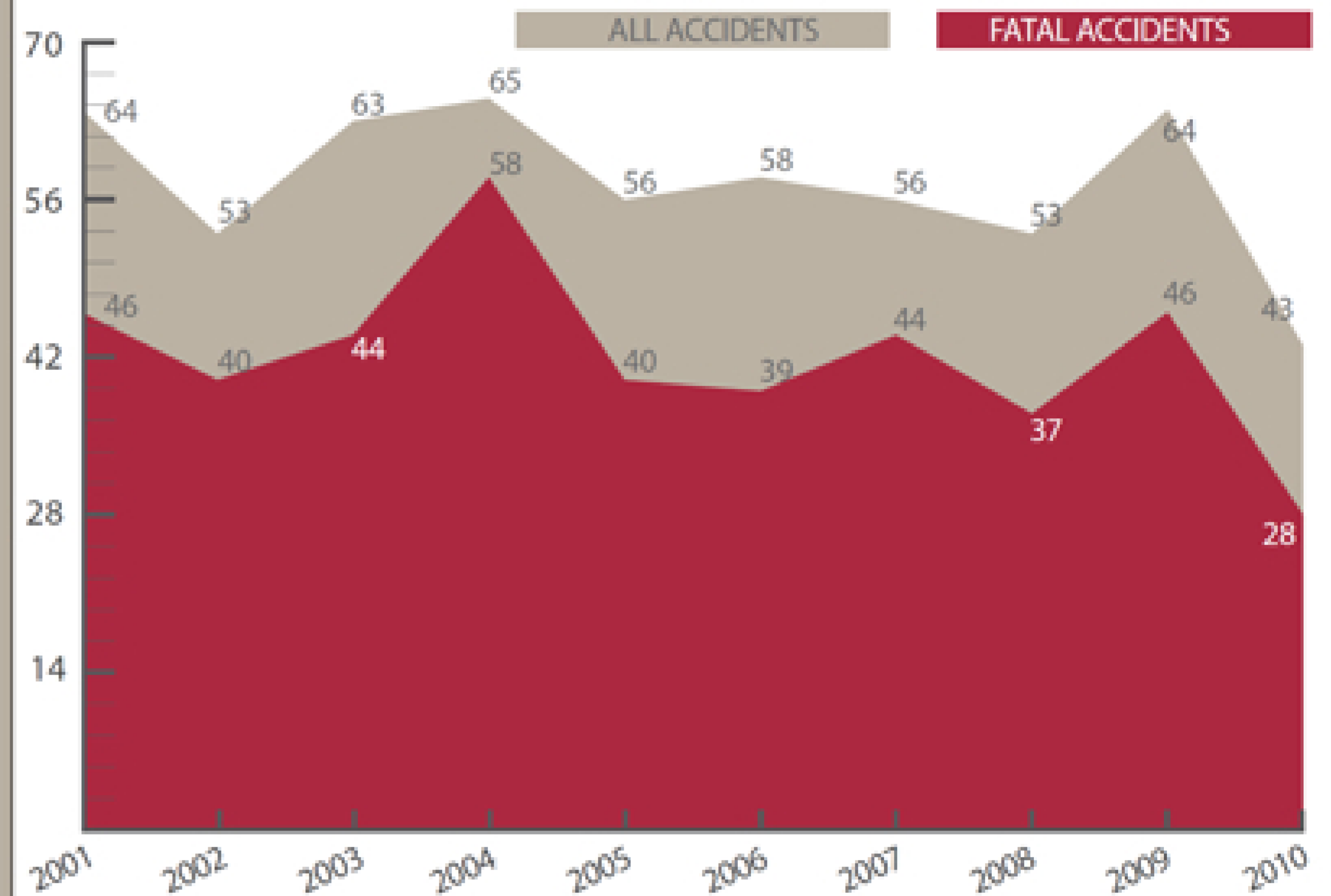
After noting the data are subject to additional refinement, AOPA ASI stated, "Available data do suggest that, as always, attempts to fly by visual references in instrument conditions accounted for the lion's share of fatalities. The unusually low number ascribed to deficient execution of instrument procedures by appropriately rated pilots in properly equipped aircraft merits re-examination after the data are more complete."

Of course, dealing with weather is more complex and dynamic than making sure there's enough fuel to get to the destination. Of course, headwinds work against pilots by making fuel exhaustion more of a possibility than it should be.

But today's near-real-time access to highly accurate weather data both before and during a flight might be reflected in the trend graph at right: As more and more pilots equip themselves with the tools required to monitor weather while airborne, it's possible we're seeing the beneficial effects in the data.

Making the correct weather-based decisions in today's environment should be much easier than, say, just 10 years ago. How much easier is debatable, but the tools available today should result in the classic VFR-flight-into-IMC accident—the leading cause of weather-related fatalities—less of a problem than ever. We'll see.

Weather Accident Trend



Types Of Weather Accidents

