

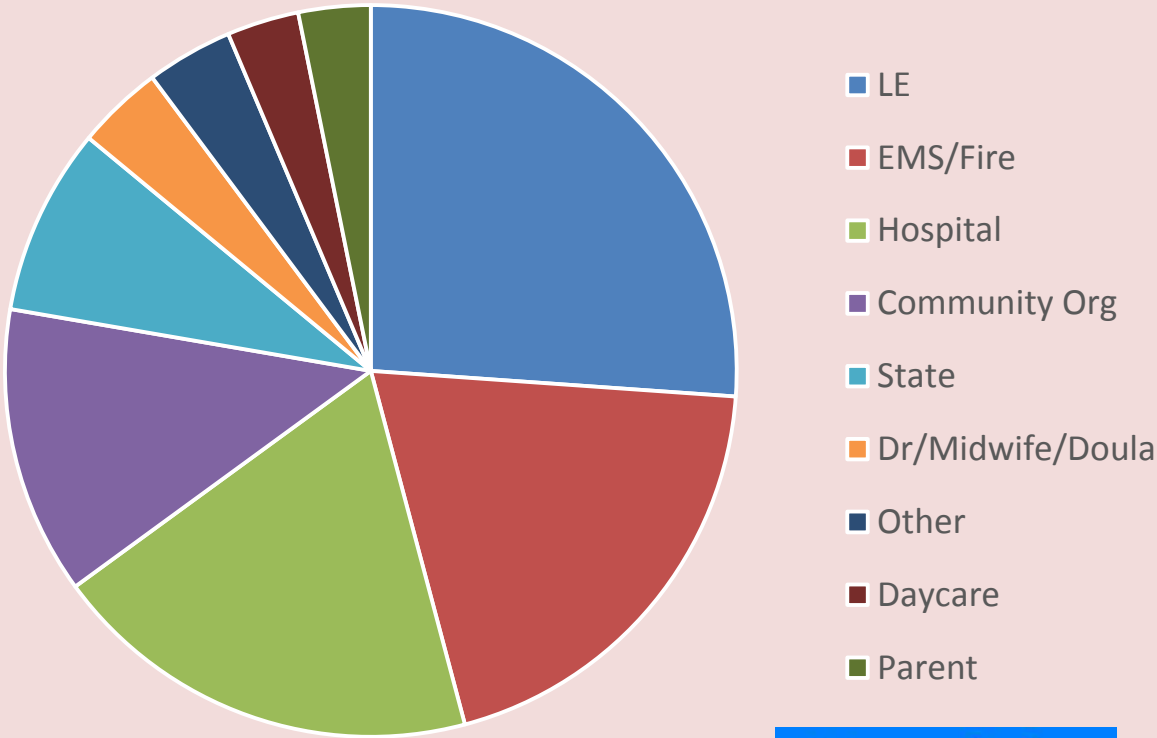
# Building Law Enforcement Capacity in Child Passenger Safety



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# Types of Technicians

Percent by type of Child Passenger Safety Technician - 2017



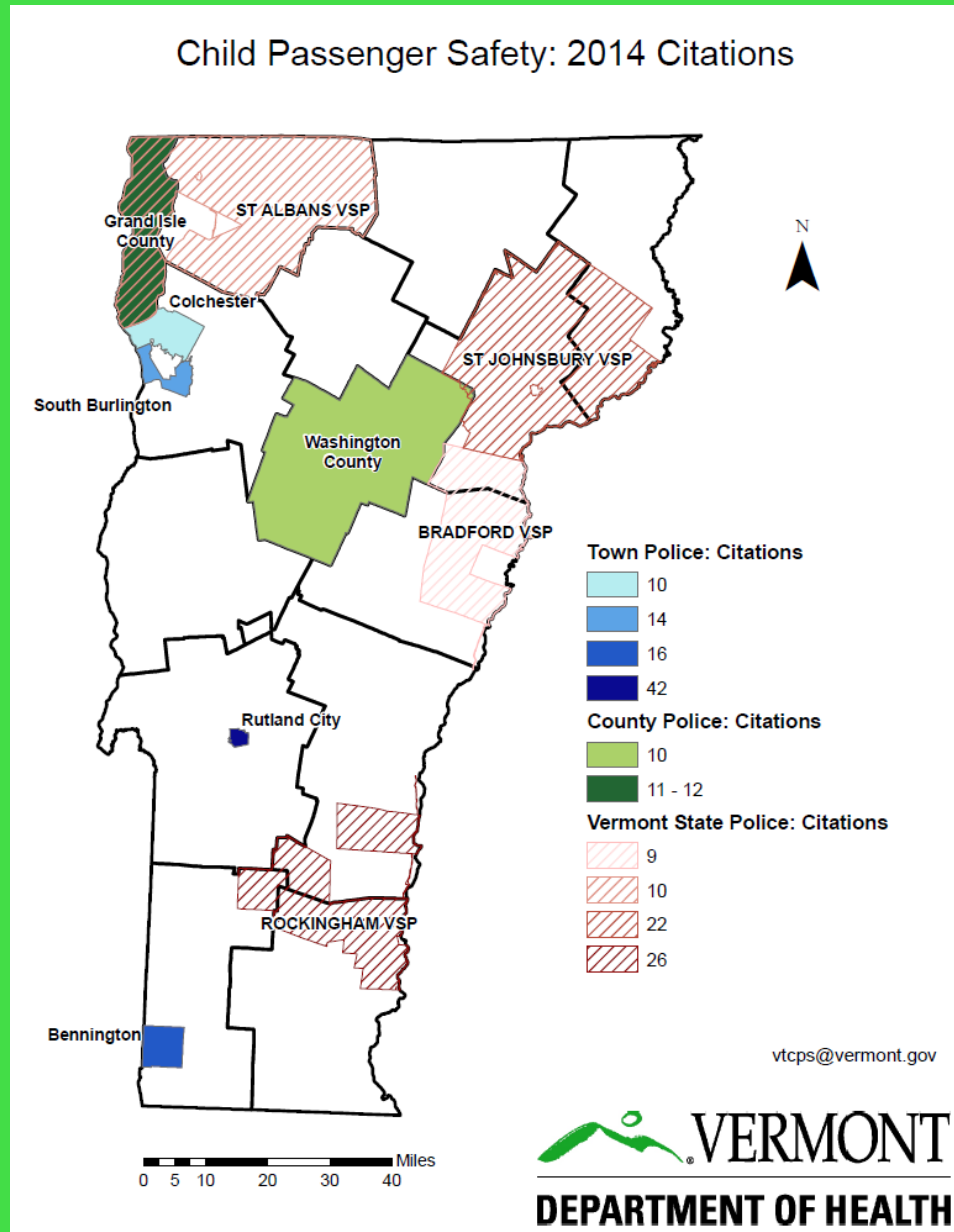
# Law Enforcement Techs

- 26% of our Tech base
- The Vermont Police Academy “oversees the training and certification of state, county and local law enforcement professionals in the State of Vermont.”



# Citations – Vermont Judicial Bureau

## Child Passenger Safety: 2014 Citations



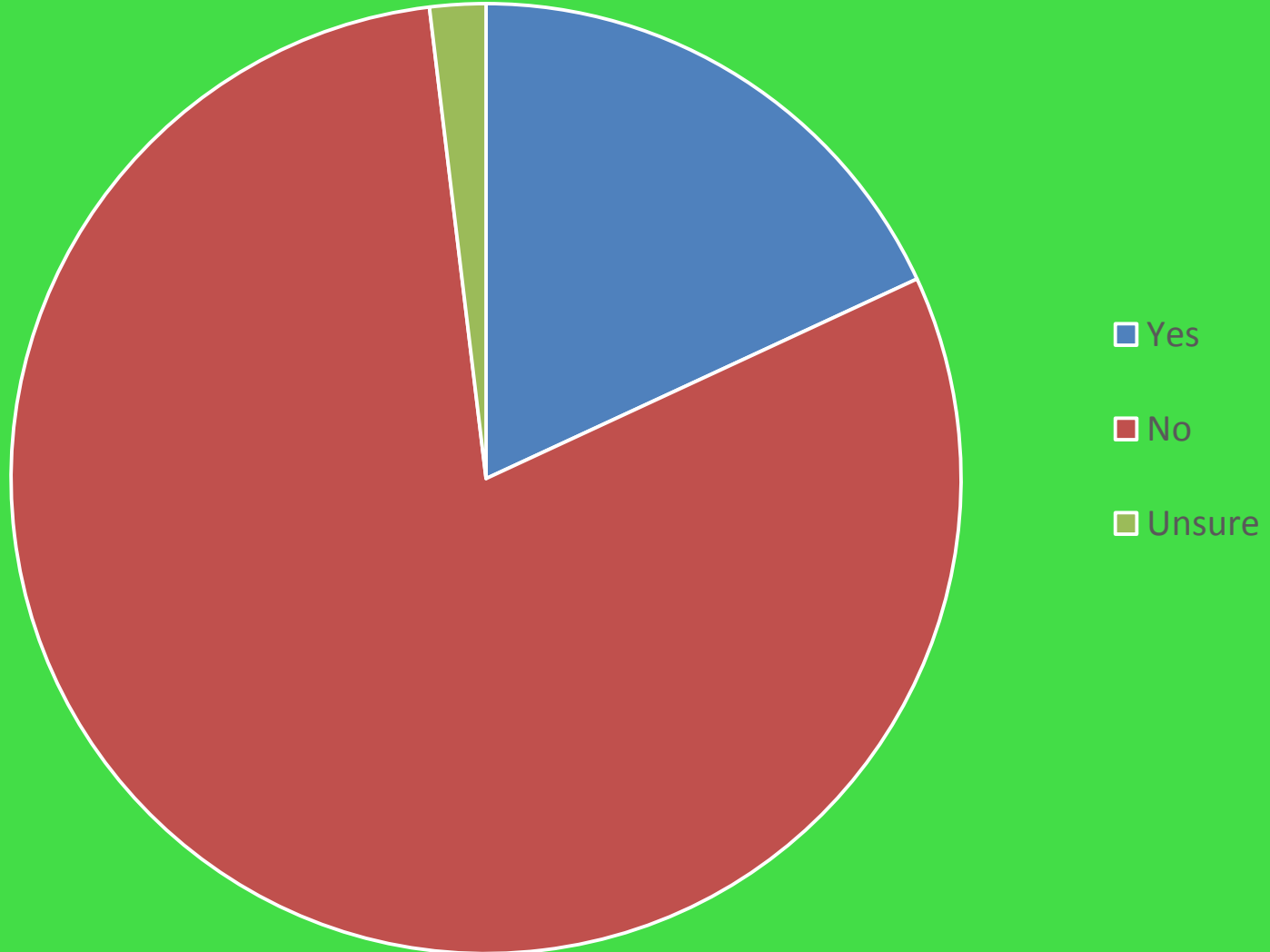


# Survey to existing law enforcement

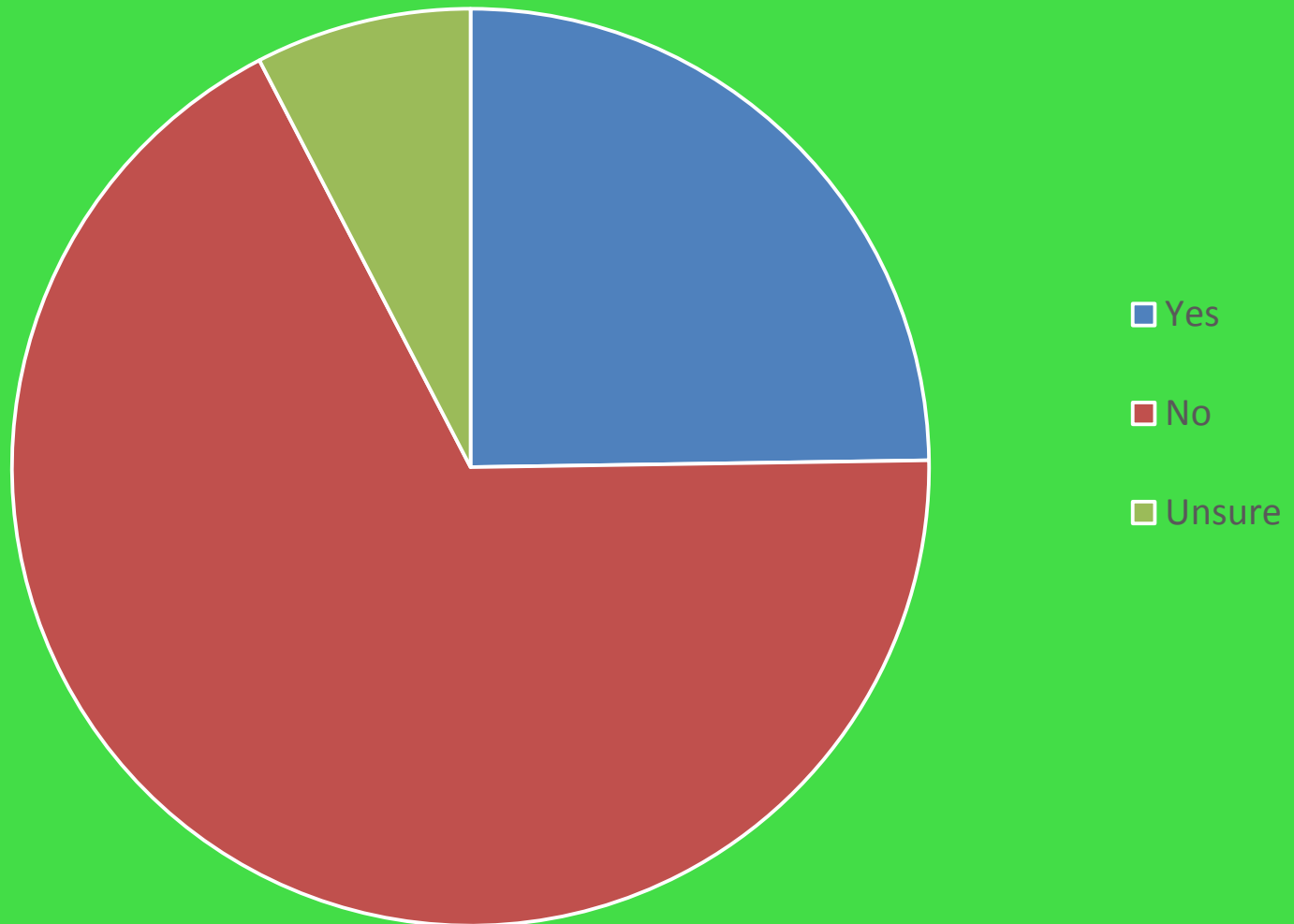
**“Law enforcement knowledge and awareness of appropriate car seat use.”**

- The survey was developed by the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) COIIN team which includes:
  - Tanya Wells, Injury Prevention Program Administrator, Vermont Department of Health
  - Sidney Bradley, CPS Program Coordinator, Vermont Department of Health
  - Sgt. Tim Gould, Office of Professional Development, Vermont State Police
  - Cpl. Jeffrey Fontaine, CPS Technician, Colchester Police Department
- The survey was emailed out to all existing Vermont law enforcement via SurveyMonkey by the Vermont State Police Academy Director of Training.
- The survey was open from October 14, 2016 – November 5, 2016.
- We collected 105 responses.

# Is it legal to have RF car seat in front of an active airbag?

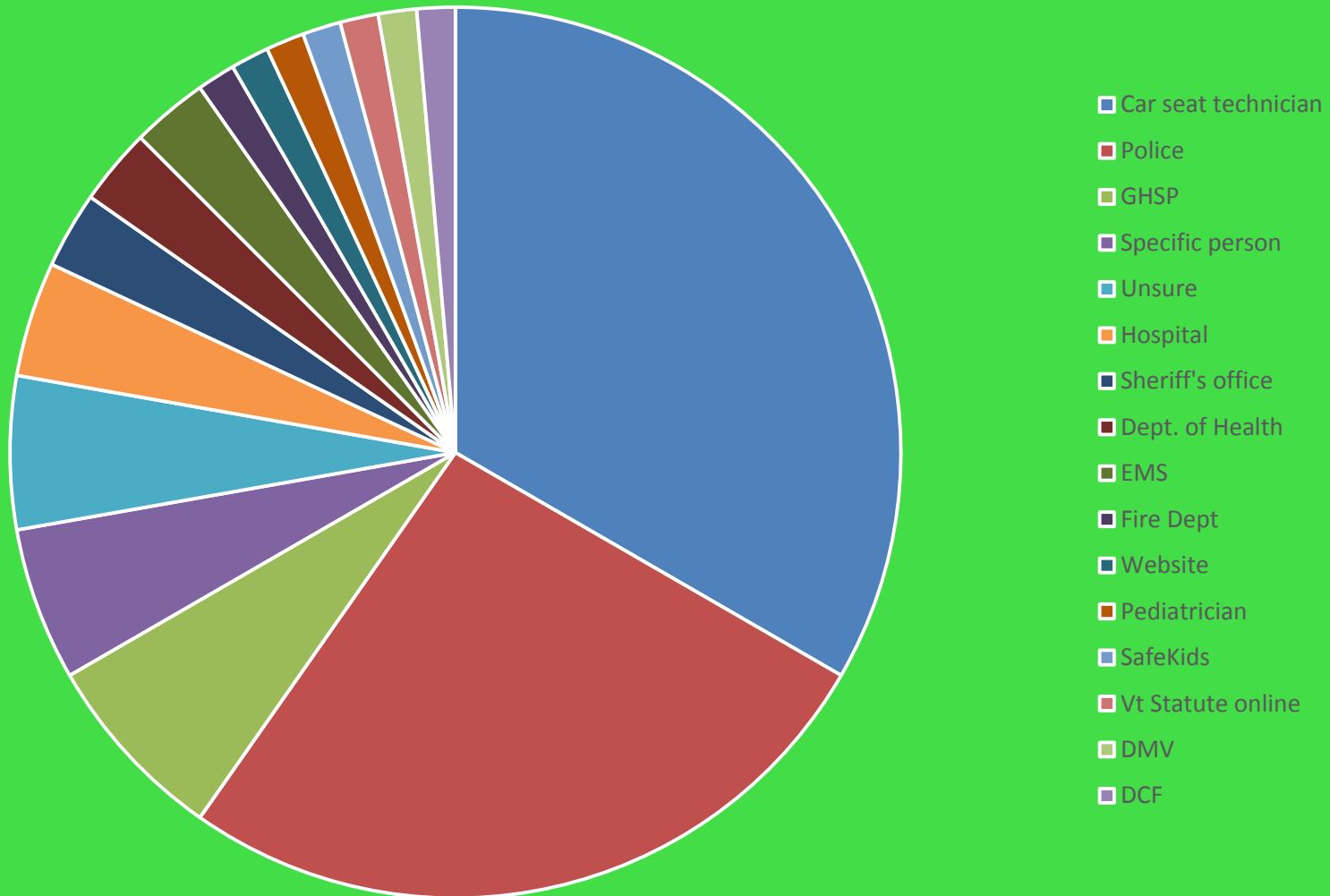


# Is it appropriate for a 2 year old to ride in a booster seat?





# Who do you call if you have a question about a car seat or the way a child is sitting in a vehicle? (Open-Ended Response)



# Next steps:

- Implement awareness courses for:
  - Existing LE, to be offered by existing LE techs around the state starting Spring 2017
  - New LE, as part of post basic training starting Spring 2017
- Recruit LE for full certification course
- Evaluate:
  - knowledge and awareness pre/post
  - Crash data and citation data



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