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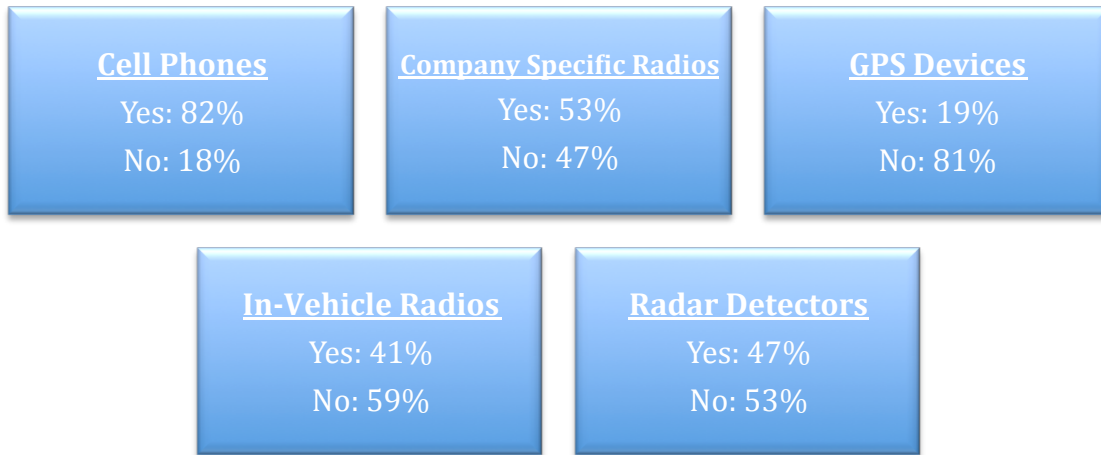
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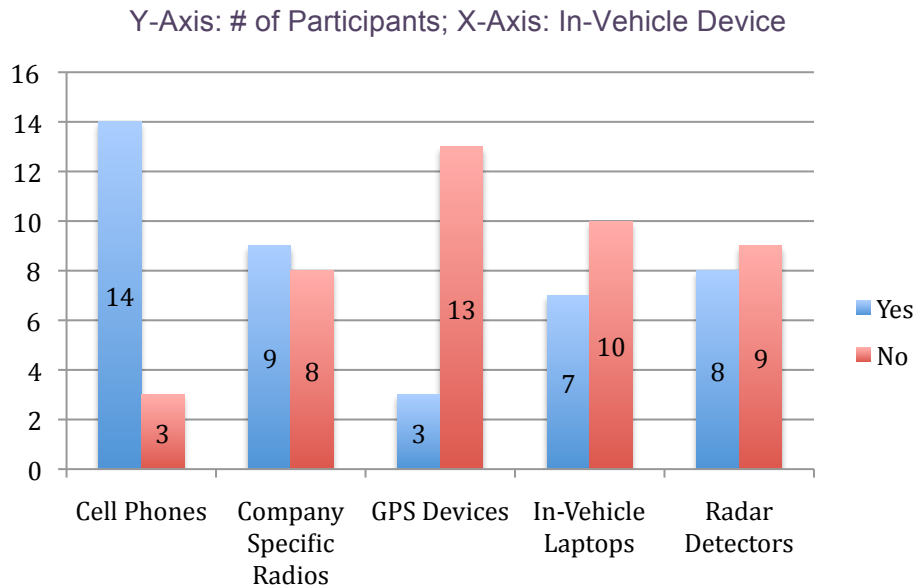
### USR: In-Vehicle Device Policy

This report provides the results collected from the most recent USR, the purpose of which was to retrieve information on In-Vehicle Device Policy. Fleet professionals from top performing utilities across the country participated in this effort, providing valuable information to the utility fleet industry.

The first question participants were asked sought to determine the percentage of fleet organizations that have policies regarding in-vehicle use of the following devices:



This chart represents the data above together for an overall comparison of what in-vehicle devices most organizations have policies regarding.

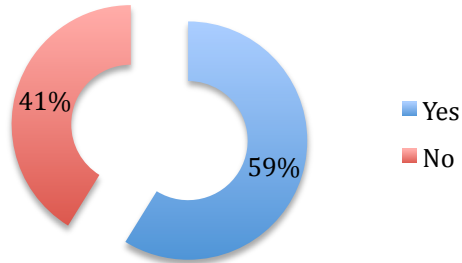


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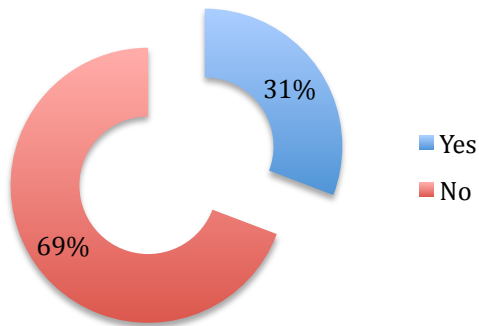
### The Nature of In-Vehicle Device Operation and Policies

The purpose of the next set of questions is to reveal the nature of in-vehicle device policies and their operations within the vehicle.

Question #3 of the USR asked whether your company has a policy requiring the use of hands free operations for cell phone use. The responses were as follows:



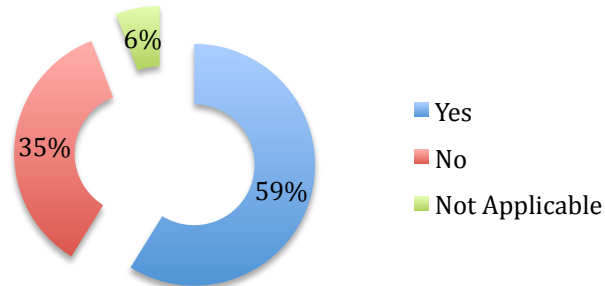
The next graph represents a follow-up to question #3 applied to those who responded yes to that question. It asked if your policy requiring the use of hands free operations for cell phone use is a state regulation. The responses were as follows:



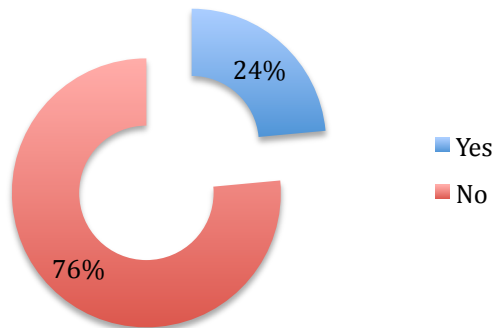
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The last three questions revolve around the operations of in-vehicle devices. This particular graph represents the responses to whether or not laptop/notebook computers docked in vehicles were operable at all times. The responses were as follows:

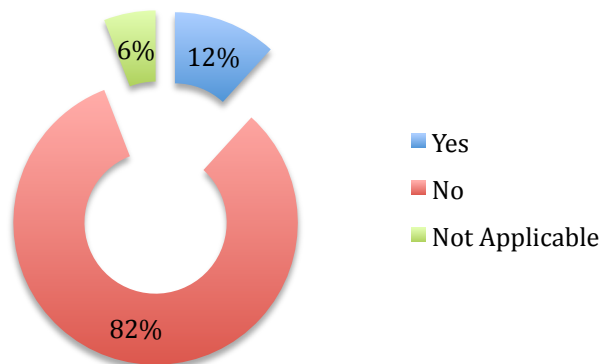
*Note: For some participants, this question was not applicable.*



Are computers electronically controlled with vehicle operation?



Are the computer screens controlled by transmission engagement?



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### **Summary & Conclusions**

According to results from those who participated, it is clear that cell phones emerges as the leading device that organizations have policies regarding in-vehicle use. Next and nearly all equal in response are company specific radios, radar detectors and in-vehicle laptops. GPS devices represent the type of device that has the least policies regarding its in-vehicle use. This may or may not be contributed to fact that the use of GPS devices is not as widespread as the previously mentioned devices.

While 59% of participants reported they do have policies requiring the hands-free use of cell phones in vehicles, only 31% of these policies are a state regulation.

Over half of participants [59%] reported that laptop/notebook computers docked in vehicles are operable at all times. But 76% reported that computers are not electronically controlled with vehicle operations.

Finally, 82% of participants reported that computer screens are not controlled by transmission engagement.