

Professional Discipline and the American Midwifery Certification Board: an Analysis of Discipline Cases 2020-2025

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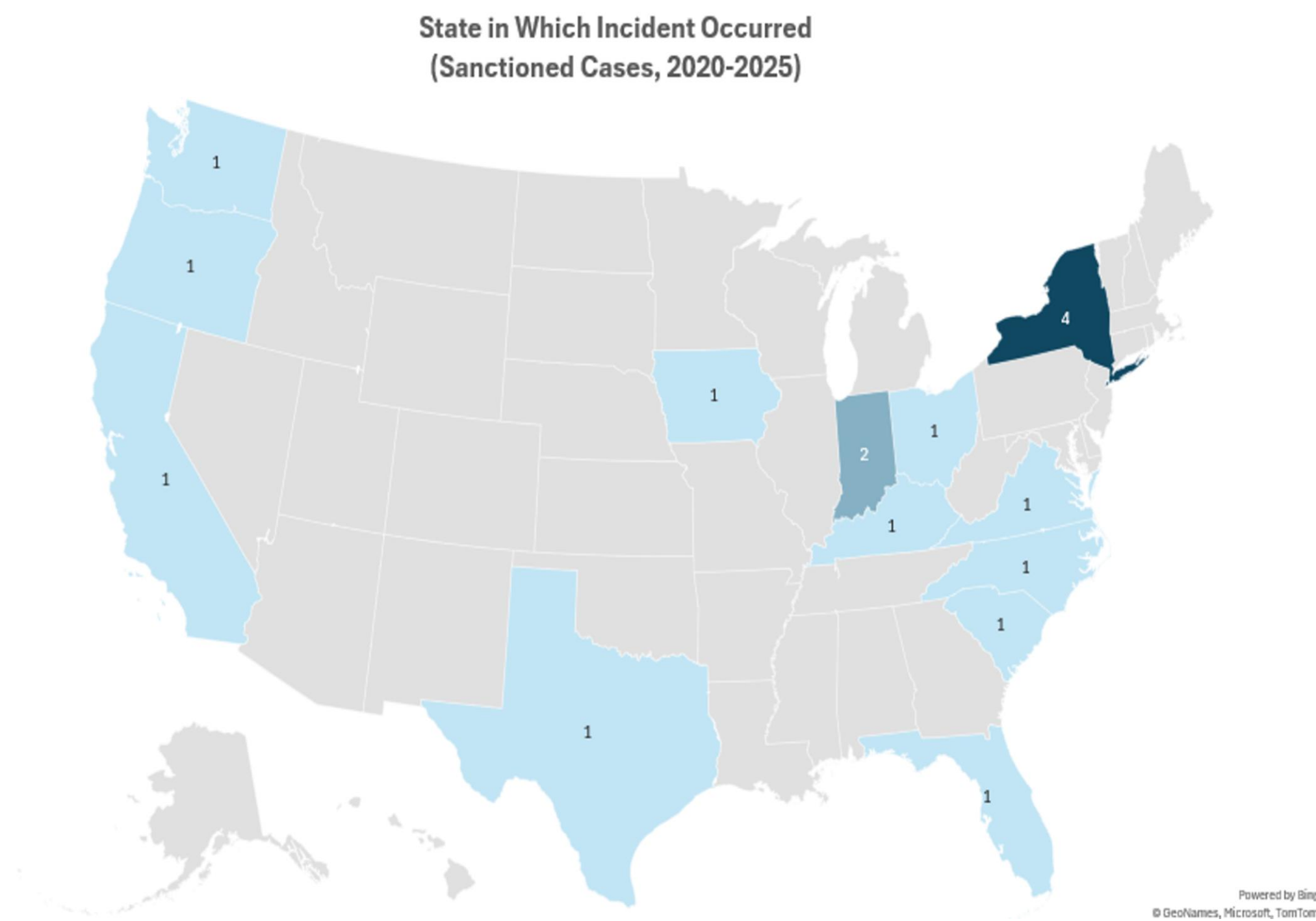
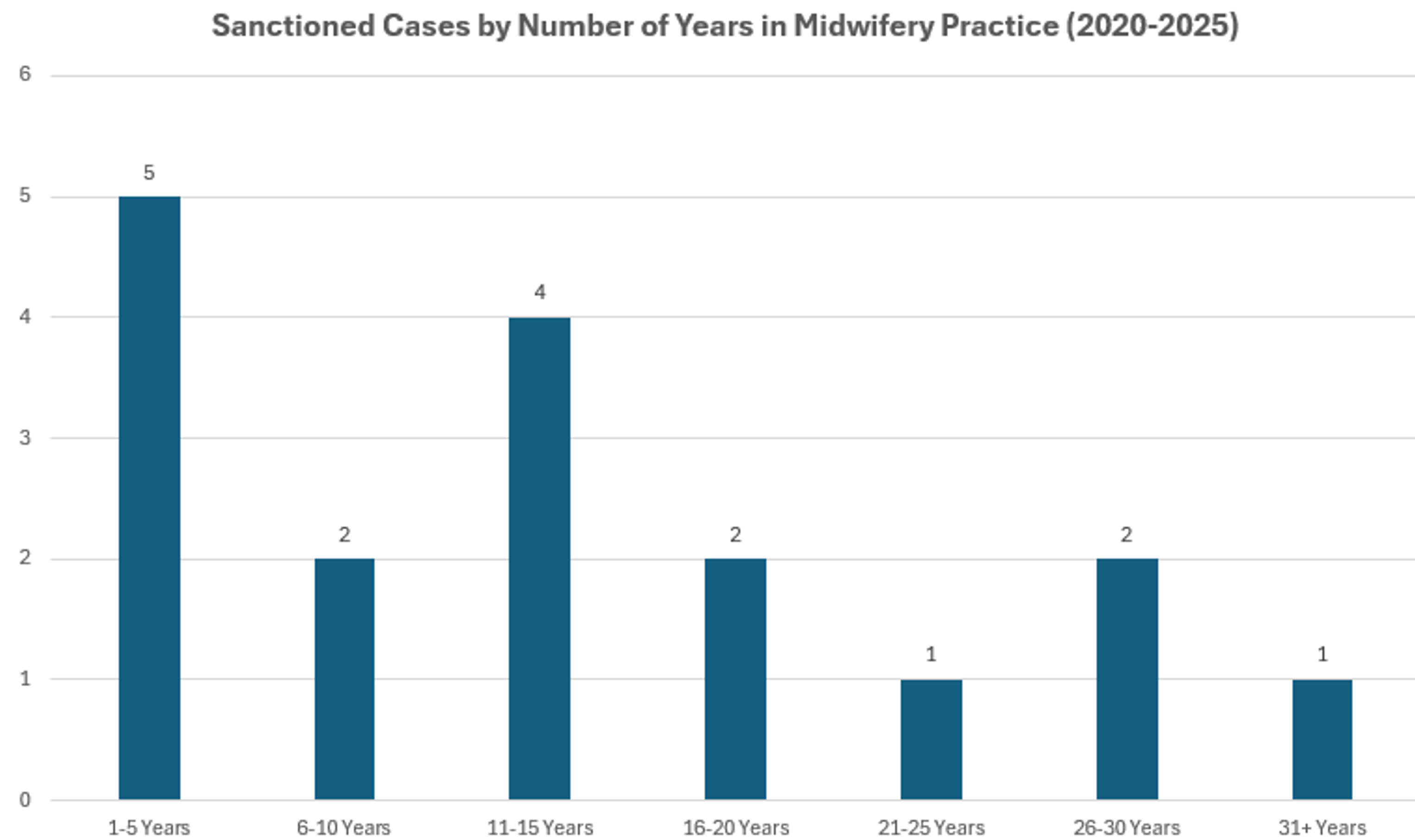
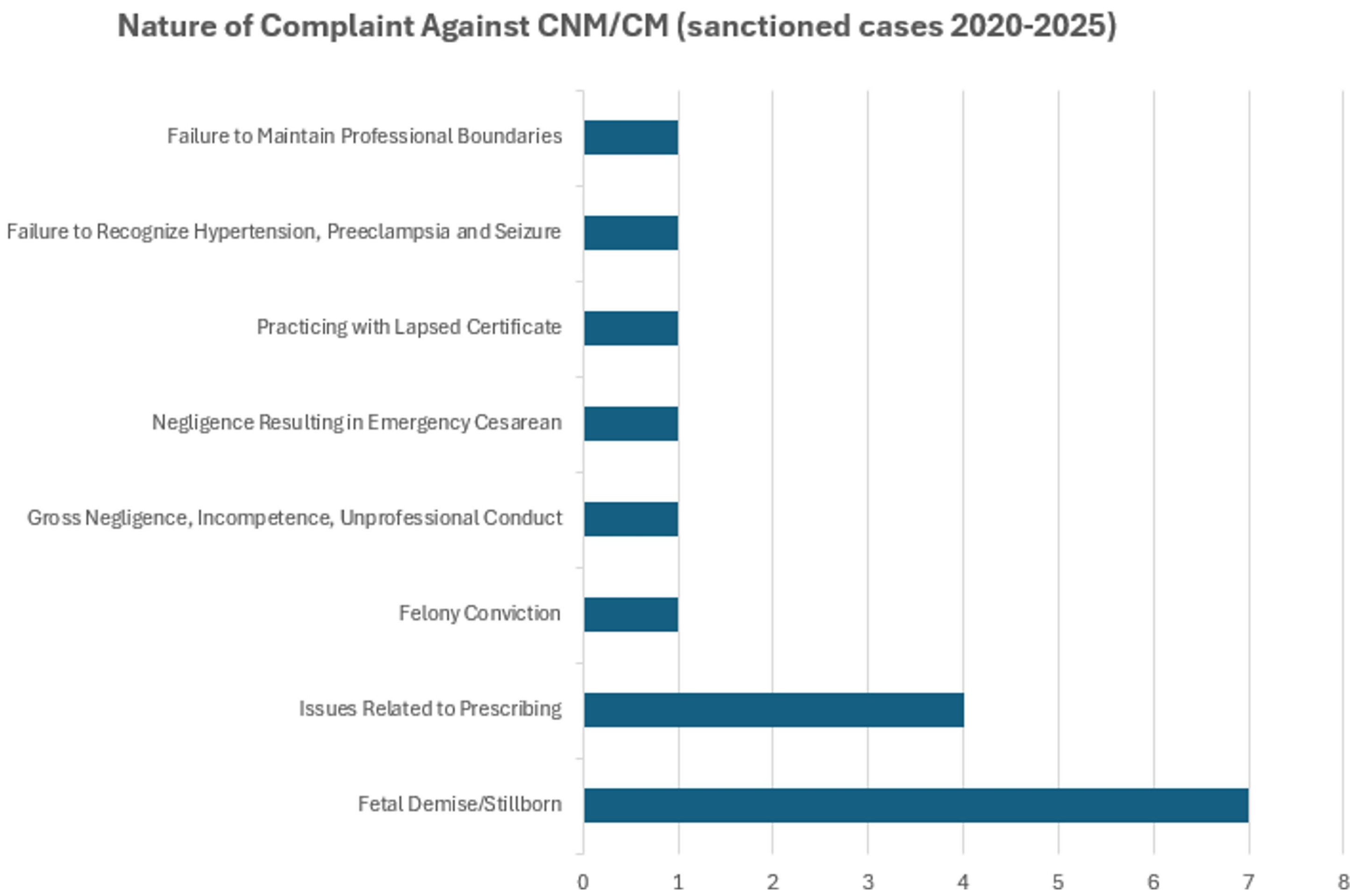
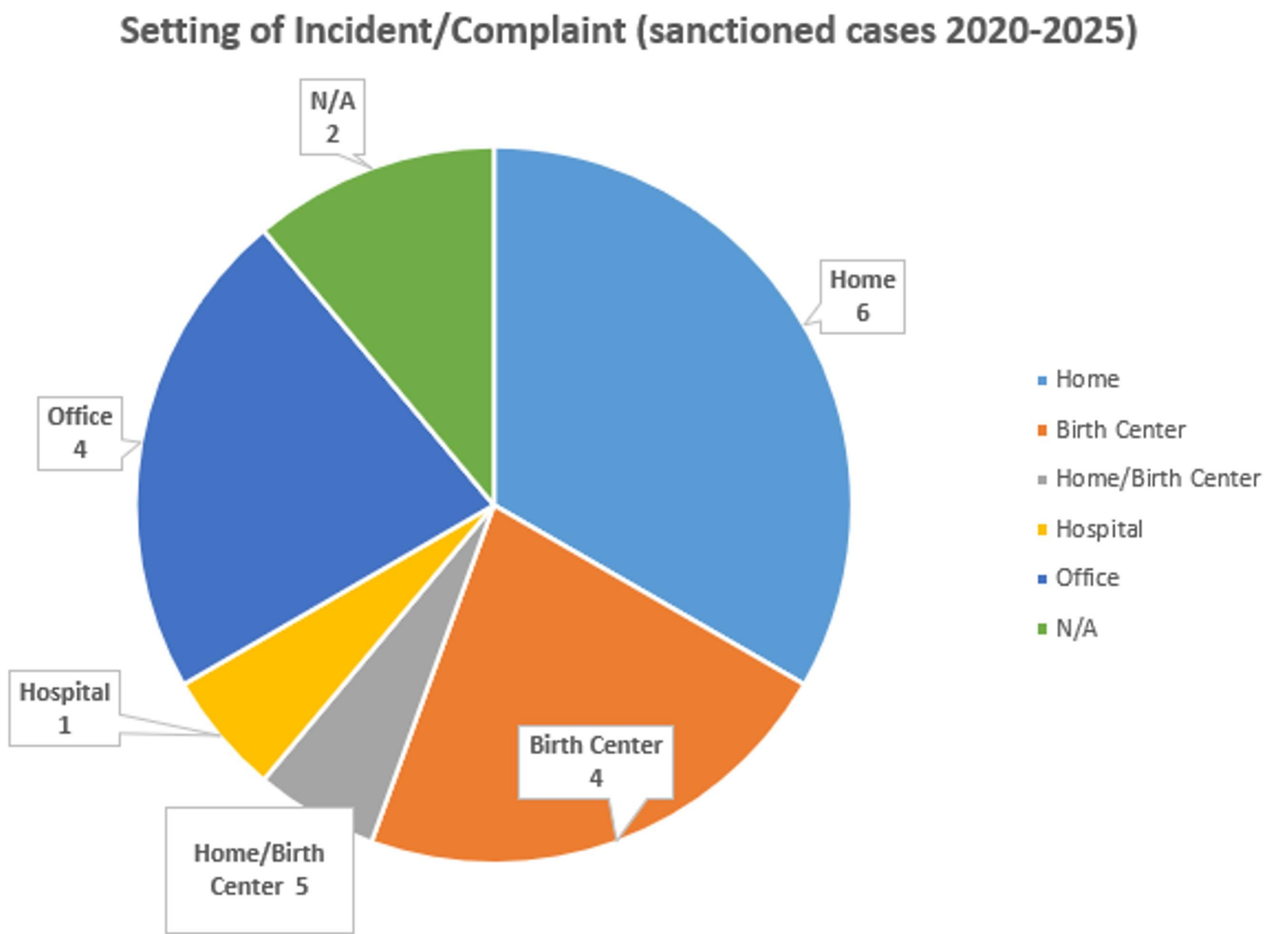
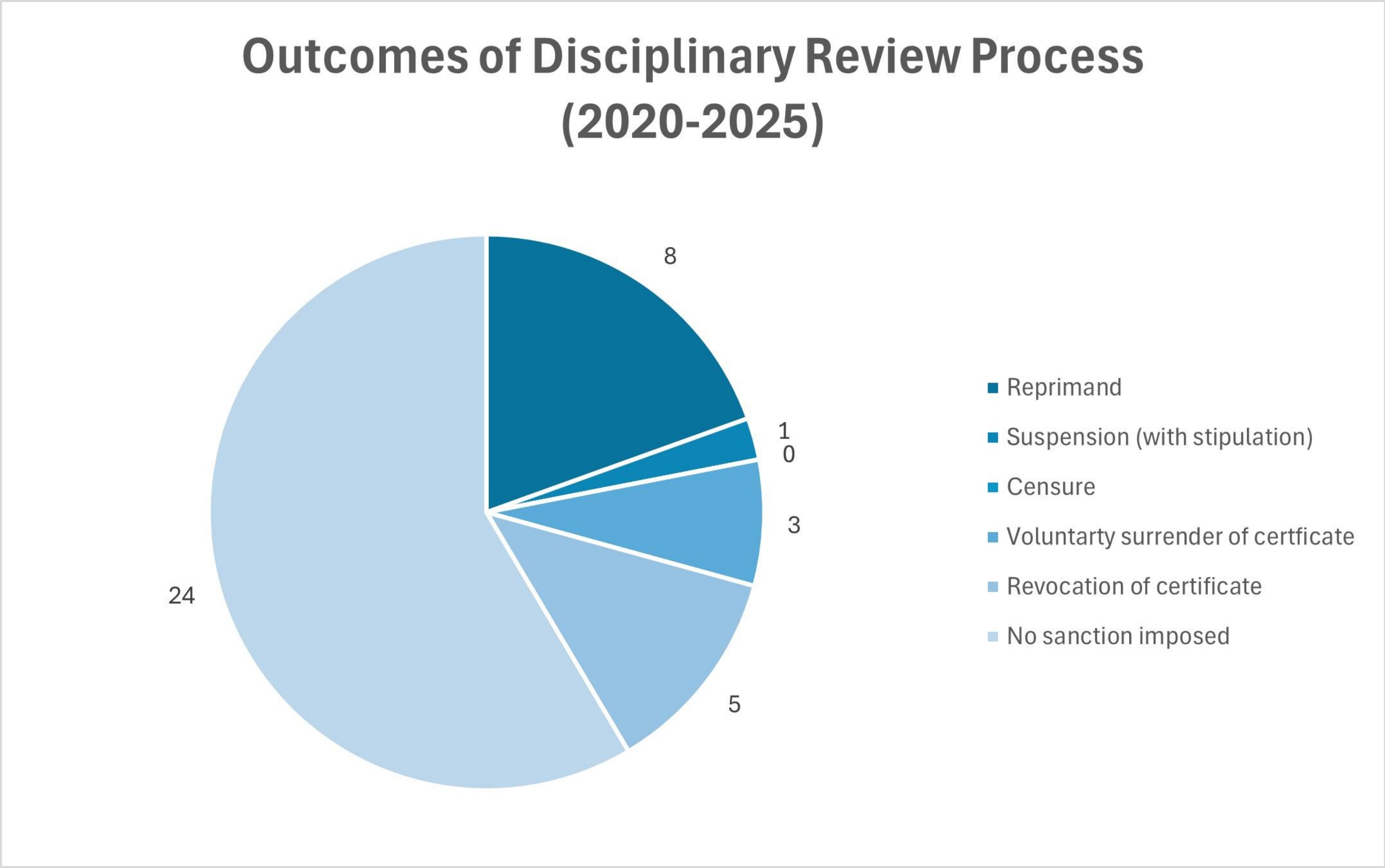
- The purpose of the AMCB Discipline Policy is to provide guidelines and procedures for reviewing alleged violations.
- These violations should focus on misconduct relating to the certification examination, misuse of the credential, substandard practice, or unethical conduct within professional practice.

Discipline Overview

- Primary goal is protection of the public, professional responsibility.
- Required by National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).
- Grounds for disciplinary action and disciplinary process, and appeal process found in Discipline Policy & Procedures. <https://www.amcbmidwife.org/about-amcb/discipline>
- AMCB accepts complaints submitted by patients and by state licensing agencies.
- Currently 8 discipline chairs within AMCB
- 15,000 CNMs/CMs in the U.S.

Data Analysis

- Describe the number, types, and outcomes of cases reviewed for discipline by the AMCB Discipline Committee from 2020-2025.
- Since prior analysis (2016) the number of CNMs/CMs has increased from 11,700 to over 15,000.
- Number of cases reviewed from 2003-2016: 35 (actions taken: 24).
- Number of cases reviewed from 2020-2025: 41 (actions taken: 17).
- Percentage of AMCB certificants with AMCB discipline review remains very low (<1%).



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