

```
Index(['Event.Id', 'Investigation.Type', 'Accident.Number', 'Event.Date',  
      'Location', 'Country', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Airport.Code',  
      'Airport.Name', 'Injury.Severity', 'Aircraft.damage',  
      'Aircraft.Category', 'Registration.Number', 'Make', 'Model',  
      'Amateur.Built', 'Number.of.Engines', 'Engine.Type', 'FAR.Description',  
      'Amateur.ID', 'C.Guide.ID', 'Airline.ID', 'Flight.Fuel.Quantity'])
```

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'Schedule', 'Purpose.of.flight', 'Air.carrier', 'Total.Fatal.Injuries',
'Total.Serious.Injuries', 'Total.Minor.Injuries', 'Total.Uninjured',
'Weather.Condition', 'Broad.phase.of.flight', 'Report.Status',
'Publication.Date'],
dtype='object')
```

In [4]:

```
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 88889 entries, 0 to 88888
Data columns (total 31 columns):
#   Column                               Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Event.Id                             88889 non-null  object
1   Investigation.Type                   88889 non-null  object
2   Accident.Number                     88889 non-null  object
3   Event.Date                           88889 non-null  object
4   Location                             88837 non-null  object
5   Country                             88663 non-null  object
6   Latitude                             34382 non-null  object
7   Longitude                            34373 non-null  object
8   Airport.Code                         50132 non-null  object
9   Airport.Name                         52704 non-null  object
10  Injury.Severity                      87889 non-null  object
11  Aircraft.damage                      85695 non-null  object
12  Aircraft.Category                   32287 non-null  object
13  Registration.Number                 87507 non-null  object
14  Make                                88826 non-null  object
15  Model                               88797 non-null  object
16  Amateur.Built                       88787 non-null  object
17  Number.of.Engines                   82805 non-null  float64
18  Engine.Type                         81793 non-null  object
19  FAR.Description                     32023 non-null  object
20  Schedule                             12582 non-null  object
21  Purpose.of.flight                   82697 non-null  object
22  Air.carrier                         16648 non-null  object
23  Total.Fatal.Injuries                77488 non-null  float64
24  Total.Serious.Injuries              76379 non-null  float64
25  Total.Minor.Injuries                76956 non-null  float64
26  Total.Uninjured                     82977 non-null  float64
27  Weather.Condition                   84397 non-null  object
28  Broad.phase.of.flight                61724 non-null  object
29  Report.Status                       82505 non-null  object
30  Publication.Date                     75118 non-null  object
dtypes: float64(5), object(26)
memory usage: 21.0+ MB
```

## Definition of aviation term:

**FAR.Description (Federal Aviation Regulations)-** According to <https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/federal-aviation-regulation-far>, FAR is the body of rules prescribed by the Federal Aviation Authority(FAA) governing all aviation activities in the United States. Therefore, the applicable description(parts of the rules) is dependent on the type of aircraft.

## Data cleaning and Analysis Process

First pick the columns to be featured and analyzed

In [5]:

```
select_df = df[["Event.Date", "Location", "Country", "Weather.Condition", "Aircraft.damage",
"Aircraft.Category", "Make", "Model", "Engine.Type", "Number.of.Engines", "Injury.Sev
erity", "Total.Fatal.Injuries", "Total.Serious.Injuries", "Total.Minor.Injuries", "Total
.Uninjured", "FAR.Description", "Broad.phase.of.flight", "Purpose.of.flight"]]
```

```
select_df.head()
```

Out [5]:

	Event.Date	Location	Country	Weather.Condition	Aircraft.damage	Aircraft.Category	Make	Model	Engine.Type
0	1948-10-24	MOOSE CREEK, ID	United States	UNK	Destroyed	NaN	Stinson	108-3	Reciprocating
1	1962-07-19	BRIDGEPORT, CA	United States	UNK	Destroyed	NaN	Piper	PA24-180	Reciprocating
2	1974-08-30	Saltville, VA	United States	IMC	Destroyed	NaN	Cessna	172M	Reciprocating
3	1977-06-19	EUREKA, CA	United States	IMC	Destroyed	NaN	Rockwell	112	Reciprocating
4	1979-08-02	Canton, OH	United States	VMC	Destroyed	NaN	Cessna	501	NaN

In [6]:

```
select_df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 88889 entries, 0 to 88888
Data columns (total 18 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   Event.Date                            88889 non-null  object
1   Location                              88837 non-null  object
2   Country                              88663 non-null  object
3   Weather.Condition                    84397 non-null  object
4   Aircraft.damage                      85695 non-null  object
5   Aircraft.Category                    32287 non-null  object
6   Make                                 88826 non-null  object
7   Model                                88797 non-null  object
8   Engine.Type                          81793 non-null  object
9   Number.of.Engines                    82805 non-null  float64
10  Injury.Severity                      87889 non-null  object
11  Total.Fatal.Injuries                 77488 non-null  float64
12  Total.Serious.Injuries               76379 non-null  float64
13  Total.Minor.Injuries                76956 non-null  float64
14  Total.Uninjured                     82977 non-null  float64
15  FAR.Description                     32023 non-null  object
16  Broad.phase.of.flight                61724 non-null  object
17  Purpose.of.flight                   82697 non-null  object
dtypes: float64(5), object(13)
memory usage: 12.2+ MB
```

## First Objective:

Demonstrate the correlation between the number of accidents and the following features; Aircraft.Damage, Injury.Severity, Engine.Type, Number of Engines, FAR.Description, Purpose.of.Flight, "Weather.Condition, Make , Broad.phase.of.flight and Aircraft.Category.

This is easily demonstrated by histogram charts.

In [7]:

```
hist_features = ["Aircraft.damage", "Purpose.of.flight", "Engine.Type", "Number.of.Engines", "FAR.Description",
                 "Weather.Condition", "Broad.phase.of.flight", "Aircraft.Category"]

hist_obj = [x for x in hist_features if select_df[x].dtypes == 'object']
hist_num = [x for x in hist_features if select_df[x].dtypes != 'object']
```

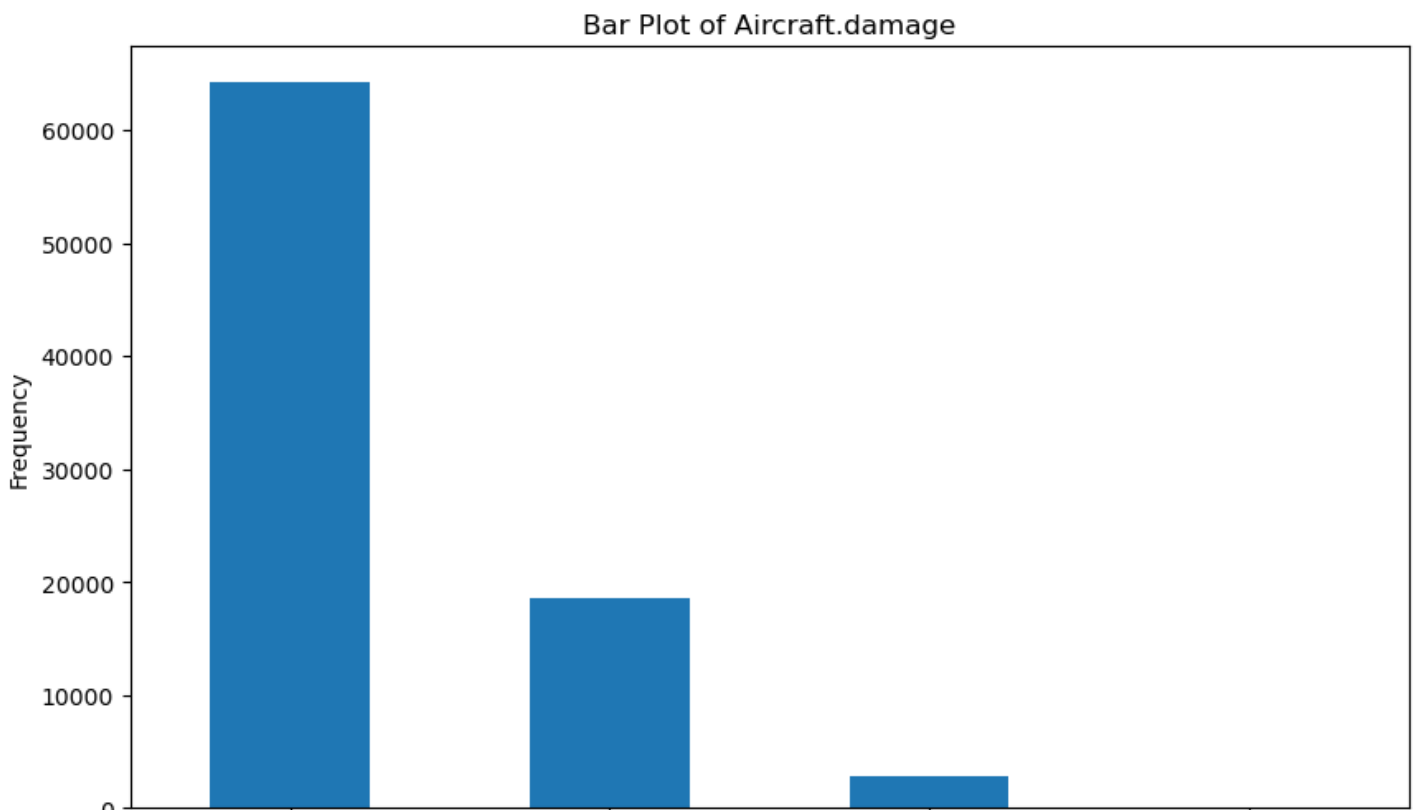
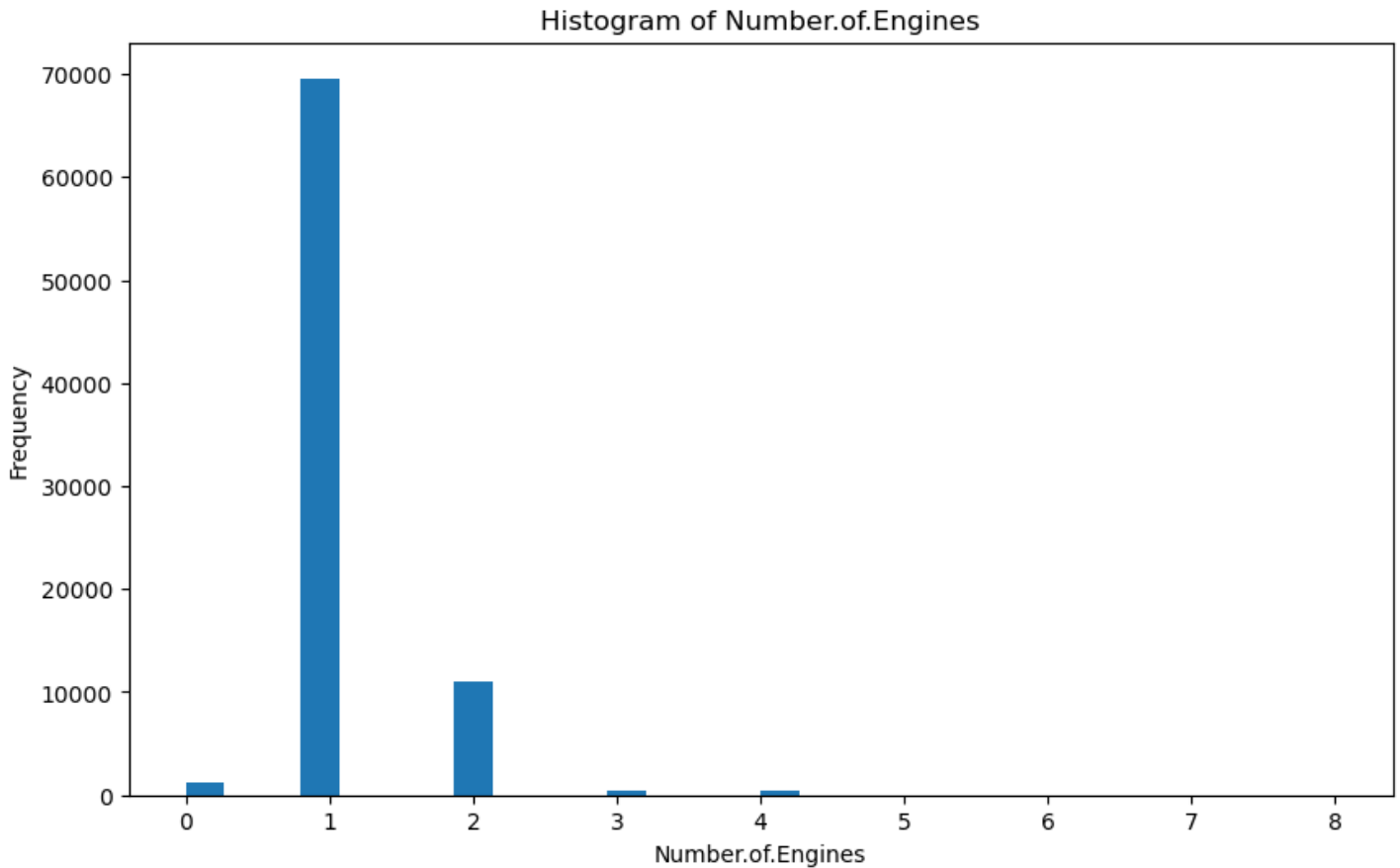
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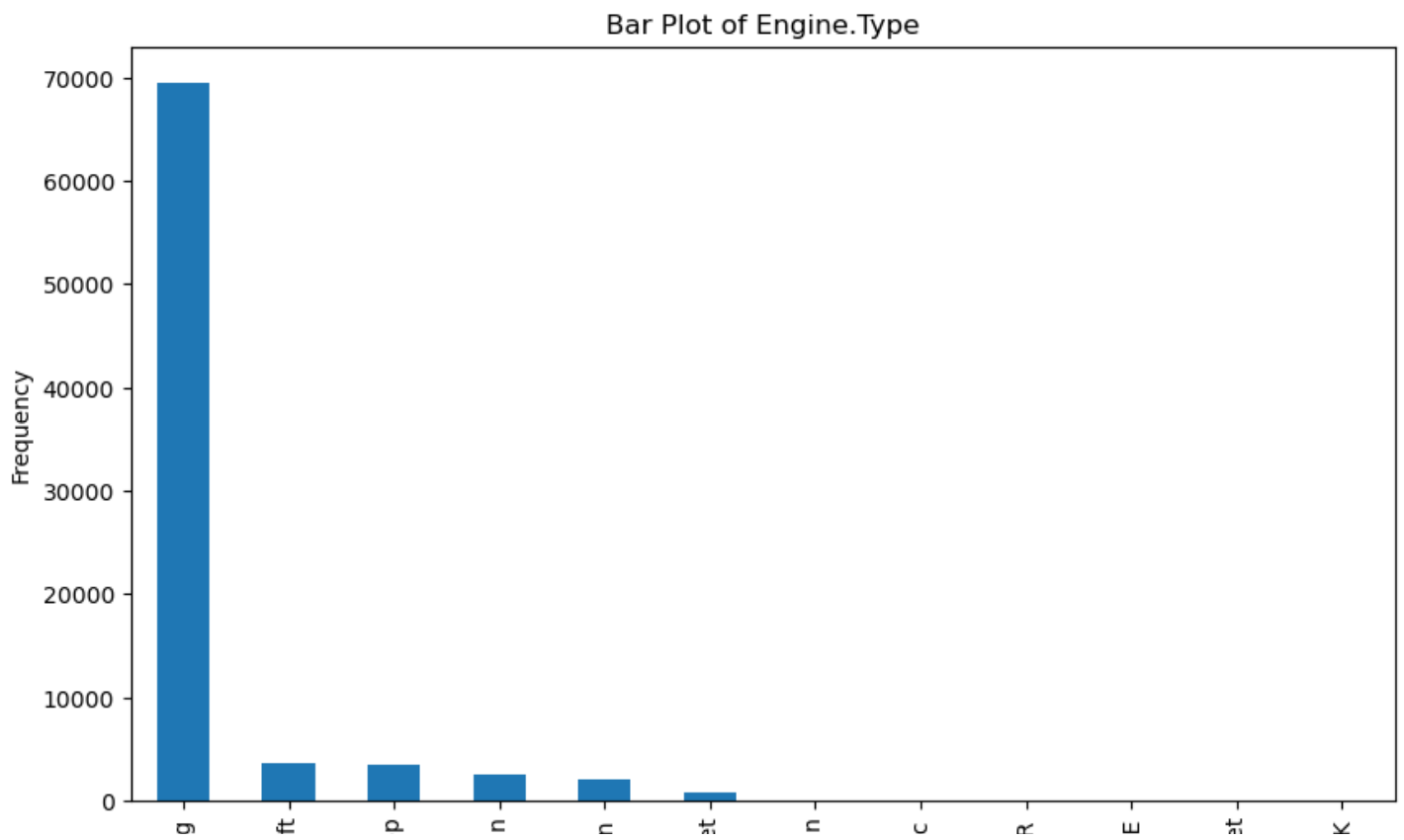
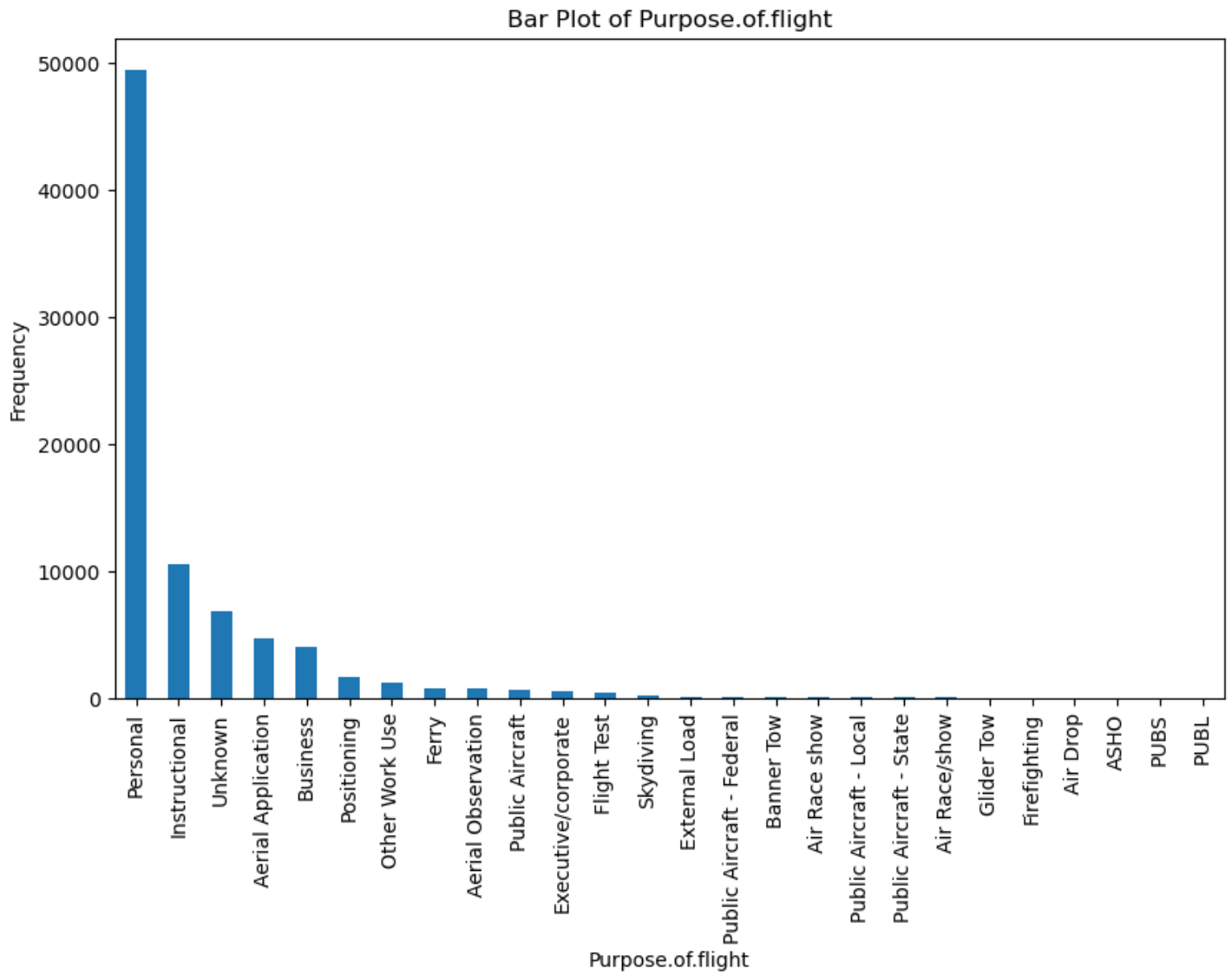
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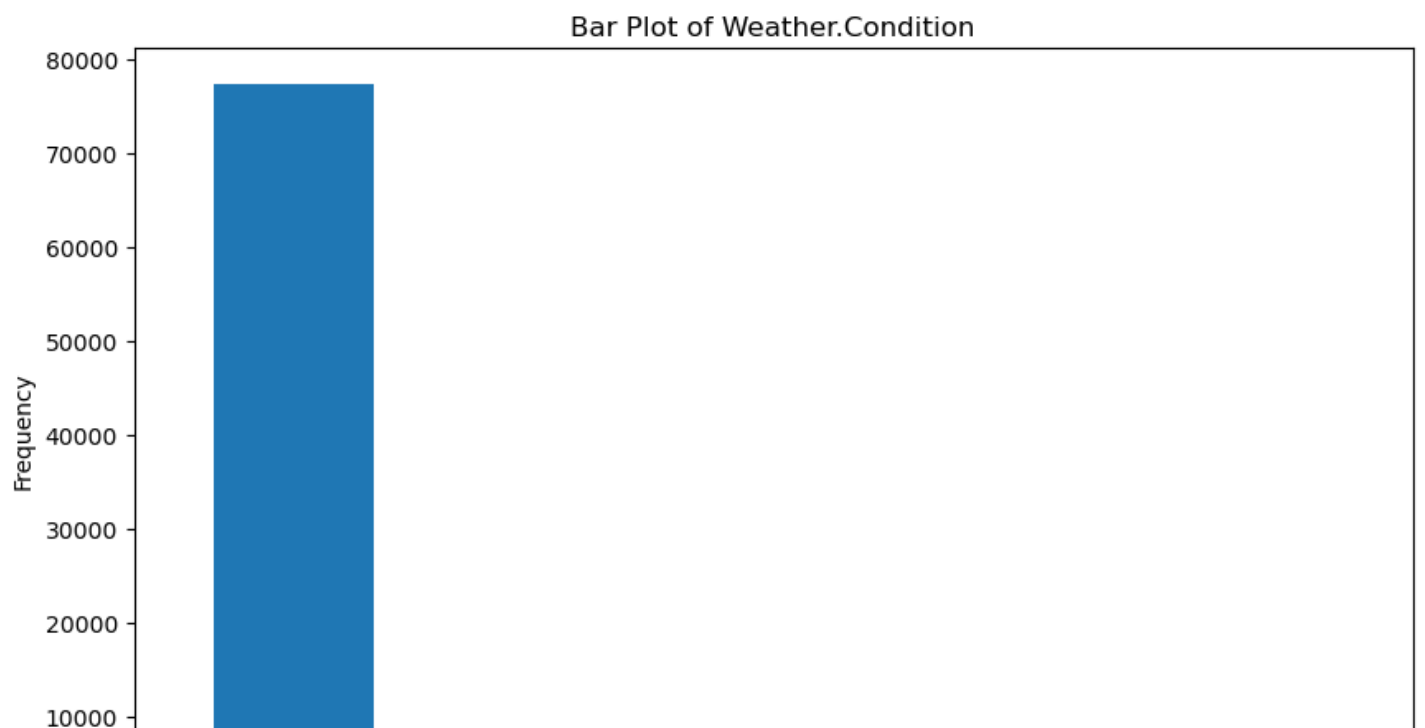
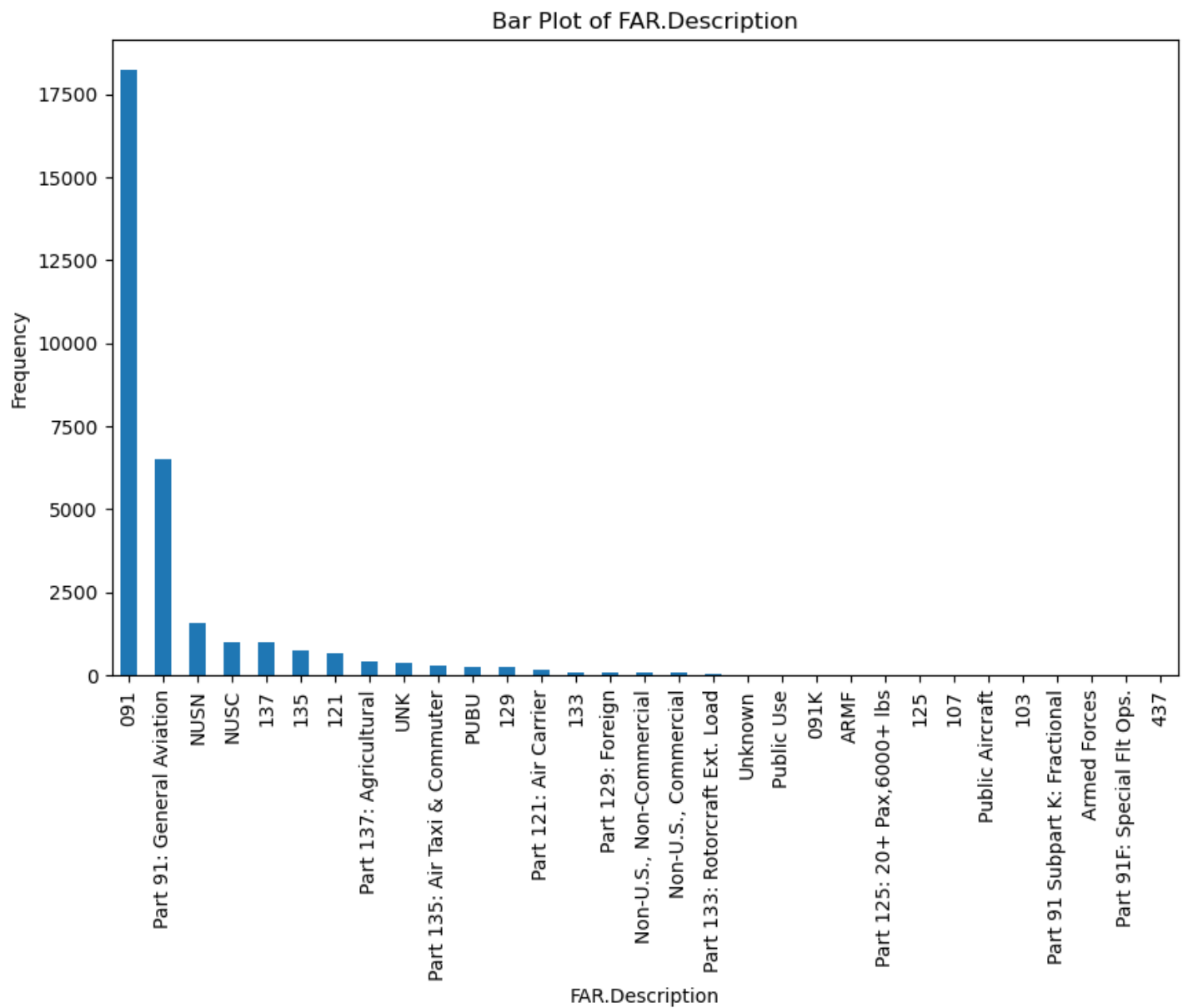
#drawing the histograms
for feature in hist_num:
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    select_df[feature].plot(kind='hist', bins=30, title=f'Histogram of {feature}')
    plt.xlabel(feature)
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.show()

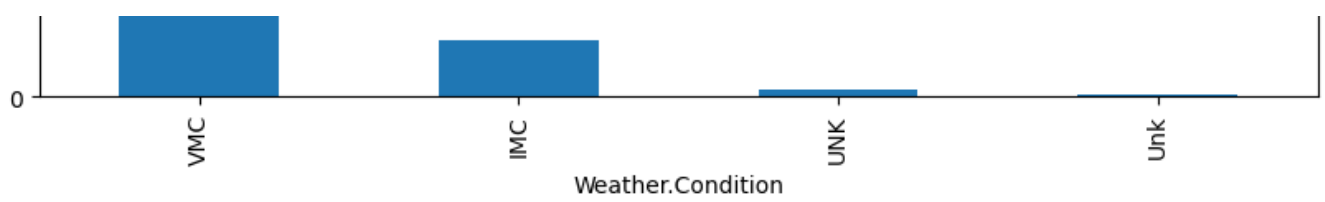
# Plot bar plots for categorical features
for feature in hist_obj:
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    select_df[feature].value_counts().plot(kind='bar', title=f'Bar Plot of {feature}')
    plt.xlabel(feature)
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.show()

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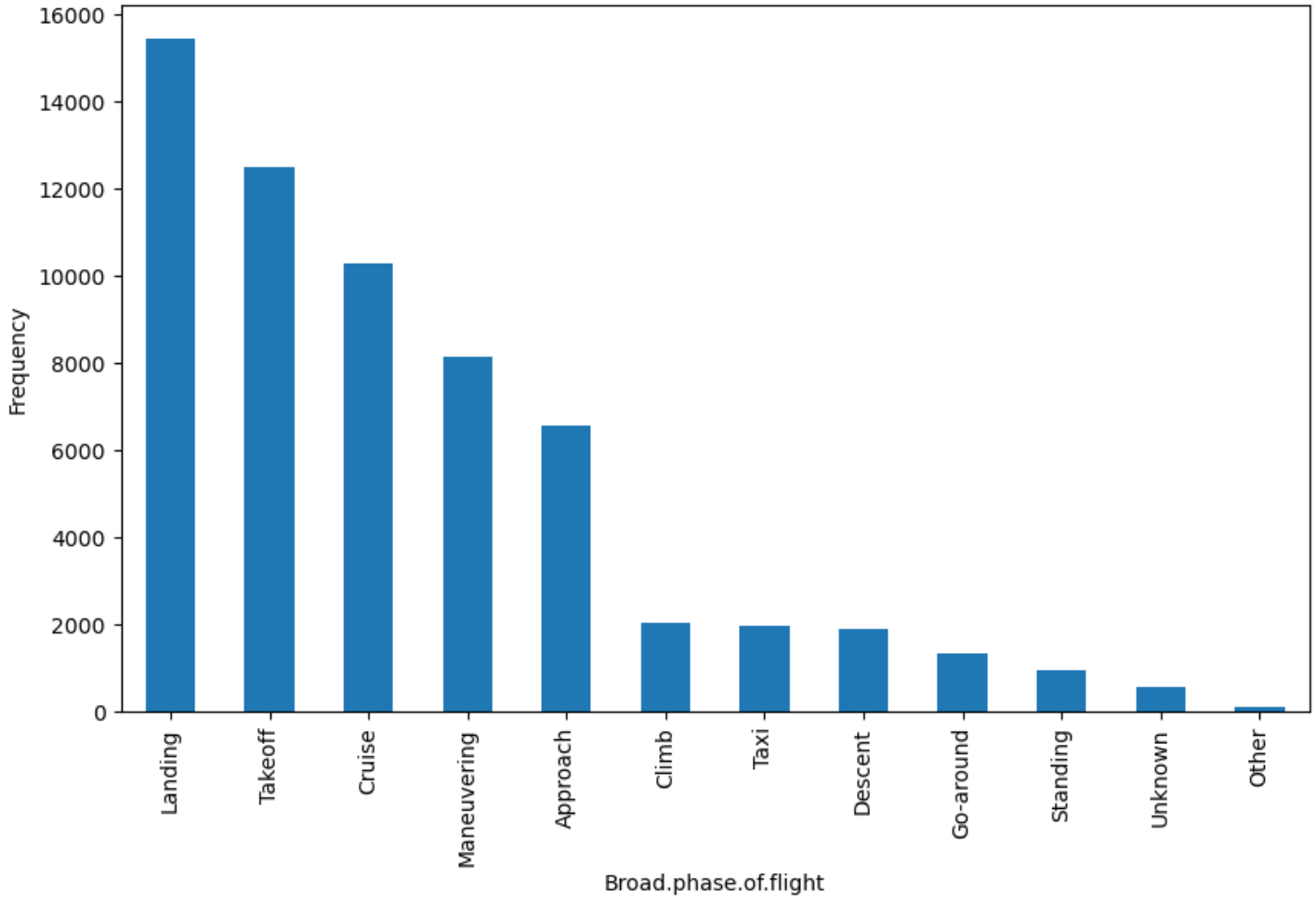




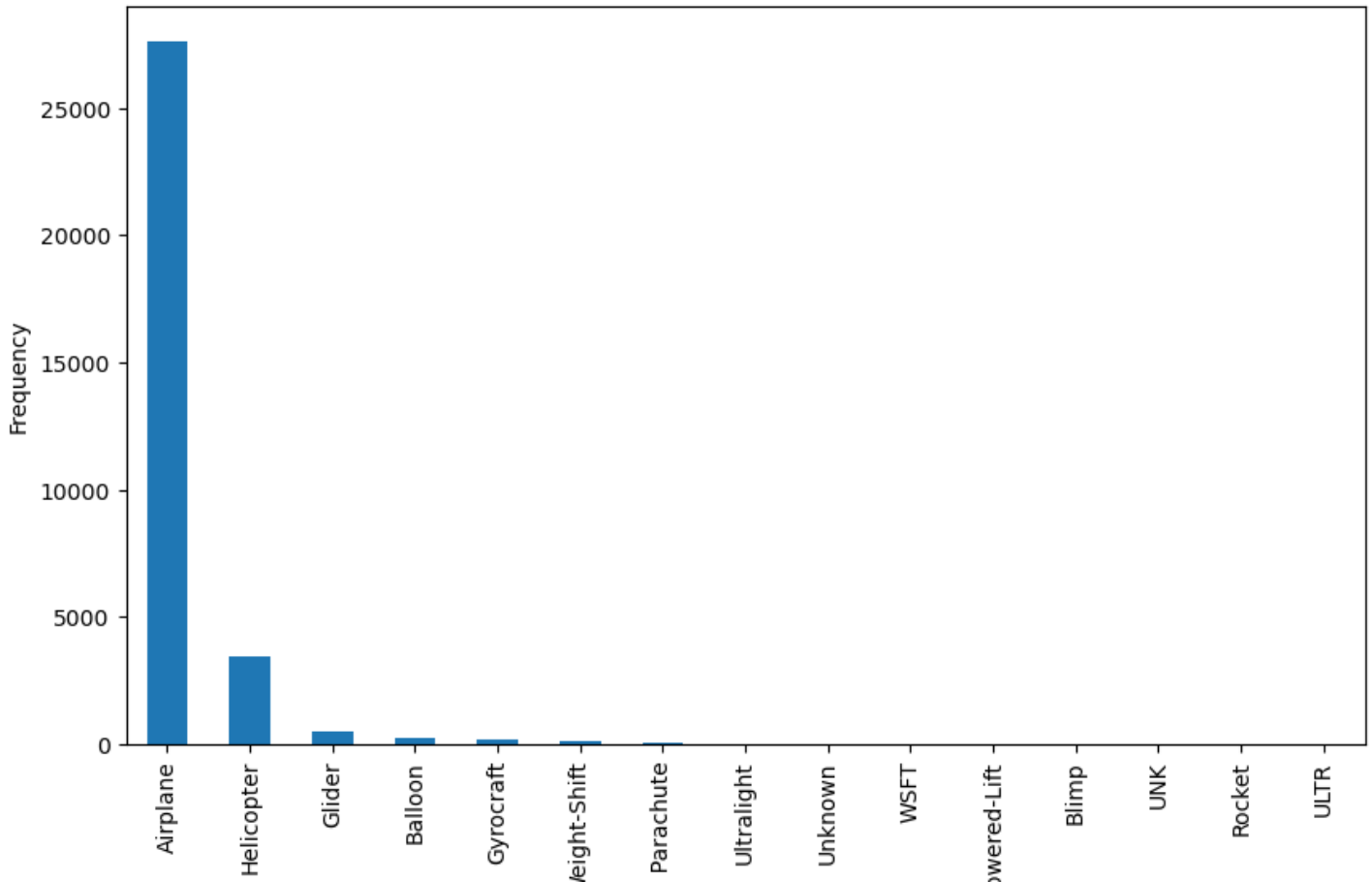




Bar Plot of Broad.phase.of.flight



Bar Plot of Aircraft.Category



#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Event.Date	41214 non-null	datetime64[ns]
1	Location	41198 non-null	object
2	Country	41198 non-null	object
3	Weather.Condition	36747 non-null	object



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4 Aircraft.damage 39146 non-null object
5 Aircraft.Category 28406 non-null object
6 Make 41159 non-null object
7 Model 41146 non-null object
8 Engine.Type 34135 non-null object
9 Number.ofEngines 36267 non-null float64
10 Injury.Severity 40214 non-null object
11 Total.Fatal.Injuries 30131 non-null float64
12 Total.Serious.Injuries 29120 non-null float64
13 Total.Minor.Injuries 29701 non-null float64
14 Total.Uninjured 35574 non-null float64
15 FAR.Description 28142 non-null object
16 Broad.phase.of.flight 14953 non-null object
17 Purpose.of.flight 35122 non-null object
18 year 41214 non-null int32
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(5), int32(1), object(12)
memory usage: 6.1+ MB
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```
C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_10116\2845049137.py:3: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_g
uide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
select_df["year"] = select_df["year"].astype(int)
```

Given the presence of missing values in the selected dataset, choosing to fill the null values with ("unknown") is a good strategy as it does not disrupt the dataset and avoid undue bias.

In [11]:

```
# select the columns to be filled with "unknown"
columns_to_fill = [
    "Aircraft.Category", "Make", "Location", "Weather.Condition",
    "Country", "Broad.phase.of.flight", "Aircraft.damage",
    "FAR.Description", "Purpose.of.flight", "Model"
]

# Fill the selected columns
selected_df[columns_to_fill] = selected_df[columns_to_fill].fillna("unknown")

selected_df.head()

C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_10116\680552497.py:9: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_g
uide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
selected_df[columns_to_fill] = selected_df[columns_to_fill].fillna("unknown")
```

Out[11]:

	Event.Date	Location	Country	Weather.Condition	Aircraft.damage	Aircraft.Category	Make	Model	Engine.T
47675	2000-01-01	HOMESTEAD, FL	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	550	Turbo
47676	2000-01-01	MONTEAGLE, TN	United States	IMC	Destroyed	unknown	Bellanca	BL-17-30A	Reciproca
47677	2000-01-02	VICTORVILLE, CA	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	172G	Reciproca
47678	2000-01-02	DOS PALOS, CA	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	172A	Reciproca
47679	2000-01-02	CORNING, AR	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Piper	PA-46-310P	Turbo F

```
In [12]:
selected_df.head()
```

Out[12]:

	Event.Date	Location	Country	Weather.Condition	Aircraft.damage	Aircraft.Category	Make	Model	Engine.T
47675	2000-01-01	HOMESTEAD, FL	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	550	Turbo
47676	2000-01-01	MONTEAGLE, TN	United States	IMC	Destroyed	unknown	Bellanca	BL-17-30A	Reciproca
47677	2000-01-02	VICTORVILLE, CA	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	172G	Reciproca
47678	2000-01-02	DOS PALOS, CA	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Cessna	172A	Reciproca
47679	2000-01-02	CORNING, AR	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Piper	PA-46-310P	Turbo F

## Third Objective

Analyzing the selected data

First, get the trajectory of fatalities recorded within the selected period (2000 - 2022) to understand the trend and how risky the sector is currently.

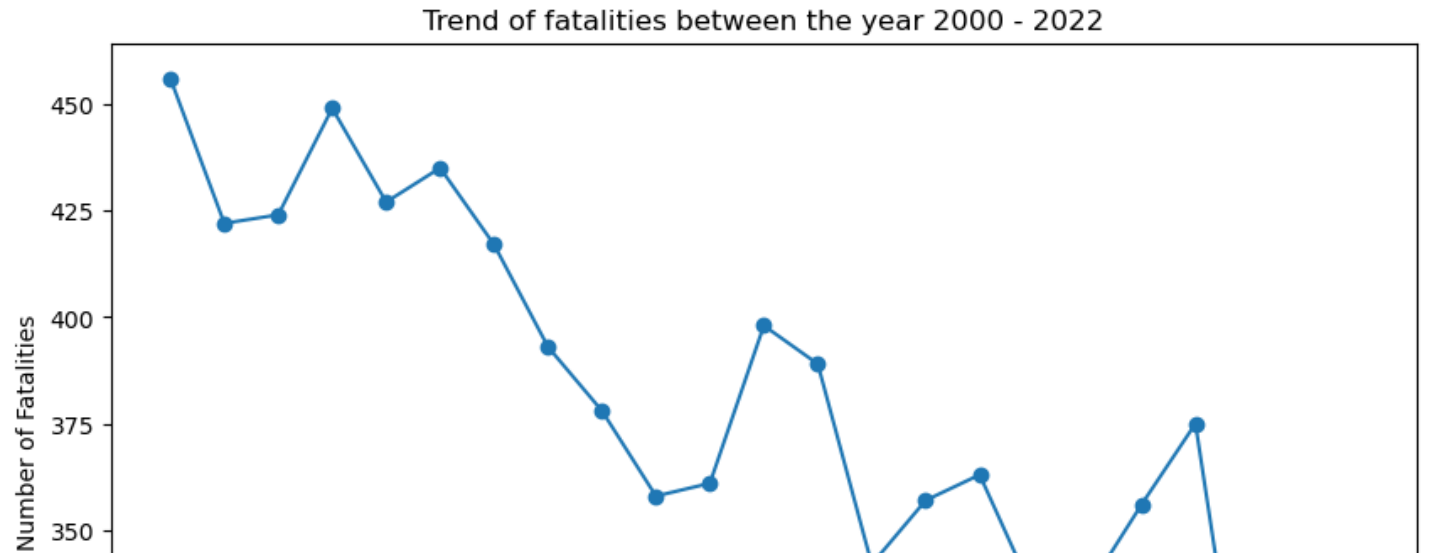
```
In [13]:
# create a fatalities variable
fatalities = selected_df[selected_df["Total.Fatal.Injuries"] > 0]

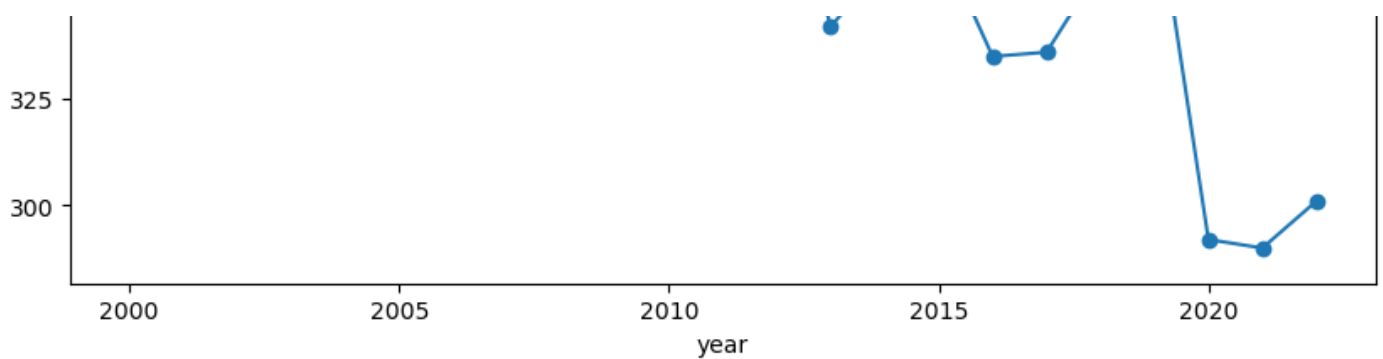
# group the fatalities by year

fatalities_by_year = fatalities.groupby("year").size()

# plot the trend over the years

plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
fatalities_by_year.plot(kind="line", marker = "o")
plt.xlabel("year")
plt.ylabel("Number of Fatalities")
plt.title("Trend of fatalities between the year 2000 - 2022")
plt.grid = True
plt.show()
```





## Observation

The trend of aircraft accidents that occurred in the period (2000 - 2022) has continuously decreased. This is probably due to improvement in aircraft technology and well trained pilots.

In order to answer the first question of which are the top 5 types of aircrafts highly susceptible to accidents; First bring together the "Make" and Aircraft.Category column via groupby function providing a clear view of how the selected columns relate with one another. Finally, plotting a line graph titled "Top 10 Make and Aircraft Category Combinations by Accident Count" allows for observation and development of insights

Observing that there is a similarity in names of the make of the aircraft and the way to differentiate them is by their model category, combining the two respective columns solves this issue. First, convert all 'Make' names to lower strings (to enhance consistency in the column), then bring together the "Make" and "Model" columns into one.

In [14]:

```
# convert all names to lowercase
selected_df["Make"] = selected_df["Make"].str.lower()

# combine and create a new column "Make_Model"
selected_df ["Make_Model"] = selected_df["Make"] + " " + selected_df["Model"]
```

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A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.  
Try using .loc[row\_indexer,col\_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: [https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy)

```
selected_df["Make"] = selected_df["Make"].str.lower()
```

C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel\_10116\2778753609.py:5: SettingWithCopyWarning:

A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.  
Try using .loc[row\_indexer,col\_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: [https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy)

```
selected_df ["Make_Model"] = selected_df["Make"] + " " + selected_df["Model"]
```

In [15]:

```
selected_df = selected_df.drop(columns=["Make", "Model"])

selected_df
```

Out[15]:

	Event.Date	Location	Country	Weather.Condition	Aircraft.damage	Aircraft.Category	Engine.Type	Number.of.Ei
47675	2000-01-01	HOMESTEAD, FL	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Turbo Fan	
47676	2000-01-01	MONTEAGLE, TN	United States	IMC	Destroyed	unknown	Reciprocating	
-----	2000-01-	VICTORVILLE.	United	-----	-----	-----	-----	

47677	Event.Date	Location	Country	Weather.Condition	Aircraft.damage	Aircraft.Category	Engine.Type	Number.of.E
47678	2000-01-02	DOS PALOS, CA	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Reciprocating	
47679	2000-01-02	CORNING, AR	United States	VMC	Substantial	unknown	Turbo Prop	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
88884	2022-12-26	Annapolis, MD	United States	unknown	unknown	unknown	NaN	
88885	2022-12-26	Hampton, NH	United States	unknown	unknown	unknown	NaN	
88886	2022-12-26	Payson, AZ	United States	VMC	Substantial	Airplane	NaN	
88887	2022-12-26	Morgan, UT	United States	unknown	unknown	unknown	NaN	
88888	2022-12-29	Athens, GA	United States	unknown	unknown	unknown	NaN	

41214 rows × 18 columns

Group the relevant columns (Make\_Model and Aircraft.Category) , removing the unknown values and plot a bar chart to show the top 10 models appearing in accident report.

In [16]:

```
# group the two separate columns together
makevs_cart = selected_df[selected_df["Aircraft.Category"] != "unknown"].groupby(["Make_Model", "Aircraft.Category"]).size().reset_index(name="AccidentCount")

# sort in descending order (highest to lowest) and show the first 10

top10_makevs_cart = makevs_cart.sort_values(by="AccidentCount", ascending=False).head(10)

top10_makevs_cart
```

Out[16]:

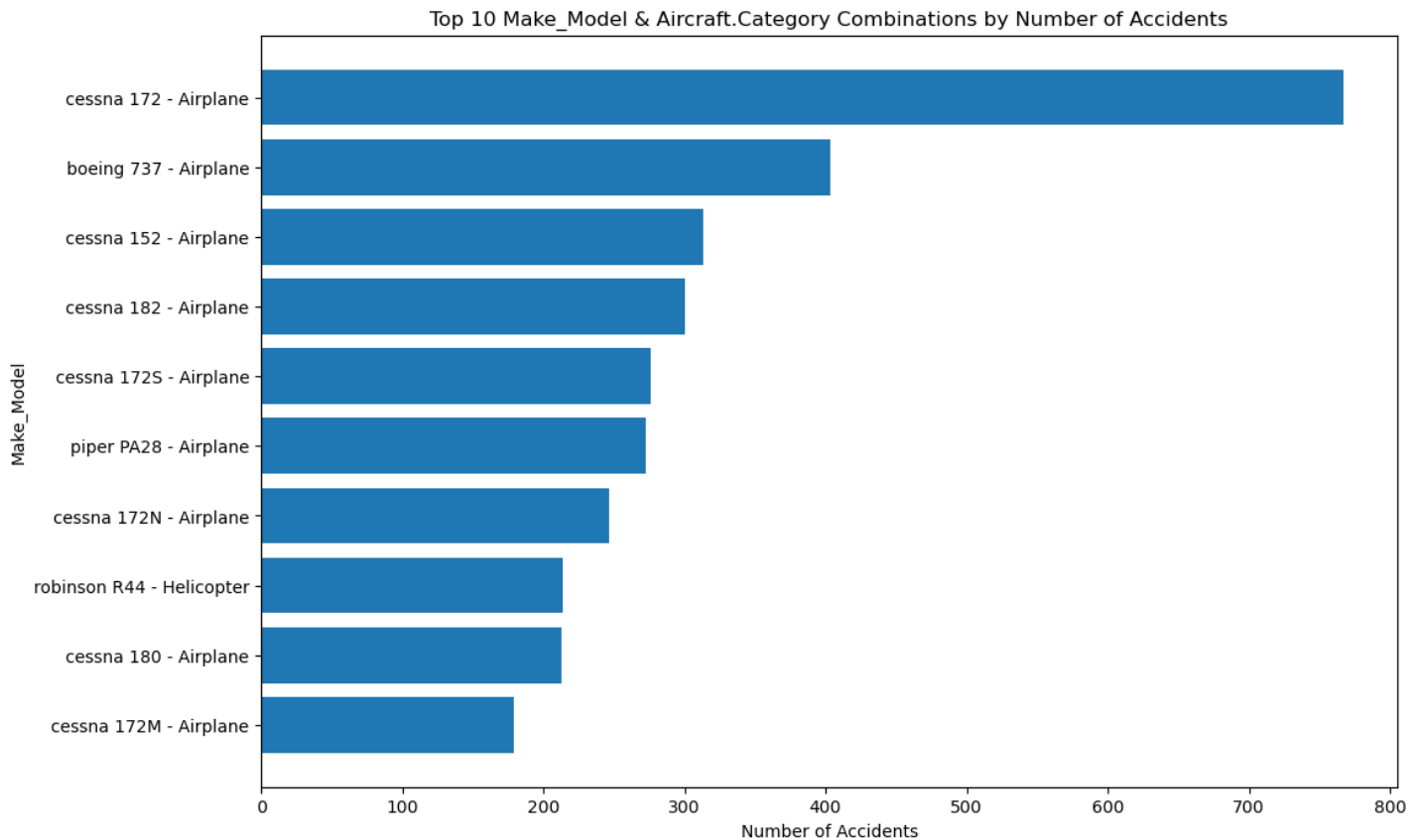
	Make_Model	Aircraft.Category	AccidentCount
2230	cessna 172	Airplane	767
1523	boeing 737	Airplane	403
2220	cessna 152	Airplane	313
2293	cessna 182	Airplane	300
2266	cessna 172S	Airplane	276
6519	pipper PA28	Airplane	273
2261	cessna 172N	Airplane	247
7073	robinson R44	Helicopter	214
2278	cessna 180	Airplane	213
2260	cessna 172M	Airplane	179

In [17]:

```
# Plot the data using a bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
bar_plot = plt.barh(top10_makevs_cart["Make_Model"] + ' - ' + top10_makevs_cart["Aircraft.Category"], top10_makevs_cart["AccidentCount"])
plt.xlabel('Number of Accidents')
```

```
plt.ylabel("Make_Model")
plt.title('Top 10 Make_Model & Aircraft.Category Combinations by Number of Accidents')
plt.gca().invert_yaxis()

# y-axis inverts to display the highest value at the top
plt.show()
```



### Obsevation

Based on the chart above, it is evident that the number of cessna aircrafts reported is high. Despite this significant figures, simpleflying.com describes the cessna model as the most popular among beginner pilots due to the significant low fatalities reported. Therefore, the high number of reported accidents demonstrates how popular the aircraft is within the sector.

### Recommendation

Pier & Co Services Ltd should consider incorporating the cessna aircraft model among its fleet before expanding into the large commercial aircrafts.

## Reviewing the safety of the make and model of air crafts.

The above chart has displayed the most popular aircraft make and model in accordance to the data set. Therefore, to understand the safety of these models, plotting a chart comparing the total fatalities to the respective make provides a clearer picture of an aircraft's model suitability.

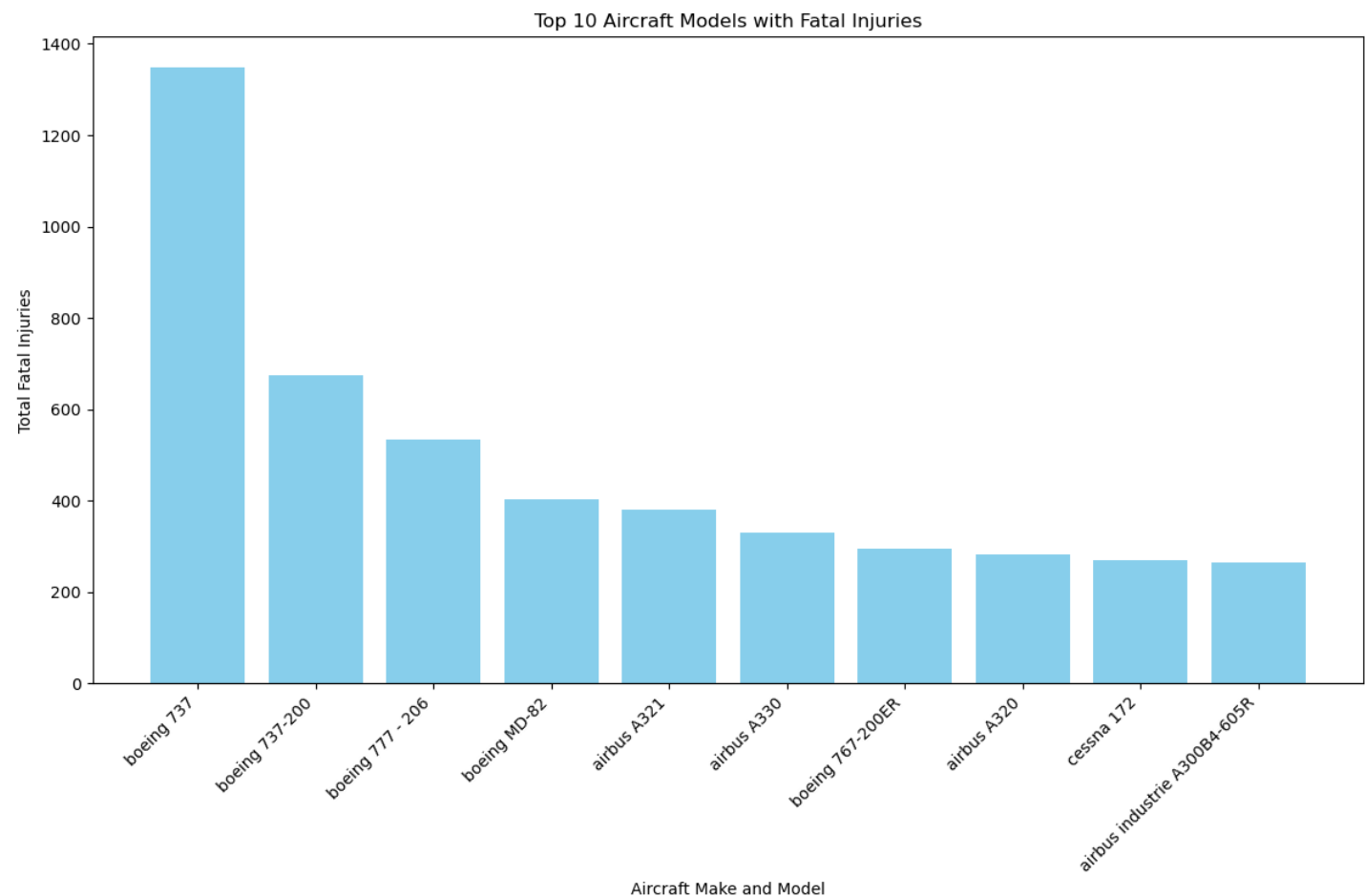
In [18]:

```
fatalities_group = selected_df.groupby('Make_Model')['Total.Fatal.Injuries'].sum().reset_index()

top10fatal_models = fatalities_group.sort_values(by="Total.Fatal.Injuries", ascending=False).head(10)

top10fatal_models
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
plt.bar(top10fatal_models['Make_Model'], top10fatal_models['Total.Fatal.Injuries'], color='skyblue')
plt.xlabel('Aircraft Make and Model')
plt.ylabel('Total Fatal Injuries')
```

```
plt.title('Top 10 Aircraft Models with Fatal Injuries')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## Observation

The bar chart above provides a summary of the top models with fatal injuries. The highest being boeing and airbus models. This explains the why most aviation stakeholders prefer the cessna models as it has better safety standards in comparison to most aircrafts.

## Recommendation

Pier & Co Services Ltd should consider the safety standards as well when acquiring a new fleet for their aircraft business.

# Type of Engine

Engines are an imporatr aspect in airplanes and to understand which one suits the need, extracting the top five aircraft engines from the dataset proves to be an effective approach.

In [ ]:

```
top5_engines = selected_df["Engine.Type"].value_counts().head(5)
top5_engines
```

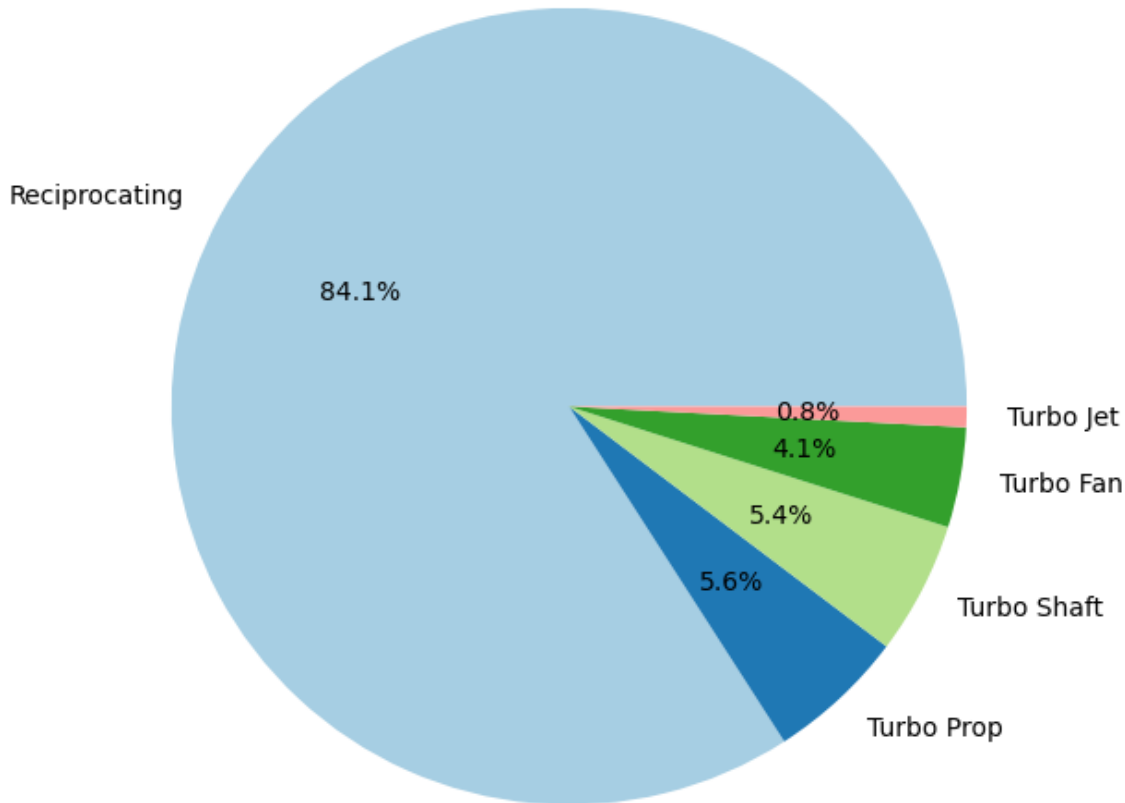
Out[ ]:

```
Engine.Type
Reciprocating    28486
Turbo Prop       1900
Turbo Shaft      1826
Turbo Fan        1375
Turbo Jet         283
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

In [ ]:

```
# Plot pie chart
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
plt.pie(top5_engines, labels=top5_engines.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', colors=plt.cm.Paired.colors)
plt.title('Top 5 Types of Engines by Count')
plt.show()
```

Top 5 Types of Engines by Count



### Observation

The type of engine with the highest number of accidents reported is shown figure above to be the "Reciprocating" engine while the "Turbo jet" has the least frequency. This translates to its popularity among aviation enthusiasts. According to chapter 7 of the Federal Aviation Administration(FAA), most small aircrafts are designed with the reciprocating engine. Furthermore, the simplicity, reliability and low fuel cost factor in to how prominent this engine among small aircraft owners/airlines.

### Recommendation

As a new company, Pier and Co. Services Ltd need to consider starting out with smaller aircrafts before acquiring bigger planes with expensive maintainance costs, especially the engine.

## Phase of Accident

Aircraft accident occur during different phases, hence the need to know the high risk phases of an aircraft' journey.

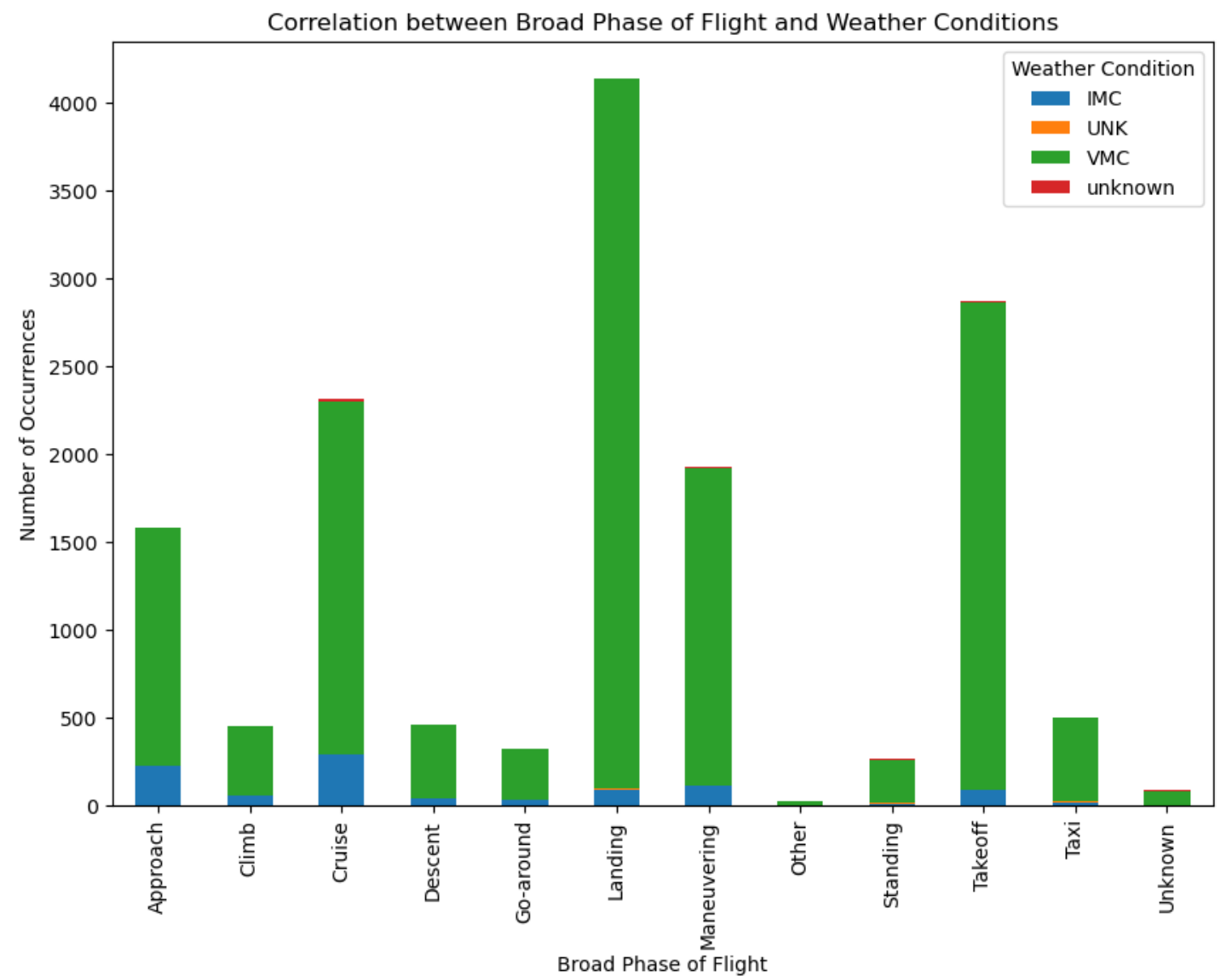
In [20]:

```
# use value_counts method to extract the frequently reported phases of accidents
selected_df["Broad.phase.of.flight"].value_counts()
```

```
# create a new variable and group together both columns
# drop unknown
```

```
phase_by_con = selected_df[selected_df["Broad.phase.of.flight"]!= "unknown"].groupby(["Broad.phase.of.flight", "Weather.Condition"]).size().unstack().fillna(0)

# plot the heatmap to demonstrate the correlation between the columns
phase_by_con.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True, figsize=(10, 7))
plt.xlabel('Broad Phase of Flight')
plt.ylabel('Number of Occurrences')
plt.title('Correlation between Broad Phase of Flight and Weather Conditions')
plt.legend(title='Weather Condition')
plt.show()
```



### Observation

With reference to the stacked bar chart above, majority of accidents occur during landing phase and interestingly while the weather conditions are favorable (VMC). The second highest occurrence is observed when air crafts are taking off within similar weather conditions.

According to IATA 2022 Annual Safety Report, aircraft accidents taking place during landing and takeoff phases are attributed to overrun(aircraft continuing beyond the runway ) or veering out of its lateral limits.

### Recommendations

Provide scenario-based training to pilots, enhancing their competencies for effective threat and management to prevent runway excursion (e.g., contaminated runway, last minute change of runway, deterioration of weather condition).

Airlines and private plane owners should explore advanced technologies such as AI-based systems which can aid aircrew in obtaining information, and making rapid decisions.

For Airlines and Air Traffic control, they should consider recommending the execution of a go-around at any point during the approach, when there is any doubt on a safe continuation of the approach or the landing.



