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United States Helicopter Safety Team



Monthly Safety Report

February 2026

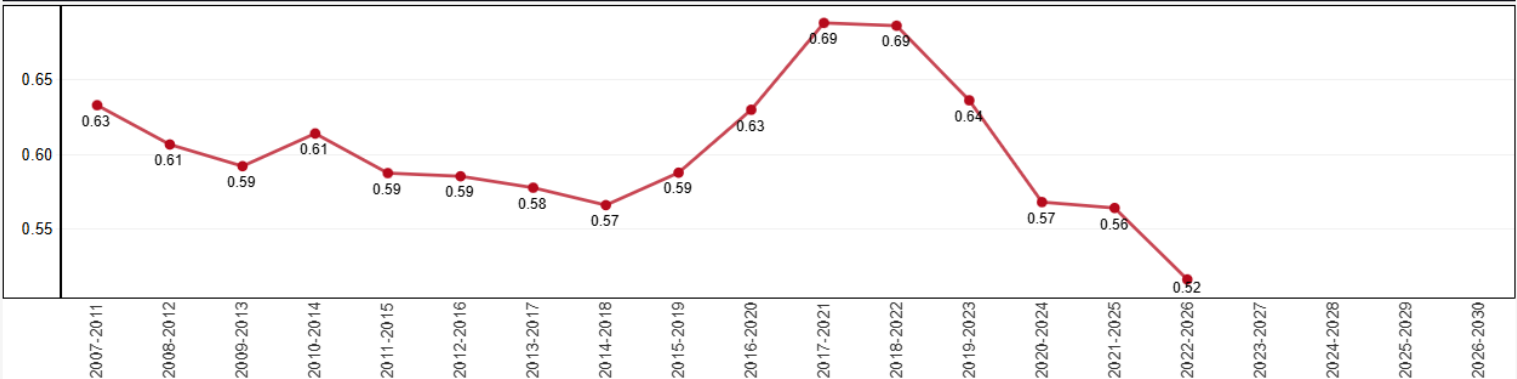
The USHST is a regional partner to the Vertical Aviation Safety Team ([VAST](#)).

USHST MISSION: To develop, deliver, and promote valuable safety resources focused on improving the US helicopter community's safety culture and performance.

USHST Vision: A civil registered helicopter community without fatal accidents

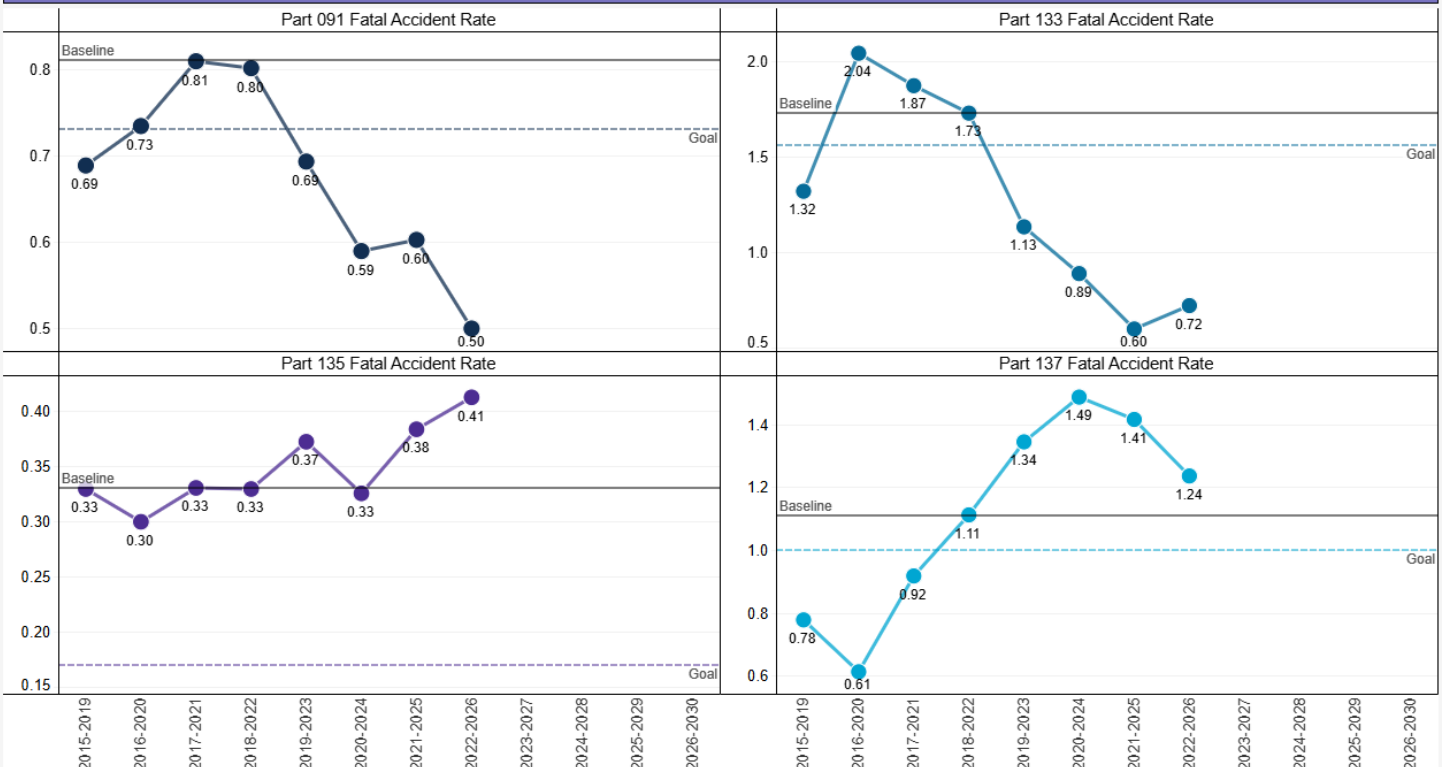
Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

Excludes public use events. The rates are based off of Calendar Year and per 100,000 Flight Hours



Fatal Rate by Operational Part: 5 Year Average

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Did "YOU" Know?

In the US there are **12,000 +** helicopters, **32,000 +** helicopter pilots and over **292,000** aircraft mechanics!

The USHST has identified the following industries for **OUTREACH**:

Personal/Private, Helicopter Air Ambulance (HAA), Commercial and Aerial Application

Your participation in joining our vision of fatal accidents is important to us. To determine how your interests best align with active USHST efforts, please click the link below to complete the form and submit.

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- [Staying Coherent At The Collective](#)
- [Don't Forget to See and Avoid Other Aircraft \(The Rotorcraft Collective\)](#)
- [Choosing Community over Airframe \(w/ Rusty Sloane\)](#)
- [Flight Helmet Cords Can Impede Egress \(NTSB\)](#)



[Helicopter - Safety Enhancement \(H-SE\) Details](#)

[H-SE 2023-05, Training on effects of adverse wind situations.](#)

Government and industry to develop awareness and effective training information that addresses the hazards of adverse wind situations and the impacts to flight performance, especially when at low airspeed.

Through implementation of this H-SE, rotorcraft pilot knowledge can be standardized and potentially more individuals can adapt effective critical decision making to these environmental performance factors. This should lead to an increase in sound aeronautical decision making, better judgment in managing risk, and more consistent compliance with rules and regulations established to ensure a safe aviation system.

Project: • Define Adverse Wind situations in terms of the individual operator (include single pilot, and operation specific considerations). • Promote knowledge base criteria and training strategies for effective risk management and decision making when operating at low airspeeds in vertical flight regimes. • Improve mentoring by engaging trainers and operators who have operational experience in these areas and are willing to act as champions of best practices. The intent is help the individual or organization being mentored to gain the knowledge and skill to establish effective decision making and safety in their own operations.

USHST PRIORITY Safety Resources:

[Videos](#)

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[Original H-SE Summation Report](#)

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