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United States Helicopter Safety Team



Monthly Safety Report

March 2026

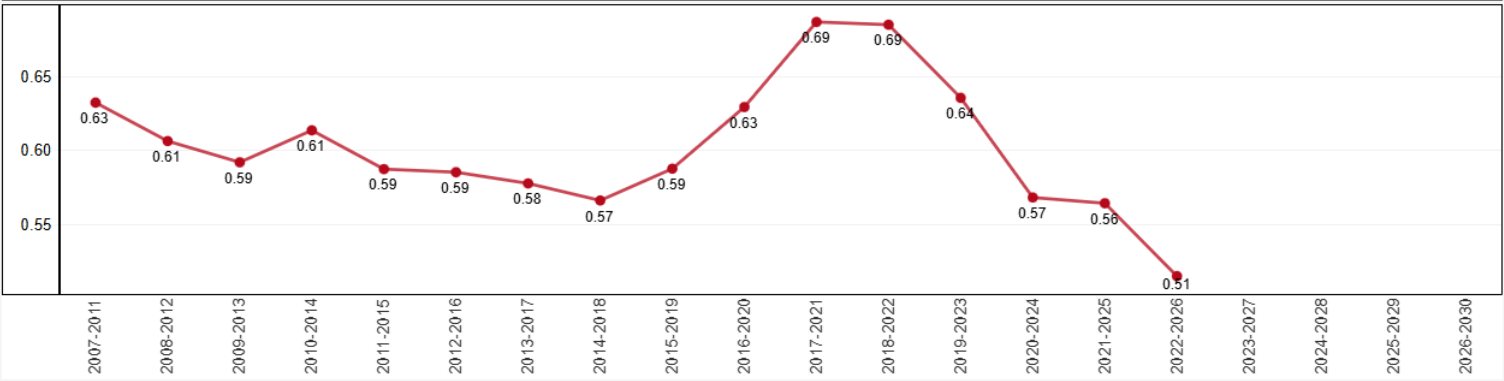
The USHST is a regional partner to the Vertical Aviation Safety Team ([VAST](#)).

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

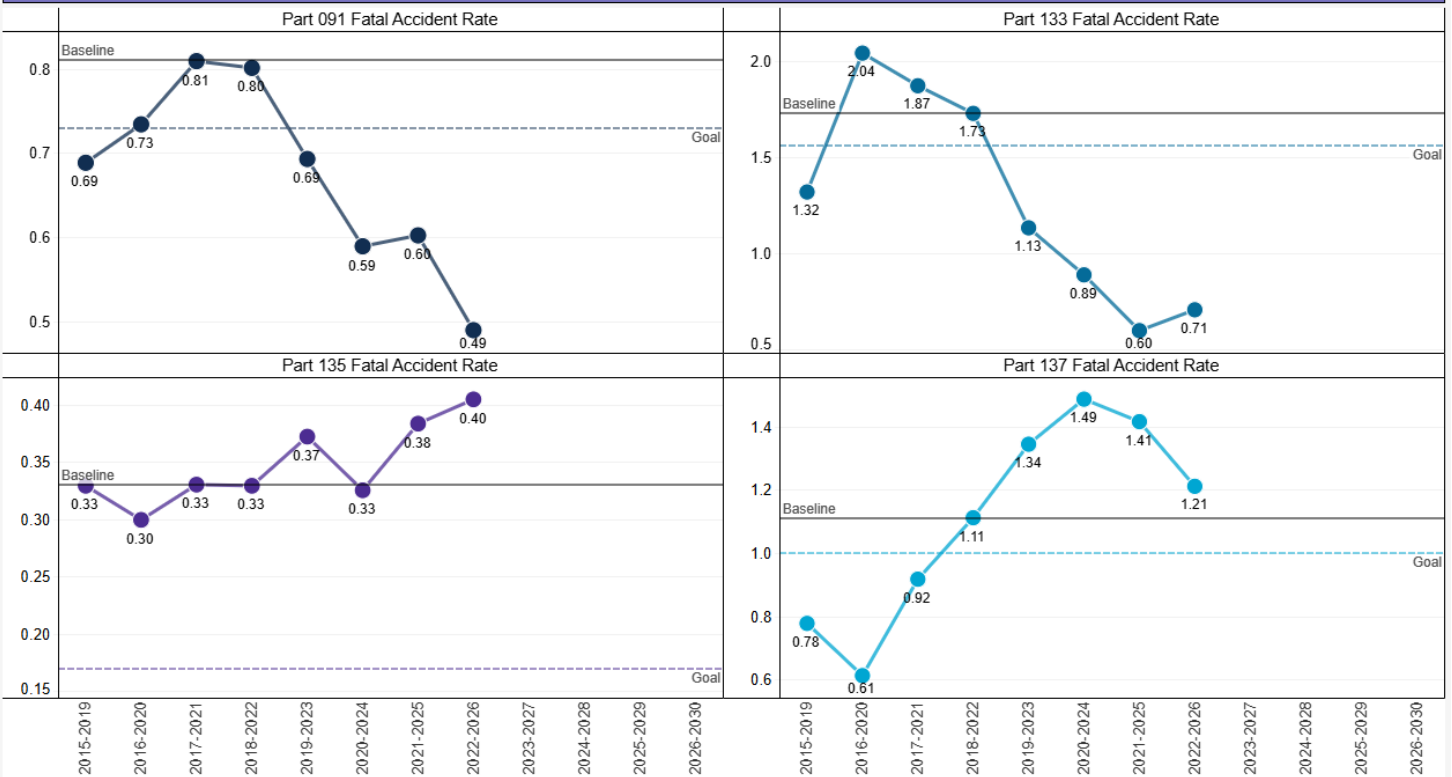
Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

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

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





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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Helicopter Safety OUTREACH events:

- [VERTICON 2026: Watch the Highlights](#)
- [USHST Winter 2026 Newsletter](#)
- [56 Seconds to Live: The Brutal Reality of Helicopter Inadvertent IMC](#)
- [VAI Spotlight on Safety: It's OK to Stay](#)
- [Episode 58: Safety Has No Borders \(w/ Adam Bernhardt\)](#)



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

[H-SE 2023-01, Professional Preflight Planning & Go/No-Go Aeronautical Decision Making](#)

The primary objective of this safety enhancement is to help prevent fatal helicopter accidents that can be directly or indirectly linked to preflight judgment errors, decision-making errors, and inadequate mission planning. The H-SE team led by the HAI Safety Working Group will develop and deliver sources that will likely include policies, procedures, practices, tools, and other resources/tools that when implemented correctly, can prevent future fatal rotorcraft accidents attributable to flawed, inappropriate, and unauthorized preflight GO/NO-GO decisions. To frame the objective in a more positive manner, the team seeks to make it easier for flight planners to make well-informed GO/NO-GO decisions that are correct, appropriate, authorized before every flight, and independent from potential internal or external pressures, influences, or other factors.

[It's OK to STAY Landing Page](#)

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