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United States Helicopter Safety Team



Monthly Safety Report

April 2026

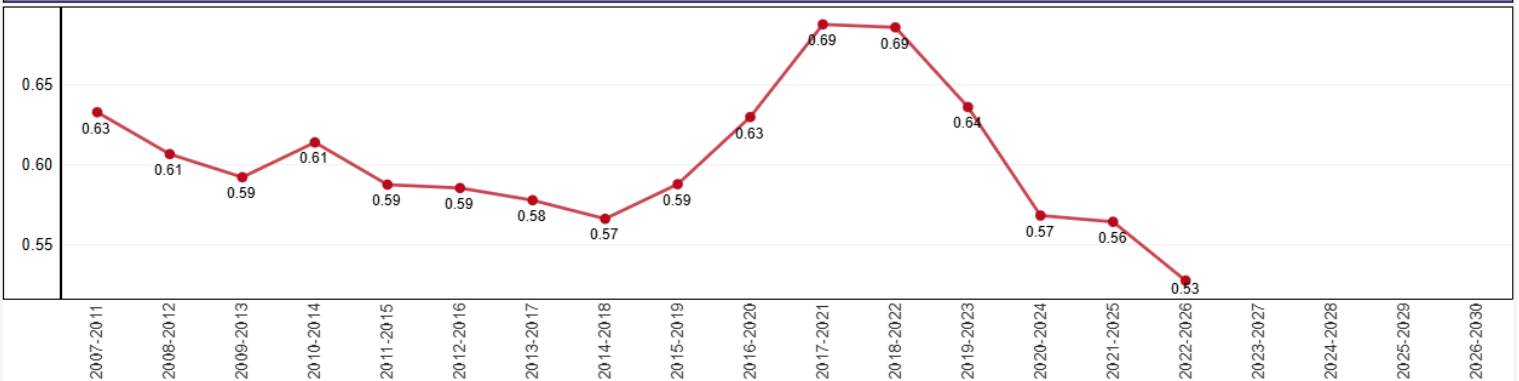
The USHST is a regional partner to the Vertical Aviation Safety Team (VAST).

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

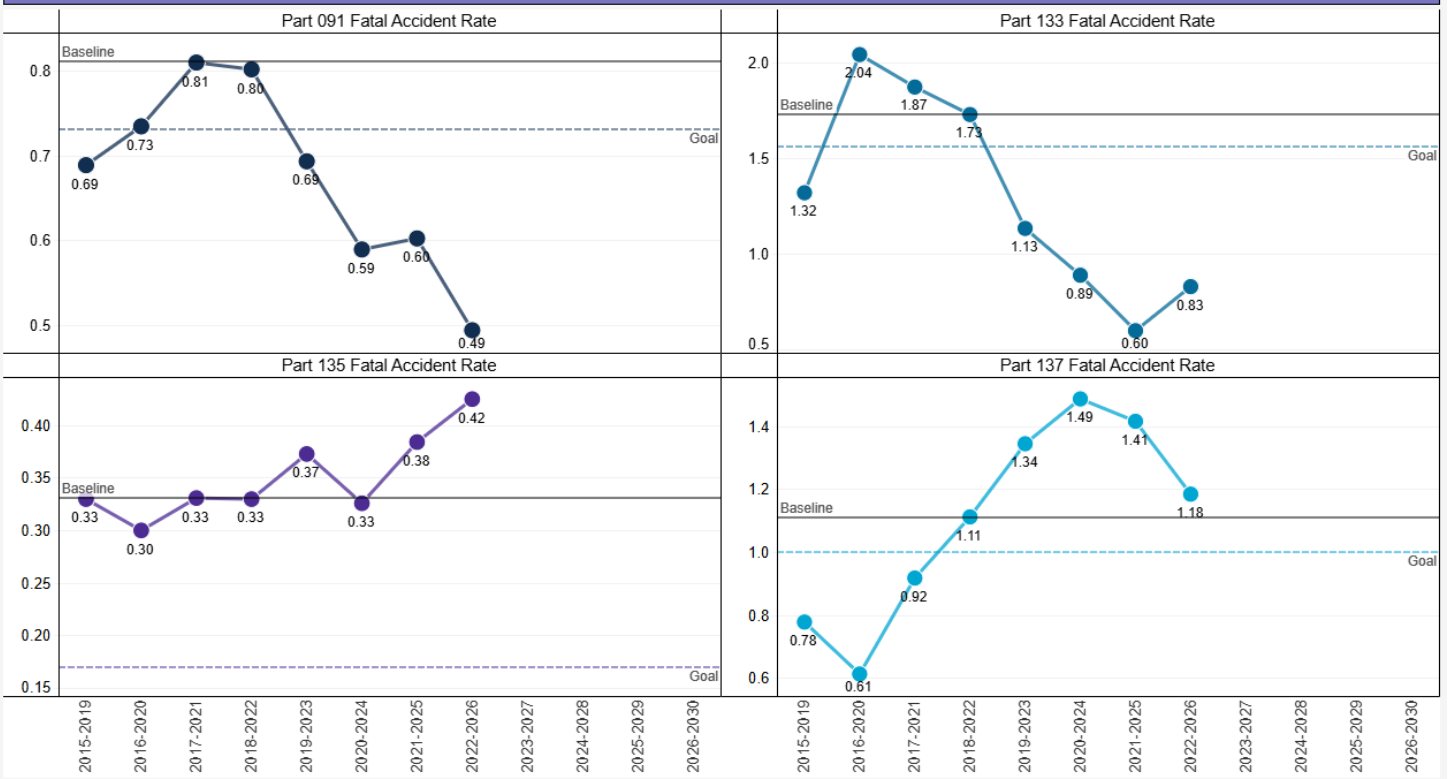
Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

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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Helicopter Safety OUTREACH events:

- [USHST Safety Seminar, May 20, Mesa, Arizona](#)
- [Why CRM Can Look Different in Mission-Based Flight Operations](#)
- [The Art of Saying No to Passengers](#)
- [Do Helicopter Wire Cutters Actually Work? Here's What the Data Says](#)
- [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine: Rotorcraft Safety Insights](#)



Helicopter - Safety Enhancement (H-SE) Details

[H-SE 2023-04, USHST FATIGUE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM](#)

CHALLENGE: Fatigue is an often underreported but significant risk factor in helicopter operations

OUR SOLUTION:

The Fatigue Risk Management Working Group is developing a comprehensive approach to fatigue risk management that is comprised of the following outputs:

- ◆ **White paper** to serve as educational tool and bridge knowledge gaps in the industry, helping operators understand why an FRMP is necessary
- ◆ **FRMP checklist** provides a tangible tool for operators to self-assess their current FRMP maturity and identify areas for improvement
- ◆ **Case study** will showcase real-world implementation, encouraging other operators to follow suit
- ◆ **Large-scale study** of fatigue in air medical transport operations will provide benchmarking data, helping operators compare their fatigue risk levels to industry standards

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