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United States Helicopter Safety Team



Monthly Safety Report

July 2026

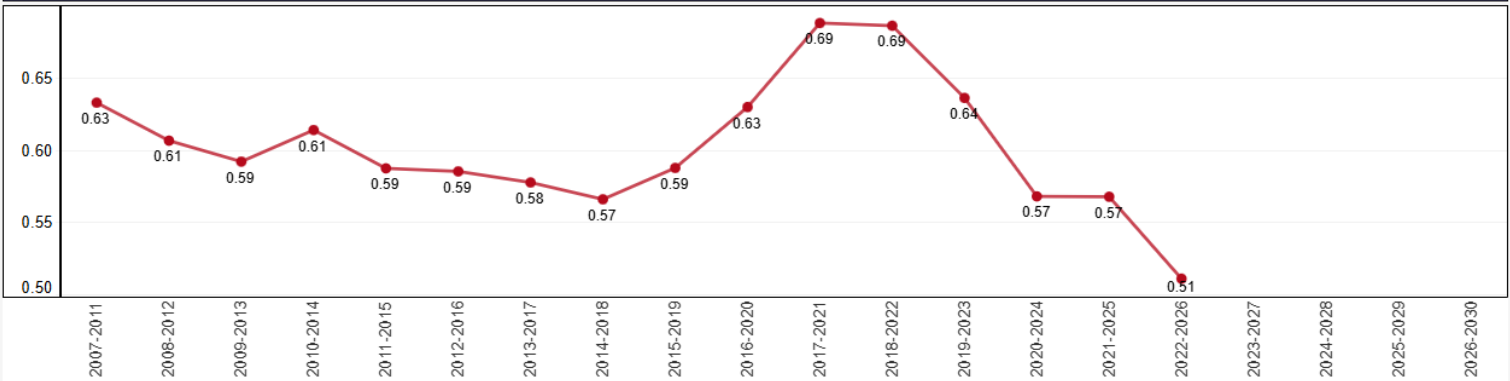
The USHST is a regional partner to the Vertical Aviation Safety Team ([VAST](#)).

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

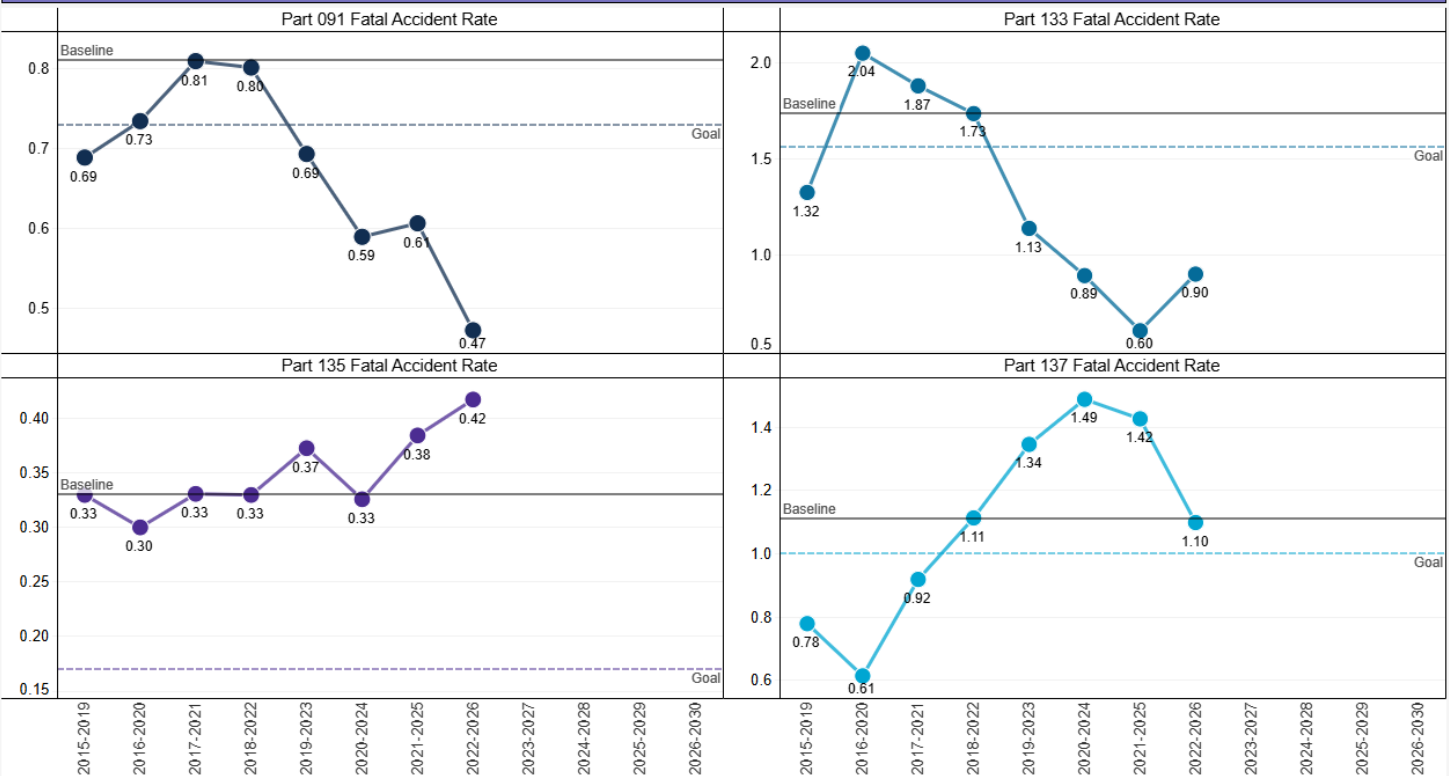
Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

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

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Helicopter Safety OUTREACH events:

- [Salute to Excellence 2027](#)
- [Episode 61: Organizing EMS For Safety and Success \(w/ Paul Ward\)](#)
- [Always Put Your Flightpath First \(The Rotorcraft Collective\)](#)
- [A Pilot's Guide to Weather—FAASTeam Notice](#)
- [Fly Safe Campaign: Maintain safe distance from obstacles, stay aware](#)



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

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

Given that it is not currently possible to provide rotorcraft pilots with an indicator that shows an impending loss of lift, this H-SE seeks to promote effective training solutions for pilot decision making and more effective risk assessment during operations.

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:

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