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United States Helicopter Safety Team



Monthly Safety Report

March 2024

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

USHST GOAL: Reduce the 5 year average fatal US helicopter accident rate to **0.55 fatal** accidents per 100K hrs by **2025**

USHST Vision: A Civil Helicopter Community with Zero **Fatal** Accidents

Safety by the Numbers!

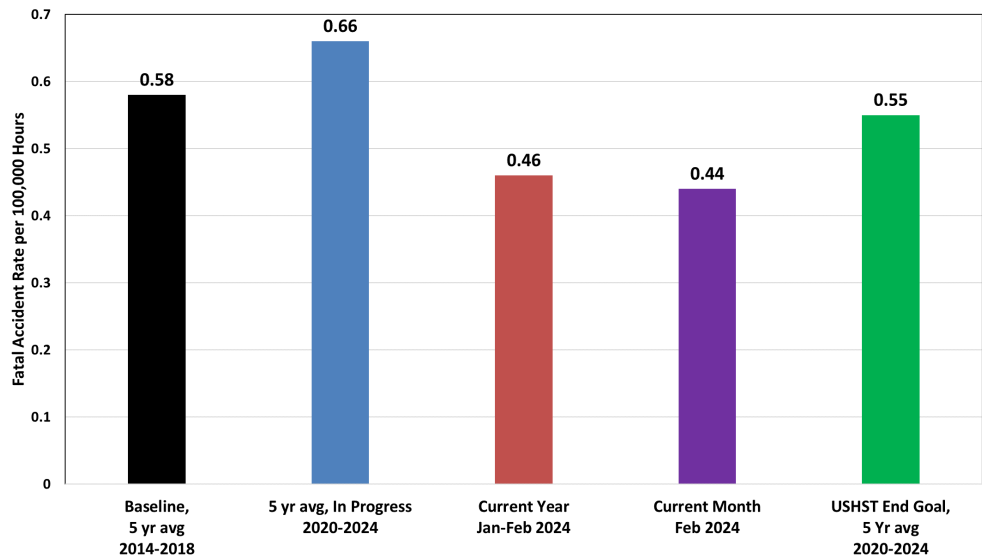
Metric	2020 - 2024	2019 - 2023
Avg Fatal Acc Rate	0.66	0.69
Avg Accident Rate	3.86	3.91
Year To Date	Current Year (CY24)	Previous Year (CY23)
Fatal Accidents	2	0
Accidents	11	4
Fatalities	9	0

Average number of days between fatal accidents:

- 2020: 18 days
- 2021: 17 days
- 2022: 21 days
- 2023: 19 days
- 2024: 21 days

Longest time between fatal accidents (past 5 yrs):

107 days (2020)



Fatal Accident Counter

34 : 17 : 09 : 56

Days : Hours : Mins : Secs

Each year the U.S. helicopter industry safely flies approx. 3 million flight hours and **every** second of **every** flight must be handled with professionalism.



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 zero 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 Podcasts](#) — Push to Talk with Bruce Webb: A Helicopter Podcast
- [ROTOR Helicopter Association International - Upcoming Events](#)
- [USHST January 2024 Newsletter](#)



Safety Enhancement Quick List



U.S. Helicopter Safety Team

Helicopter – Safety Enhancements
Our Vision: A civil helicopter community with zero fatal accidents

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

[H-SE 2023-04, Improve fatigue awareness & risk mitigation of scheduling factors leading to fatigue](#)

Fatigue risk impacts all aspects of rotorcraft operations, including air crew, ground crew and support personnel whose mission-critical activities ensure safe and effective operations. Since 1990 the NTSB has conducted 6521 helicopter accident investigations. Of these investigations, 28 have cited fatigue or lack of adequate sleep as a contributing factor, which have resulted in 19 fatalities and 18 injuries. Of these, human factors were a contributing factor in 1534 incidents. Fatigue is often under-cited in NTSB helicopter investigations because of a lack of available quantitative information related to fatigue. Based on benchmarks from other industries, fatigue is a factor in 1 in 5 of all incidents. If we assume that number holds true for helicopter operations, that means that the true number of fatigue-related helicopter accidents since 1990 would be several times higher than the 28 reported. It is well known that fatigue-related deficits accumulate relative to factors such as long days, sleep debt, and night work.

USHST PRIORITY Safety Resources:

[Videos](#)

[Safety Apps](#)

[Original H-SE Summation Report](#)

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March 10–13, 2025
Exhibits Open March 11–13

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One Pilot's Amazing Story of Survival



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