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FY25: October-September

95

Total Accidents

▼5%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▼12%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

20

Fatal Accidents

▲25%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▲5%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

41

Fatalities

▲41%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▲13%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

3.14

Accident Rate (per 100K hours)

▼7%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▼19%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

0.66

Fatal Accident Rate (per 100K hours)

▲22%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▼4%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

1.36

Fatality Rate (per 100K hours)

▲38%

vs. Same Period, Previous FY

▲4%

vs. Same Period, 5 Year Average

*5 Year Average Rates are for reference, 5 year rates are not normally distributed.

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Event Counts

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Grand Total
Total Accidents	7	8	4	4	10	11	5	3	8	11	17	7	95
Fatal Accidents	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	20
Fatalities	7	4	1	3	3	6	6	1	3	1	2	4	41

Same time period, previous FY:
Accidents: 100; Fatal Accidents: 16; Fatalities: 29.

Total Accidents

Fatal Accidents

Fatalities

Estimated Rates by Month (per 100,000 flight hours)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Grand Total
Accident Rate	2.66	3.56	2.04	1.96	4.29	4.09	1.83	1.12	2.82	3.87	6.53	2.67	3.14
Fatal Accident Rate	0.76	0.89	0.51	0.49	0.86	1.49	0.37	0.37	0.71	0.35	0.38	0.76	0.66
Fatality Rate	2.66	1.78	0.51	1.47	1.29	2.23	2.20	0.37	1.06	0.35	0.77	1.53	1.36

Same time period, previous FY:
Accident Rate: 3.38; Fatal Accident Rate: 0.54; Fatality Rate: 0.98.

Accident Rate

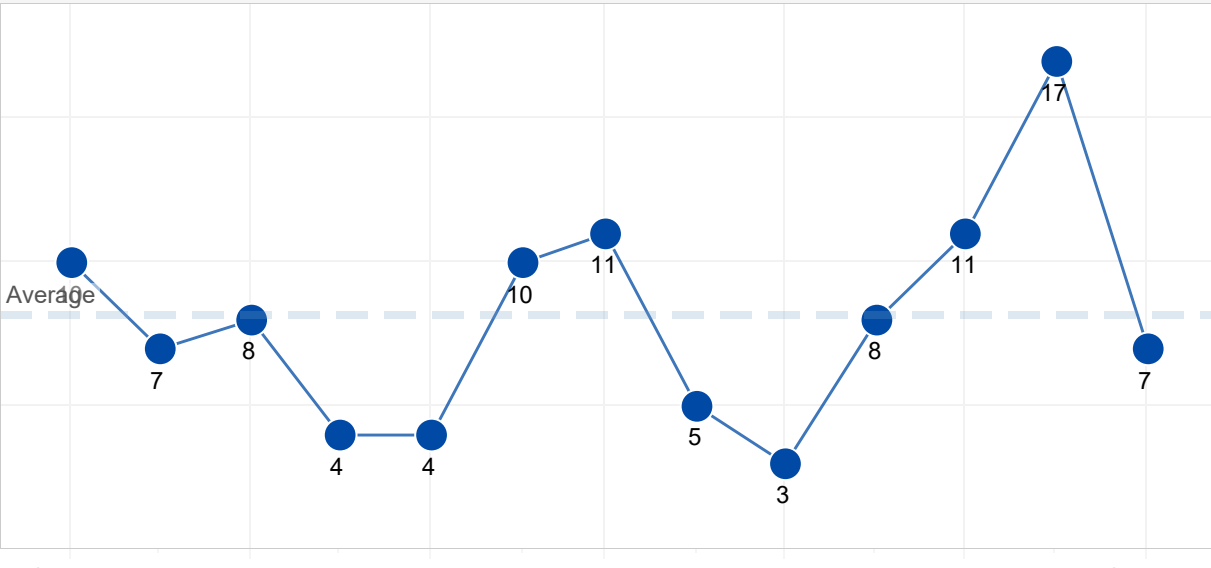
Fatal Accident Rate

Fatality Rate

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft 13 Month Accident Count

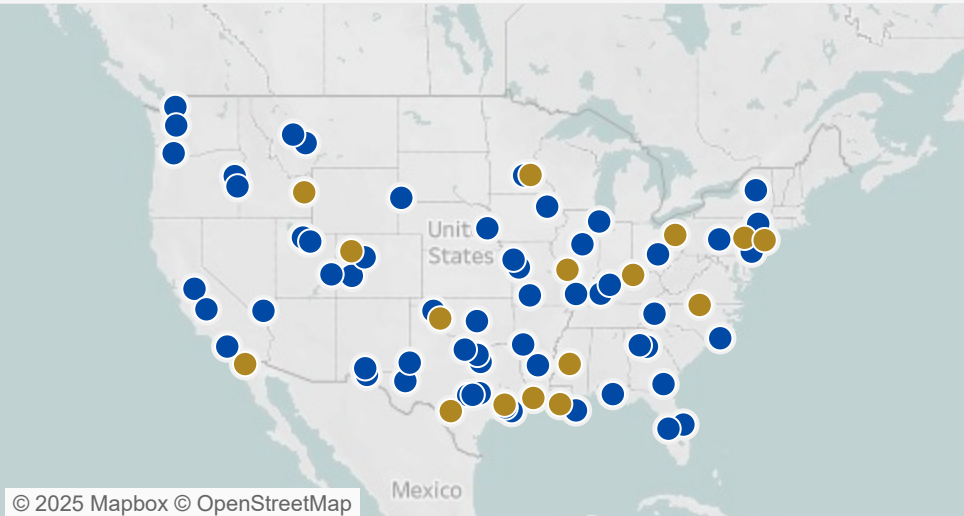
vs. Same Month Previous Year:
▼30%

vs. 12 Month Average:
▼14%



Month	Count
Sep 24	7
Nov 24	8
Jan 25	4
Mar 25	11
May 25	3
Jul 25	11
Sep 25	7

Accident Details

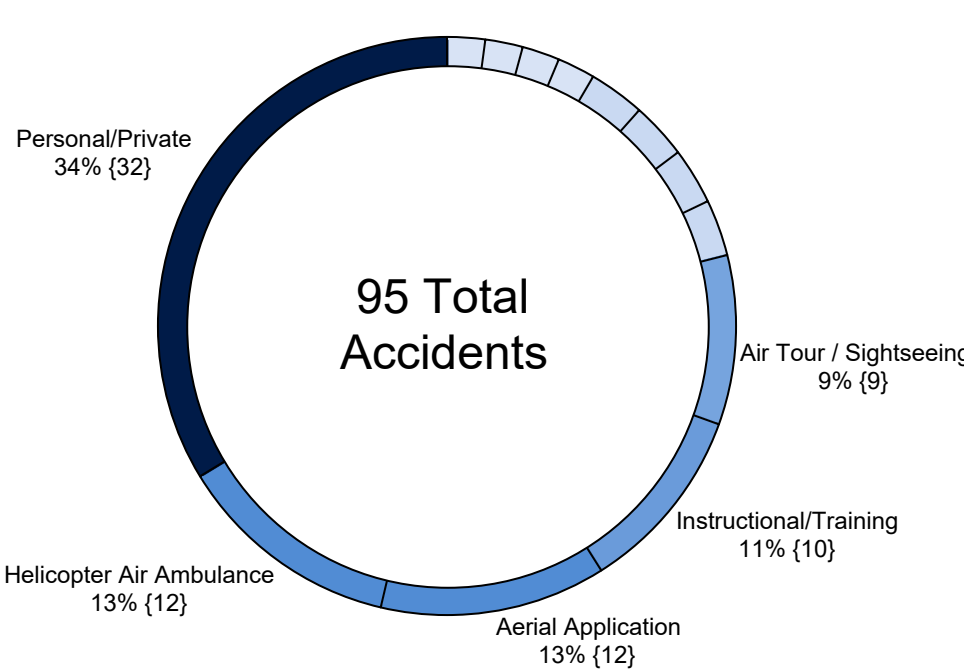


MapSummary

Accidents by Industry Sector

All Accidents

95 Total Accidents



Industry Sector	Percentage	Count
Personal/Private	34%	32
Helicopter Air Ambulance	13%	12
Aerial Application	13%	12
Instructional/Training	11%	10
Air Tour / Sightseeing	9%	9

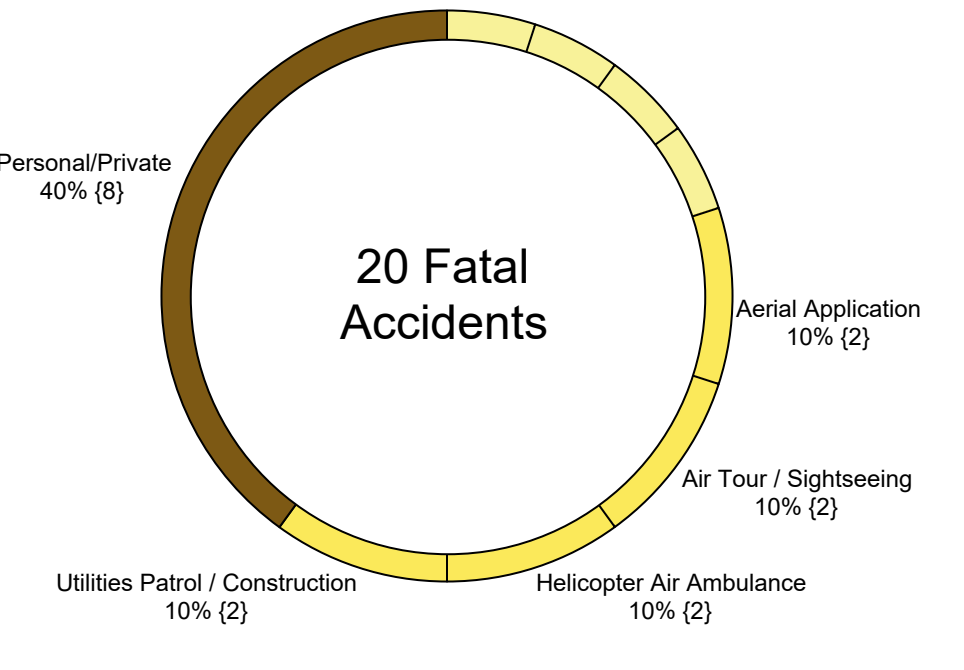
FY to Date

This Month

Business	2% {2}
Commercial	2% {2}
Electronic News Gathering	2% {2}
Utilities Patrol / Construct..	2% {2}
Aerial Observation	3% {3}
External Load	3% {3}
Firefighting	3% {3}
Law Enforcement	3% {3}
Air Tour / Sightseeing	9% {9}
Instructional/Training	11% {10}
Aerial Application	13% {12}
Helicopter Air Ambulance	13% {12}

Fatal Accidents

20 Fatal Accidents



Industry Sector	Percentage	Count
Personal/Private	40%	8
Helicopter Air Ambulance	10%	2
Utilities Patrol / Construction	10%	2
Aerial Application	10%	2
Air Tour / Sightseeing	10%	2

FY to Date

This Month

Aerial Observation	5% {1}
Commercial	5% {1}
Firefighting	5% {1}
Law Enforcement	5% {1}
Aerial Application	10% {2}
Air Tour / Sightseeing	10% {2}
Helicopter Air Ambulance	10% {2}
Utilities Patrol / Constructi..	10% {2}
Personal/Private	40% {8}

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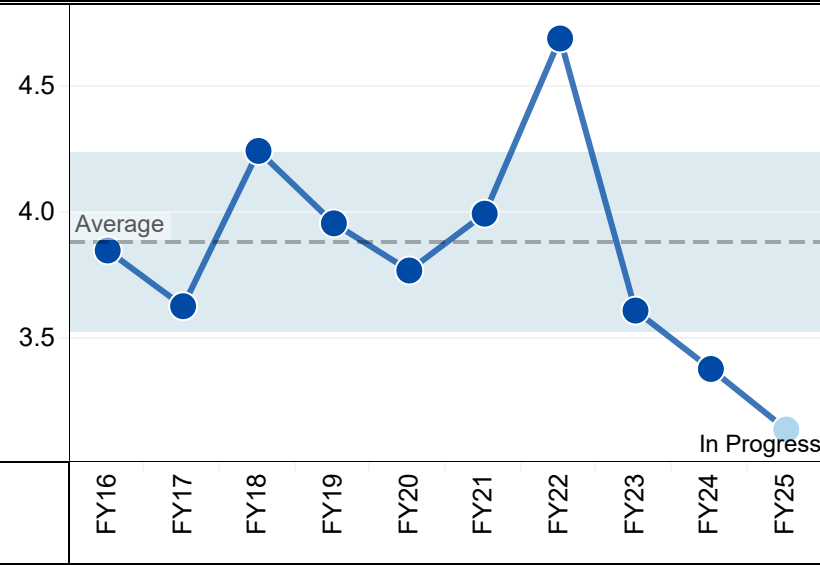
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Estimated Rotorcraft Accident Rate by FY

10 Year Lookback - Rates per 100,000 Hours

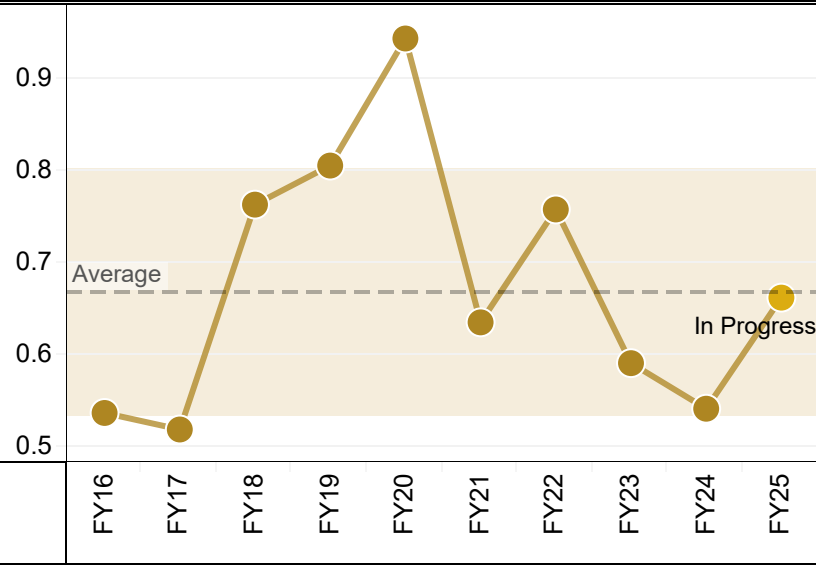


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Estimated Rotorcraft Fatal Rate by FY

10 Year Lookback - Rates per 100,000 Hours

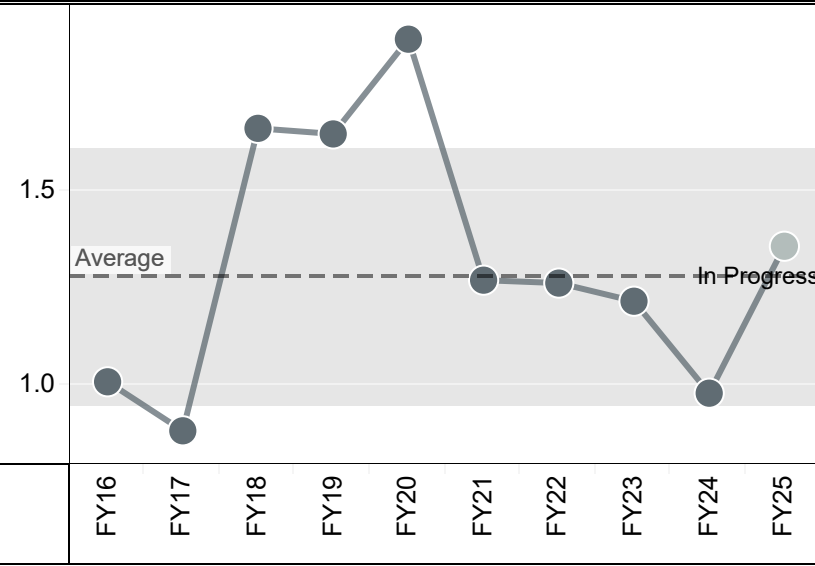


Fatal Rates

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Estimated Rotorcraft Fatality Rate by FY

10 Year Lookback - Rates per 100,000 Hours



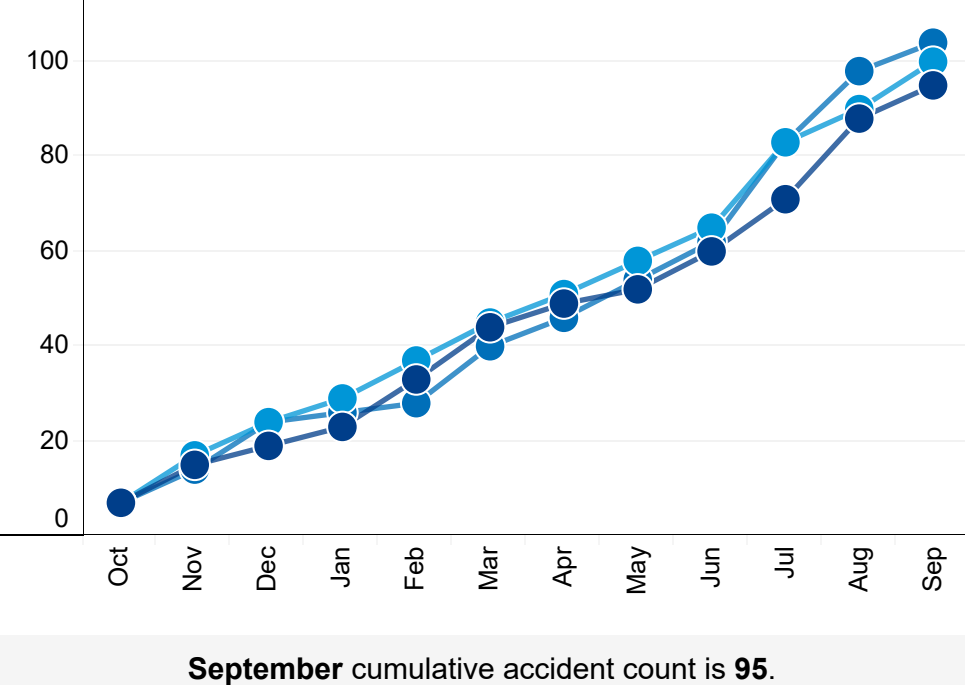
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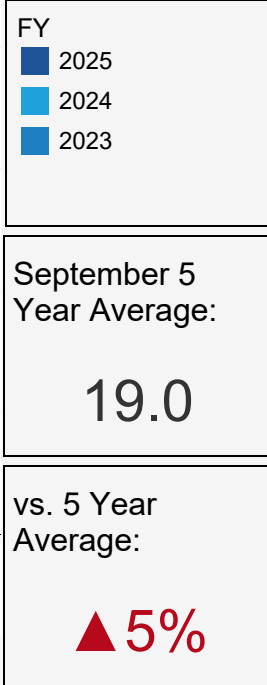
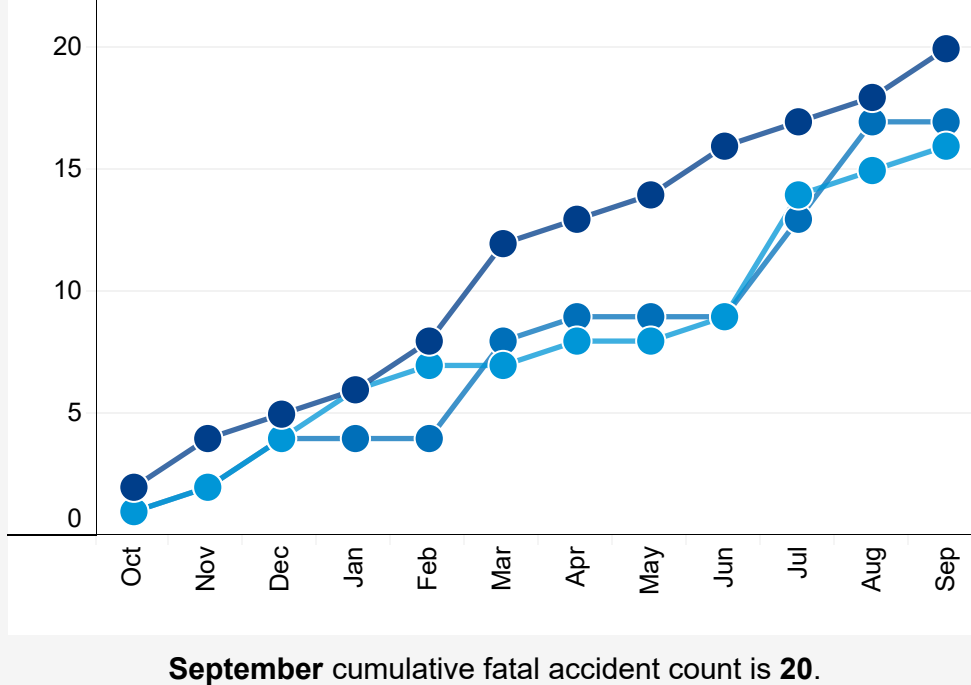
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Accident Rate	3.85	3.63	4.25	3.96	3.77	4.00	4.69	3.61	3.38	3.14
Fatal Accident Rate	0.54	0.52	0.76	0.81	0.94	0.64	0.76	0.59	0.54	0.66
Fatality Rate	1.01	0.89	1.66	1.64	1.89	1.27	1.26	1.22	0.98	1.36

*Average Rates and Standard Deviation Ranges are for reference, rates are not normally distributed.

Cumulative Accident Count



Cumulative Fatal Accident Count



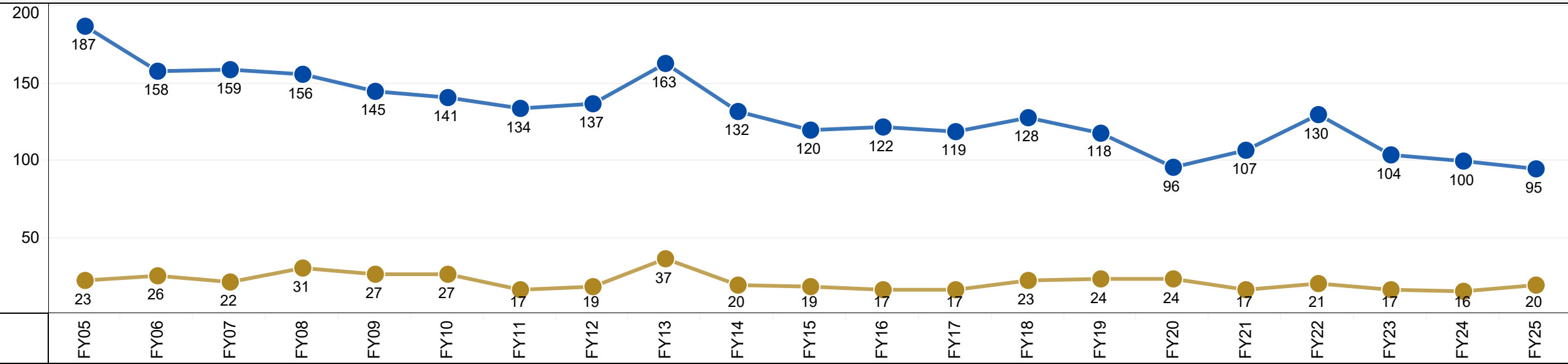
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Past N Fiscal Years
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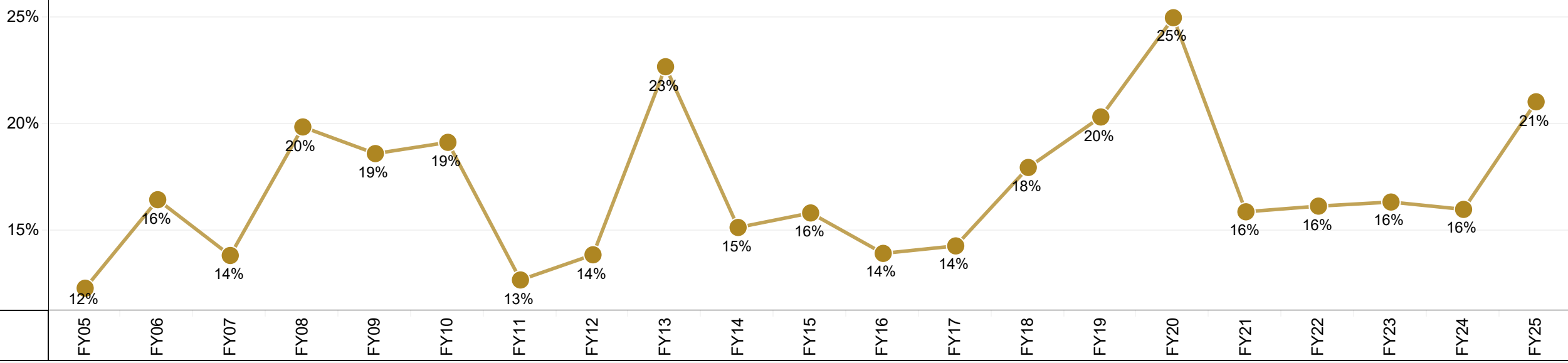
US Registered Rotorcraft Accidents by FY

Fatal Accidents

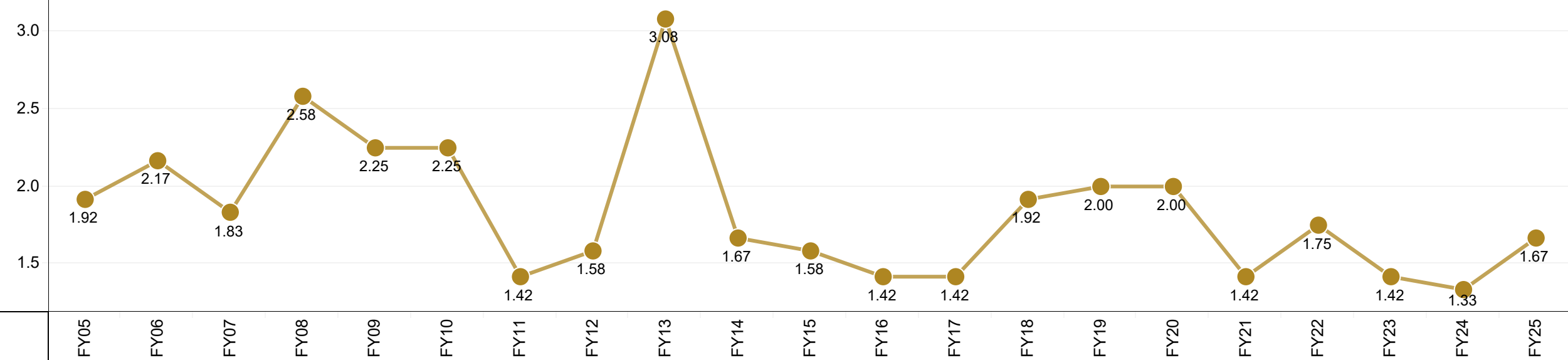
Total Accidents



Percent of Rotorcraft Accidents with Fatality by FY



Average Fatal Accidents/Month by FY



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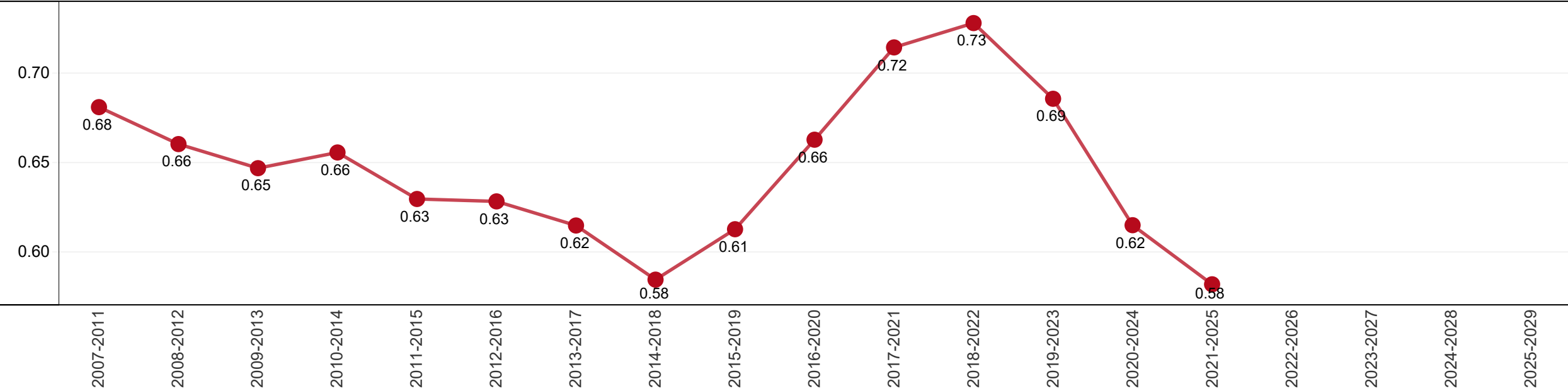
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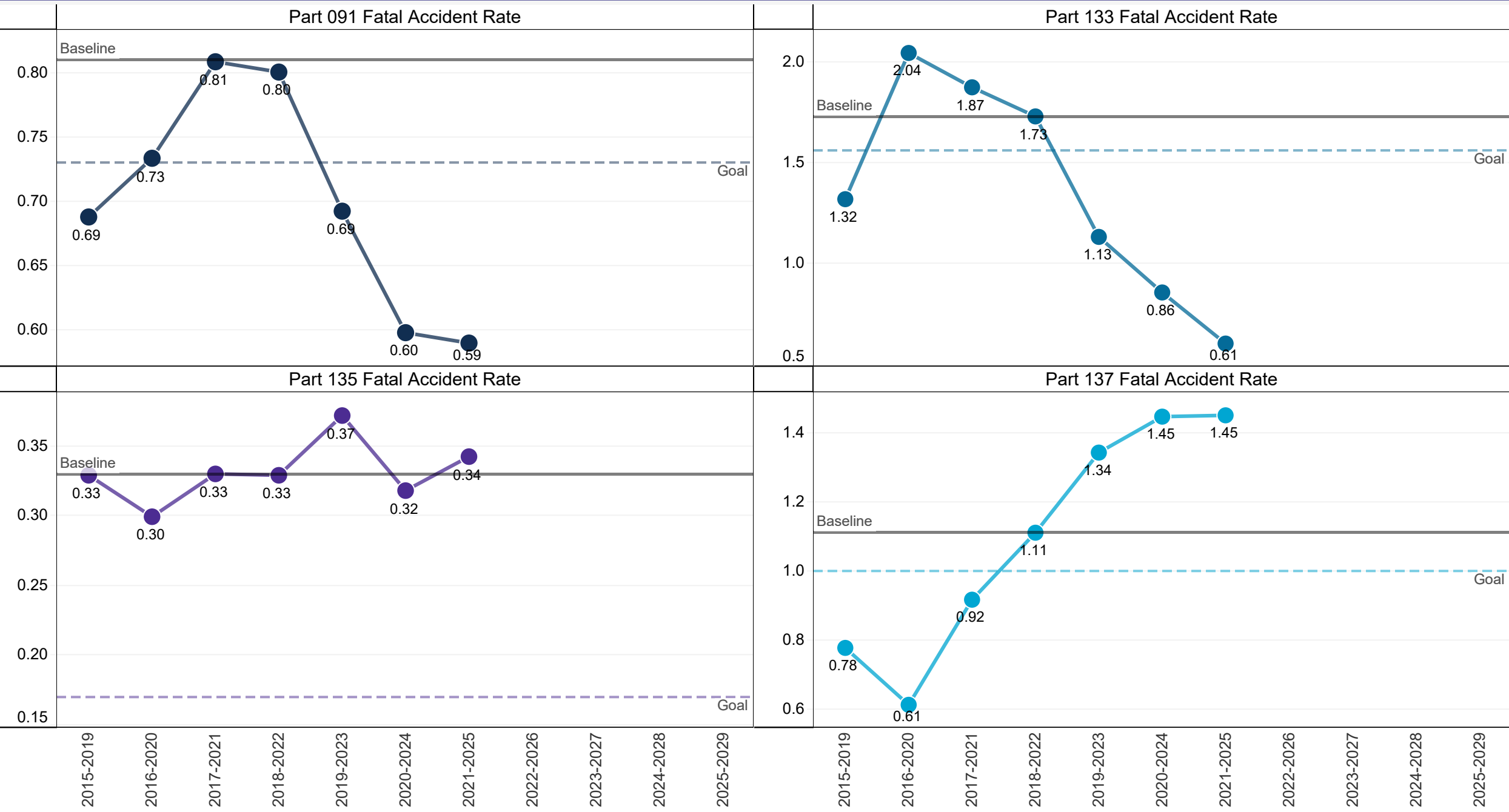
Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

Rates are based off of Calendar Year and per 100,000 Flight Hours



Fatal Rate by Operational Part: 5 Year Average

Rates are based off of Calendar Year and per 100,000 Flight Hours



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Airbus Helicopters

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents FY25: October - September

Total Accidents

15% {14}



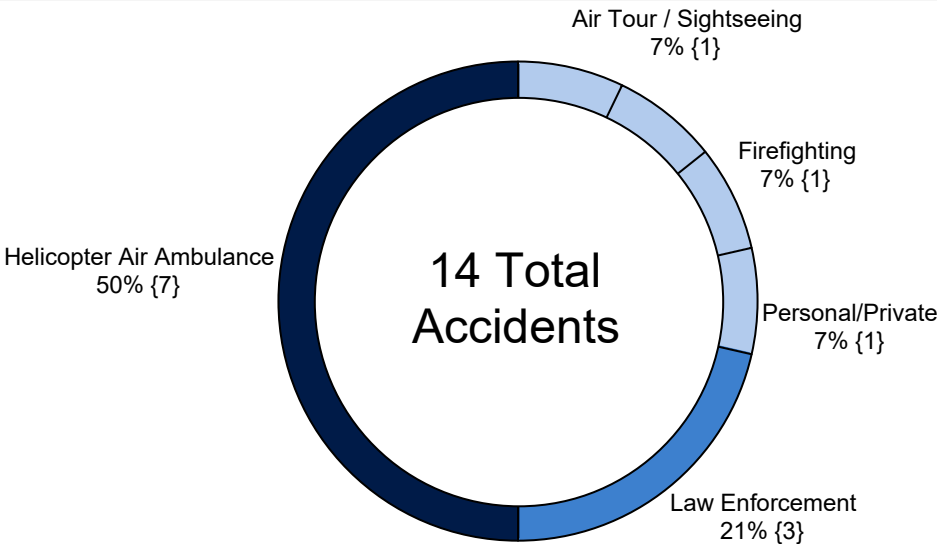
Fatal Accidents

15% {3}



Total Fatalities

12% {5}



All

Fatal

Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

NTSB: CEN25MA115	3/10/2025	- Airbus Helicopters EC135, N835CS, Part 135, Canton, MS, 3 fatal - Helicopter Air Ambulance flight. Crew was repositioning the a/c back to base after patient transport to a hospital. - Flight nurse made a radio transmission about a major problem due to trouble with the controls that necessitated an emergency landing..
NTSB: WPR25FA062	12/16/2024	- Airbus Helicopters AS350, N617GC, Part PUBU, Potrero, CA, 1 fatal - Law Enforcement public aircraft. - Last minute of flight, the ADS-B data noted S turns and a rapid descent. Crashed under unknown circumstances.
NTSB: GAA25WA031	11/22/2024	- Airbus Helicopters AS332, N368EV, Part NUSN, Broken Hill, , 1 fatal - U.S. registered firefighting a/c operating in Australia. - Ferry flight from Broken Hill Airport to Albury Airport. Crashed under unknown circumstances.

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents by Make and Model

		U.S. Fleet Size (Registered and Active)	Percentage of Total U.S. Fleet (Registered and Active)	Number of U.S. Registered Accidents	Percentage of Total U.S. Registered Accidents	Number of U.S. Registered Fatal Accidents	Percentage of Total U.S. Registered Fatal Accidents
Airbus Helicopters	AS332	12	0%	1	1%	1	5%
	AS350	936	8%	6	6%	1	5%
	BK117	269	2%	2	2%	0	0%
	EC130	299	2%	1	1%	0	0%
	EC135	359	3%	4	4%	1	5%



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Aircraft Make
Bell

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents FY25: October - September

Total Accidents

23% {22}



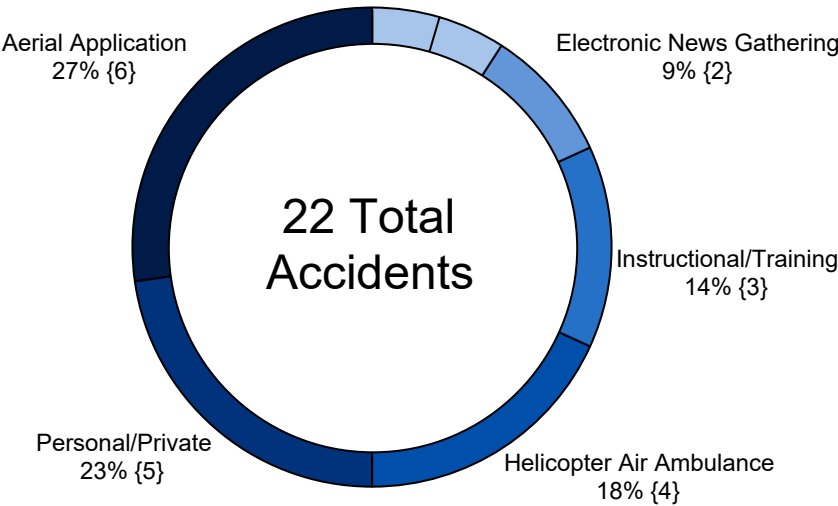
Fatal Accidents

30% {6}



Total Fatalities

37% {15}



All

Fatal

Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

NTSB: CEN25FA281	7/23/2025	- Bell 206Ls, N2611, Part 137, Thibodaux, LA, 1 fatal - Aerial application flight to a sugar cane field. - There was a set of powerlines near the north edge of the field. A static line was broken during the accident sequence. The right skid of the a/c was found separated from the rest of the wreckage and showed signatures of powerline contact.
NTSB: ERA25MA171	4/10/2025	- Bell 206Ls, N216MH, Part 091, Jersey City, NJ, 6 fatal - Air tour flight. Occupants were the pilot and a family of five (two adults and three children). - An inflight breakup occurred with the tail boom separating, following by the entire main rotor system. The a/c assumed a near inverted attitude before impacting the water of the Hudson River.
NTSB: WPR25FA114	3/19/2025	- Bell 206Bs, N23SD, Part 137, Mountain Home Park, WA, 1 fatal - Aerial Application flight. - Crashed under unknown circumstances. Impact with power lines possibly contributory.
NTSB: WPR25FA100	2/20/2025	- Bell 505, N118LG, Part 091, Ririe, ID, 1 fatal - Bell 505, N118LG, Part 091, Ririe, ID, 1 fatal

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Bell	206Bs	839	7%	10	11%	1	5%
	206Ls	474	4%	4	4%	3	15%
	407	881	7%	4	4%	1	5%
	429	158	1%	0	0%	0	0%
	505	177	1%	4	4%	1	5%



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Robinson

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents FY25: October - September

Total Accidents

36% {34}



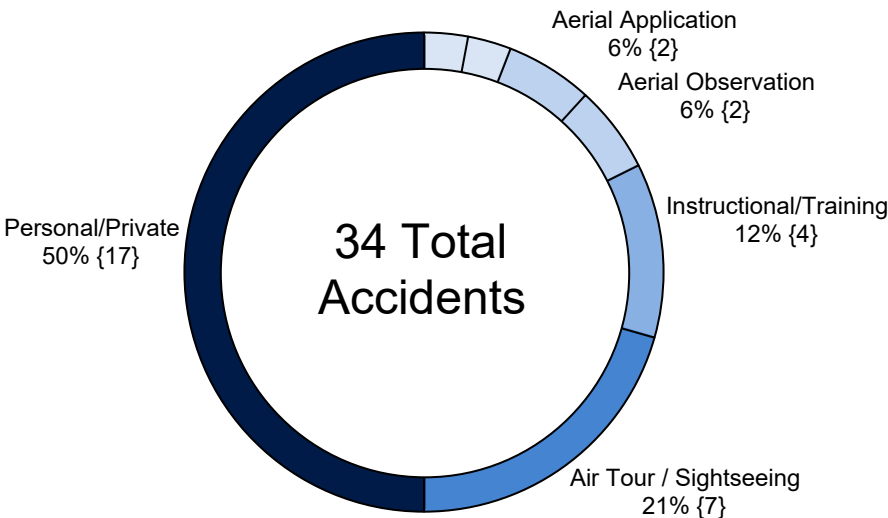
Fatal Accidents

35% {7}



Total Fatalities

37% {15}



All

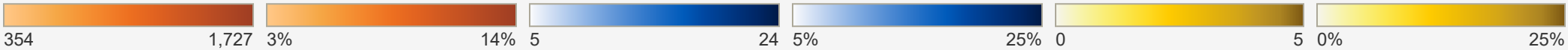
Fatal

Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

Pending	9/6/2025	- Robinson R66, N6633L, Part 091, Lakeville, MN, 2 fatal - Personal use flight. A/c was about 8 minutes into a flight from Jordan, MN to New Richmond, WI. - Witness reported the a/c was straight and level and then turned sharply to the right with the nose pointed toward the ground. Video footage captured the a/c impacted ground in a nose low attitude on its right side. A post-crash fire occurred.
NTSB: ANC25FA044	6/4/2025	- Robinson R66, N962MD, Part 135, Kaparuk, AK, 2 fatal - Commercial use flight, supporting bird research. A/c departed Deadhorse Airport under a special VFR clearance. Pilot reported clear of the Class E airspace. - ADS-B data showed altitudes between 300 and 600 feet MSL before the data ended about 25 miles from the airport. Search and rescue crew found the wreckage in an area of flat, snow-covered, featureless terrain.
NTSB: CEN25FA183	5/23/2025	- Robinson R44, N1195P, Part 091, Miami, TX, 1 fatal - Personal use flight. Student pilot planned a solo flight from his home to an appointment. - Prevailing weather was fog, low clouds, and mist. Another helicopter pilot in the same area had cancelled due to the weather. A witness near the accident site heard the a/c but could not estimate the altitude because the fog was so low. A/c impacted the ground and a post-crash fire occurred.
NTSB: CEN25FA124	3/15/2025	- Robinson R44, N331ES, Part 091, Danville, VA, 1 fatal - Personal use flight. Pilot had ended a flight with passengers early and dropped them off ta their home due to fog restricting visibility.

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Robinson	R22	762	6%	5	5%	0	0%
	R44	1,727	14%	24	25%	5	25%
	R66	354	3%	5	5%	2	10%



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Aircraft Make
Sikorsky

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents FY25: October - September

Total Accidents

2% {2}



Fatal Accidents

0% {0}



Total Fatalities

0% {0}



Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

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Sikorsky	S-61	51	0%	1	1%	0	0%
	S-76	169	1%	1	1%	0	0%



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24% {23}



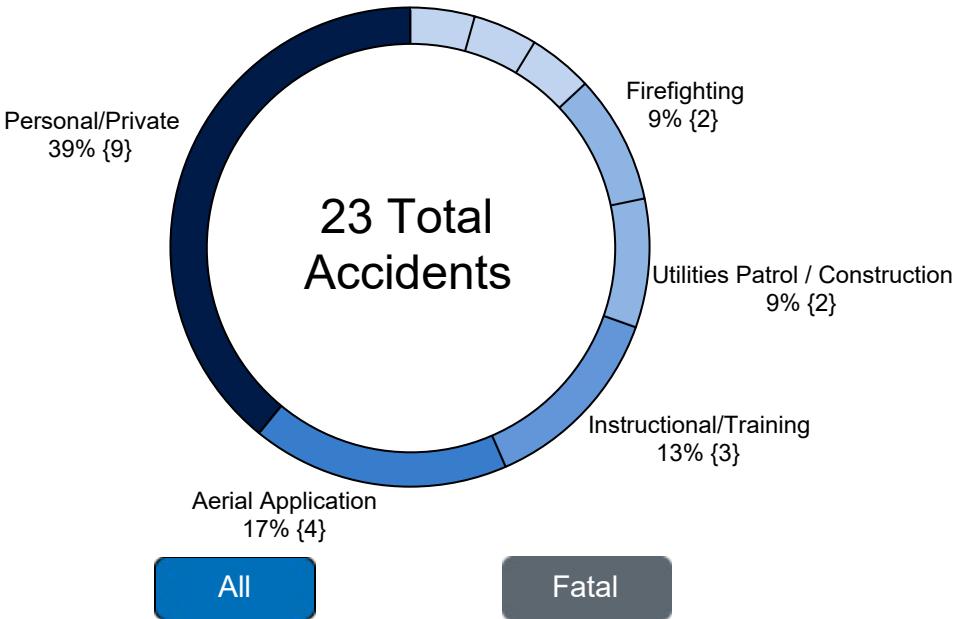
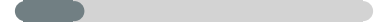
Fatal Accidents

20% {4}



Total Fatalities

15% {6}



Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

Pending	9/11/2025	- MD Helicopters, Inc. 369, N5072F, Part 133, Jim Thorpe, PA, 2 fatal - Utility Patrol/Construction flight. Purpose was measuring and marking section along a fiber optic wire located above transmission wires connected to a 120 foot tall tower. - No witnesses to the accident sequence. The wreckage was found in a vertical nose-down position adjacent to the transmission tower with a severed fiber optic wire.
NTSB: CEN25FA307	8/7/2025	- MD Helicopters, Inc. 369, N173AL, Part 133, West Alton, MO, 2 fatal - Utility Patrol/Construction flight. Completing maintenance work to a power line. Witness observed a lineman was on the skid while a/c positioned closer to the power line. - Witness reported the tail struck the line first, followed shortly thereafter by part of the fuselage. The a/c crashed on a ship barge deck immediately below the work area..
NTSB: WPR25FA190	6/25/2025	- MD Helicopters, Inc. 369, N411WJ, Part 091, Meeker, CO, 1 fatal - Personal use flight. - A/c departed Meeker Coulter Field, climbed to 10,350 feet msl, then began a descent that continued until the end of the ADS-B data. The a/c impacted rocky, hilly terrain at an elevation of about 6,840 feet msl.
NTSB: ERA25LA144	3/14/2025	- Schweizer 269, N262LH, Part 091, Mogadore, OH, 1 fatal - Personal use flight. Night conditions. about 35 minutes before sunrise. Pilot was enroute to Portage County Airport to pick up a friend. A/c descended out of 1600 feet

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	F-28	145	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Erickson	S-64	19	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Kaman	K-1200	23	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Leonardo	A109	135	1%	1	1%	0	0%
	A119	202	2%	0	0%	0	0%
	AW139	122	1%	0	0%	0	0%
MD Helicopters, Inc.	369	592	5%	6	6%	3	15%
	600N	24	0%	2	2%	0	0%
Schweizer	269	425	3%	6	6%	1	5%
Scotts-Bell 47	47	540	4%	1	1%	0	0%



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0% {0}



Fatal Accidents

0% {0}



Total Fatalities

0% {0}



0 Total
Accident

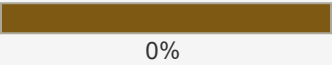
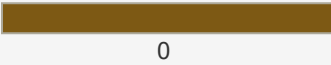
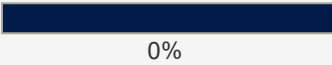
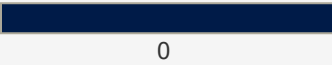
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Fatal Accidents Brief Summary

U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents by Make and Model

		U.S. Fleet Size (Registered and Active)	Percentage of Total U.S. Fleet (Registered and Active)	Number of U.S. Registered Accidents	Percentage of Total U.S. Registered Accidents	Number of U.S. Registered Fatal Accidents	Percentage of Total U.S. Registered Fatal Accidents
Restricted Category	OH-58	338	3%	0	0%	0	0%
	UH-1	418	3%	0	0%	0	0%
	UH-60	213	2%	0	0%	0	0%



The following notes apply to the charts above:

Data is subject to change

*The accident numbers for each month of the Fiscal Year may vary from what was reported previously based on analysis between FAA and NTSB databases for the specified month.

*Fleet size counts may vary from what was previously reported based on analysis of the FAA registry.

*Any listed Percentage of Total U.S. Fleet (Registered and Active) of "0%" is greater than zero, but rounded to the nearest whole percent.