



# USHST

## United States Helicopter Safety Team



## Monthly Safety Report

## December 2025

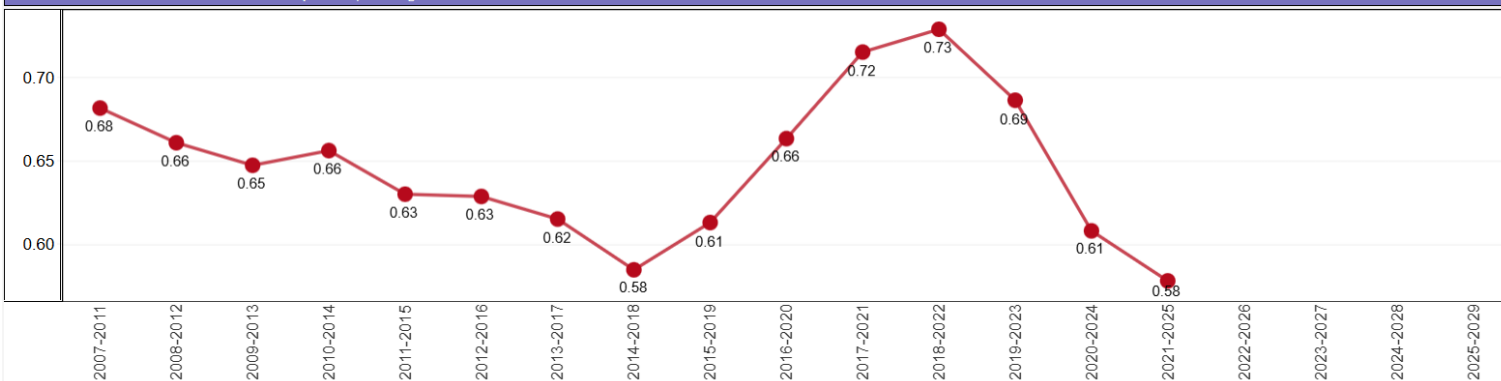
The USHST is a regional partner to the Vertical Aviation Safety Team ([VAST](#)).

**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

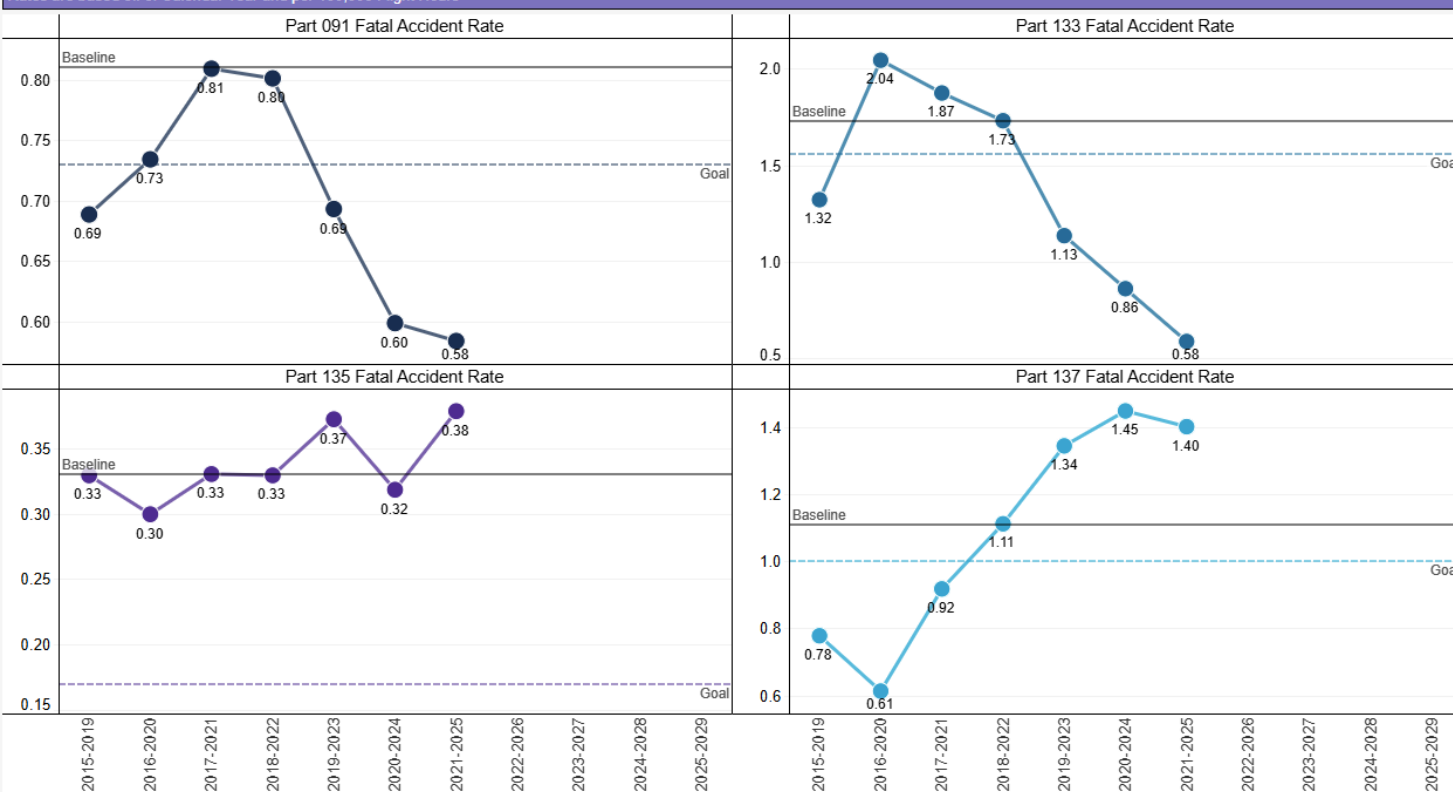
### Fatal Rate: 5 Year Average

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:

- [Shaping the Future of Low-Altitude Drone Operations](#)
- [USHST Fall 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [Tips and Best Practices for Safe Winter Operations](#)
- [Ground Operations in Icing Conditions \(The Rotorcraft Collective\)](#)



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

### [H-SE 2023-01, Promote conservative go/no-go 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.

**USHST PRIORITY Safety Resources:**

[Videos](#)

[USHST Safety App](#)

[Original H-SE Summation Report](#)

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[NTSB final report: Schweizer 269C, Mogadore, Ohio, Mar. 14, 2025](#)



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