
HELICOPTER FACTS

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30-Year Trend Shows Continuing Improvement in U.S. Helicopter Safety

WASHINGTON DC – Compiling data that reaches back to 1985, the number of fatal and non-fatal helicopter accidents have continued to decrease at a steady rate in the United States according to the U.S. Helicopter Safety Team (www.USHST.org). The improvement can be traced back to a number of factors: enhancements in manufacturing and design, improved materials and components, more extensive training, new technology, and other factors.

When looking at the number of accidents in ten-year periods, total accidents per year have declined by 40 percent and fatal accidents have been nearly cut in half.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Avg. Accidents Per Year</u>	<u>Avg. Fatal Accidents Per Year</u>
1985 – 1994	198	35
1995 – 2004	176	30
2005 – 2014	152	25
2015 – 2017	118	18

AVERAGE ANNUAL U.S. HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS

—■— AVG. ANNUAL ACCIDENTS (in blue) —■— AVG. ANNUAL FATAL ACCIDENTS (in red)

