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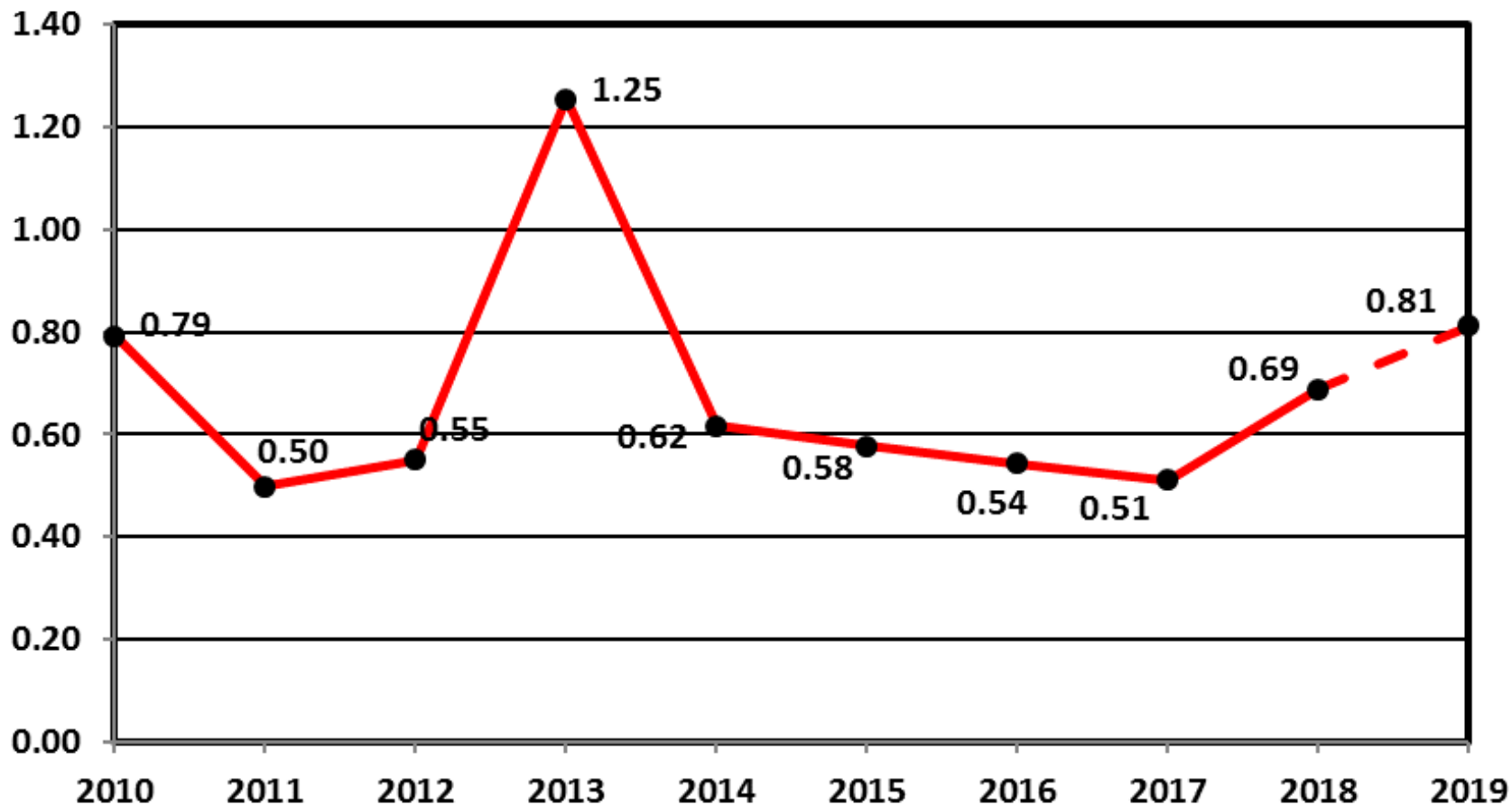
Monthly Accident Briefing

Mar 2019

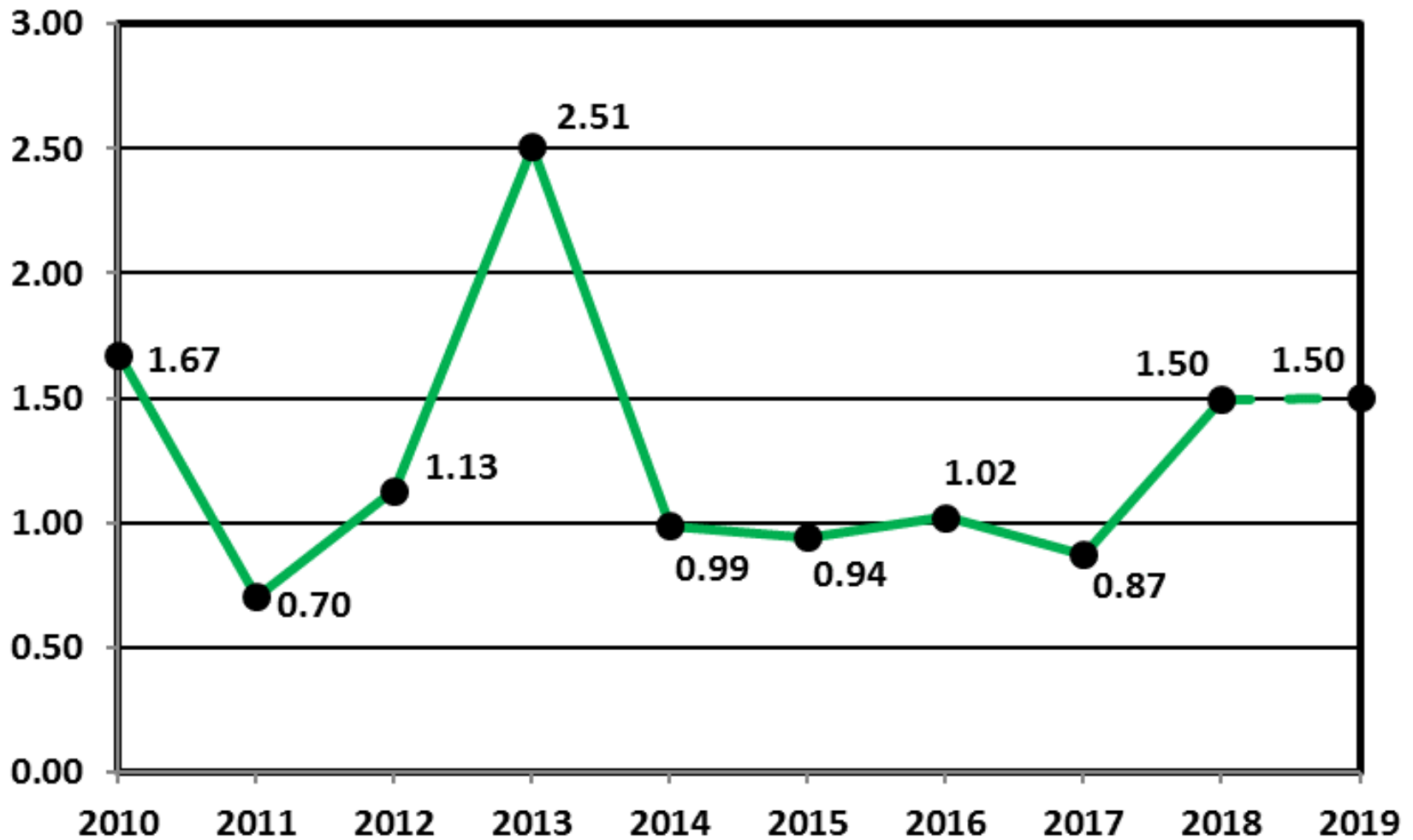
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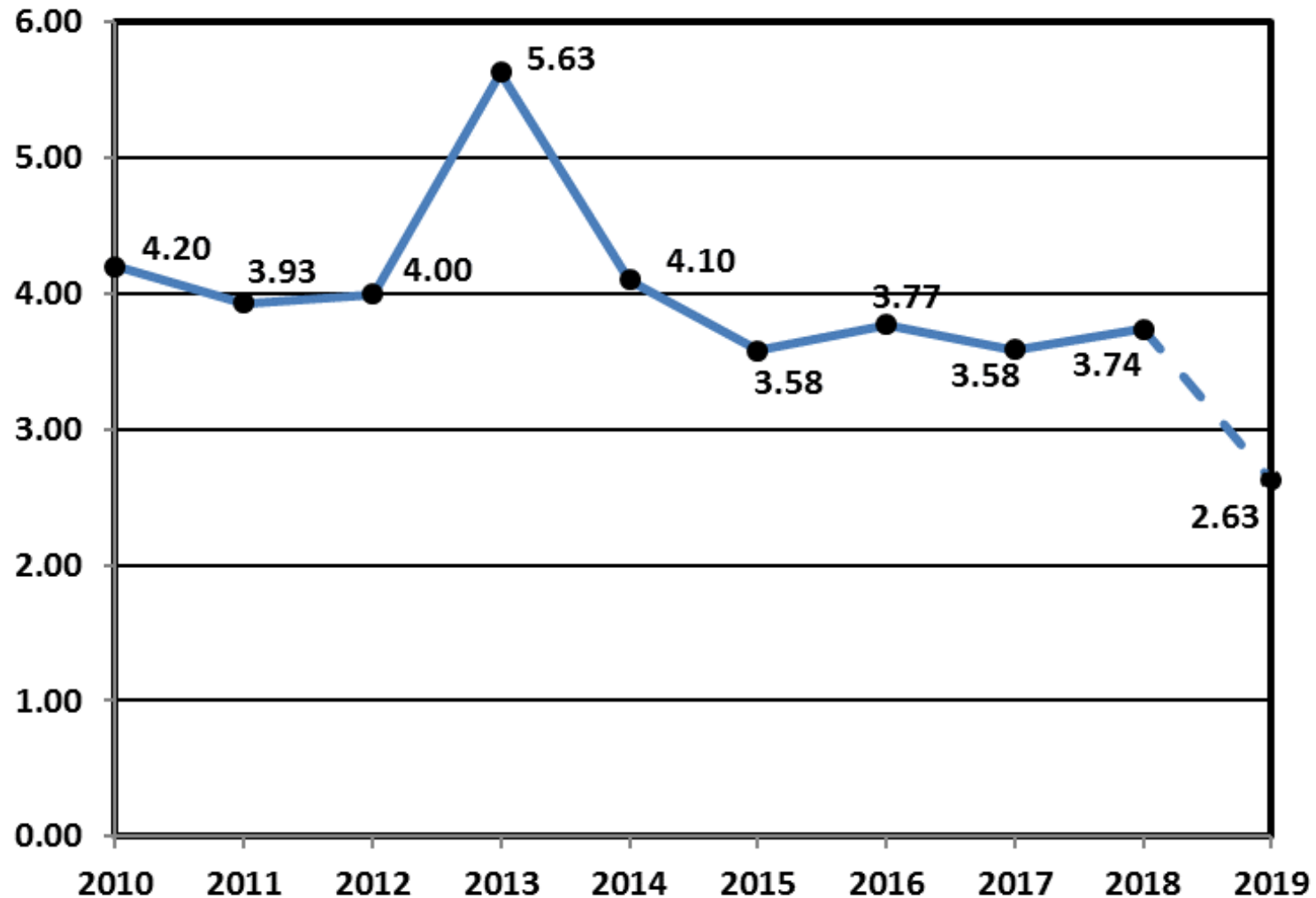
Estimated U.S. Rotorcraft FATAL Accident Rate (per 100,000 hours) – 10 Year Lookback



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FY 19 – U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Event Counts

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Accidents:	7	8	3	10	3	11							42
Fatal Acc:	3	4	0	2	0	4							13
Fatalities:	4	11	0	4	0	5							24

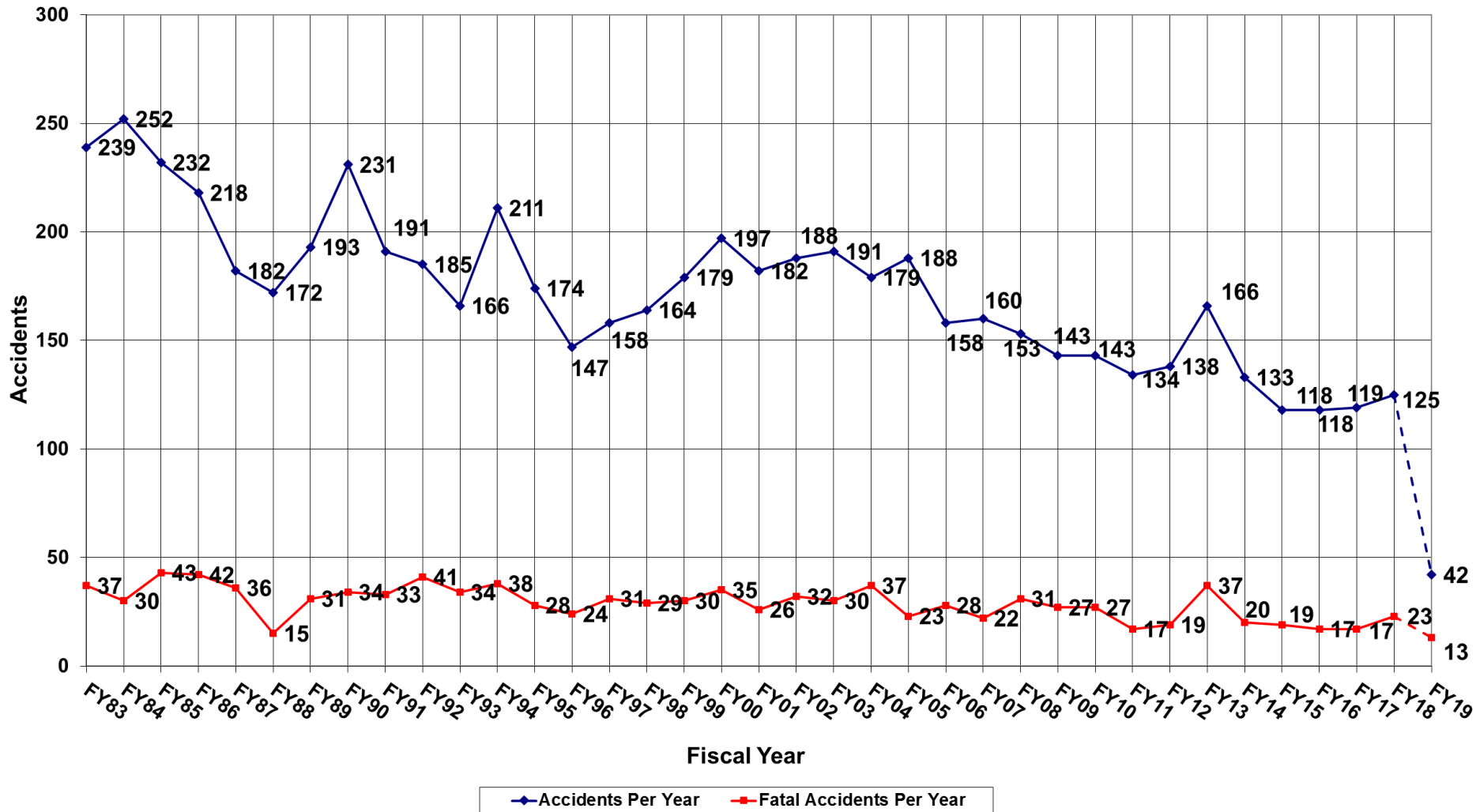
Same time period, previous FY: 53 Accidents, 12 Fatal Accidents, 31 Fatalities

Data Source: FAA, NTSB Databases. Includes only events classified as accidents and does not include incidents. The accident numbers for each month of the Fiscal Year may vary from the previous monthly briefing based on analysis between FAA and NTSB databases for the specified month. The NTSB database may include accidents that were not reported to this office resulting in slightly different numbers.

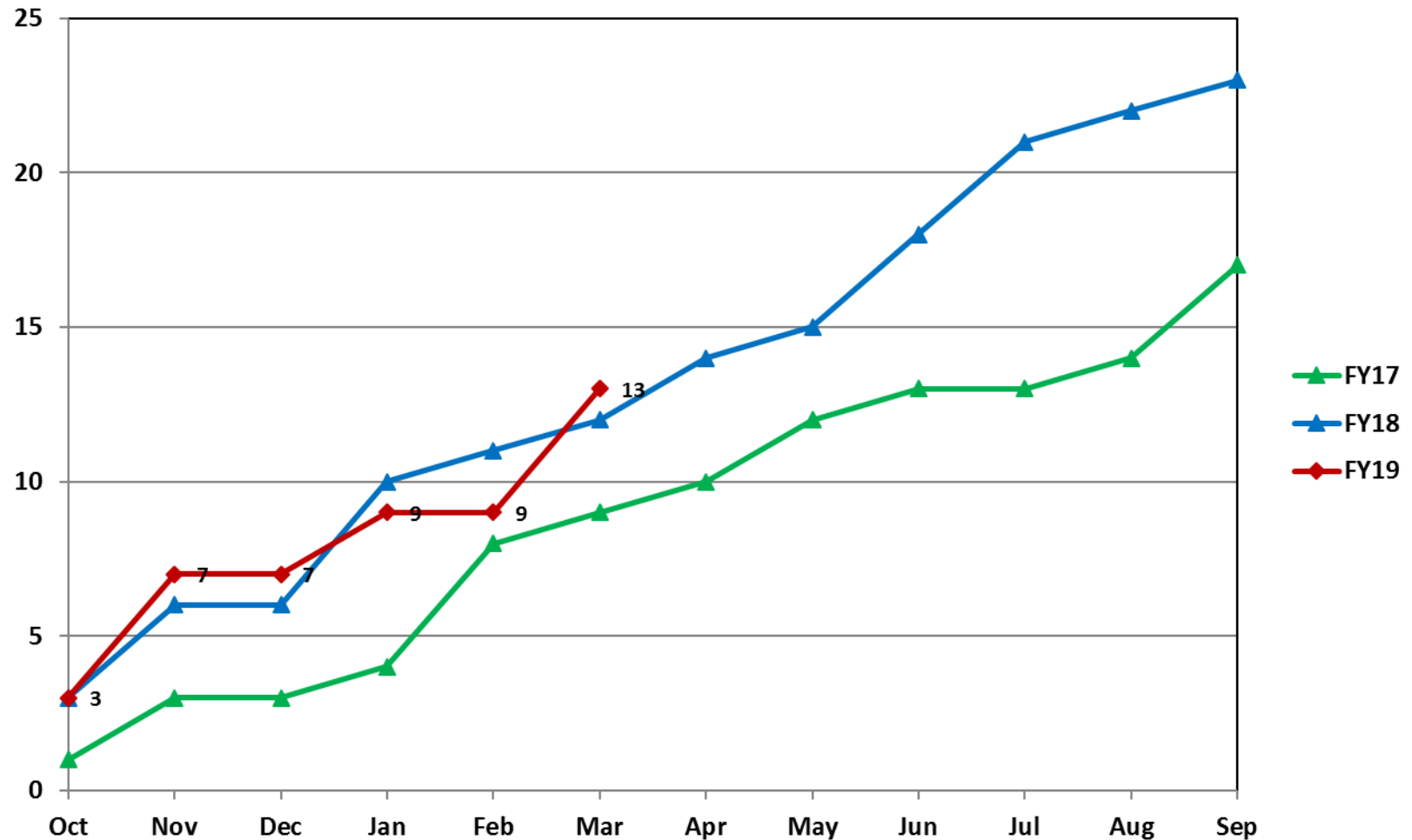
Estimated Rates by Month (per 100,000 flight hours)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Accidents:	2.29	3.06	1.31	4.3	1.13	3.6							2.63
Fatal Acc:	0.98	1.53	0	0.86	0	1.31							0.81
Fatalities:	1.31	4.21	0	1.72	0	1.63							1.5

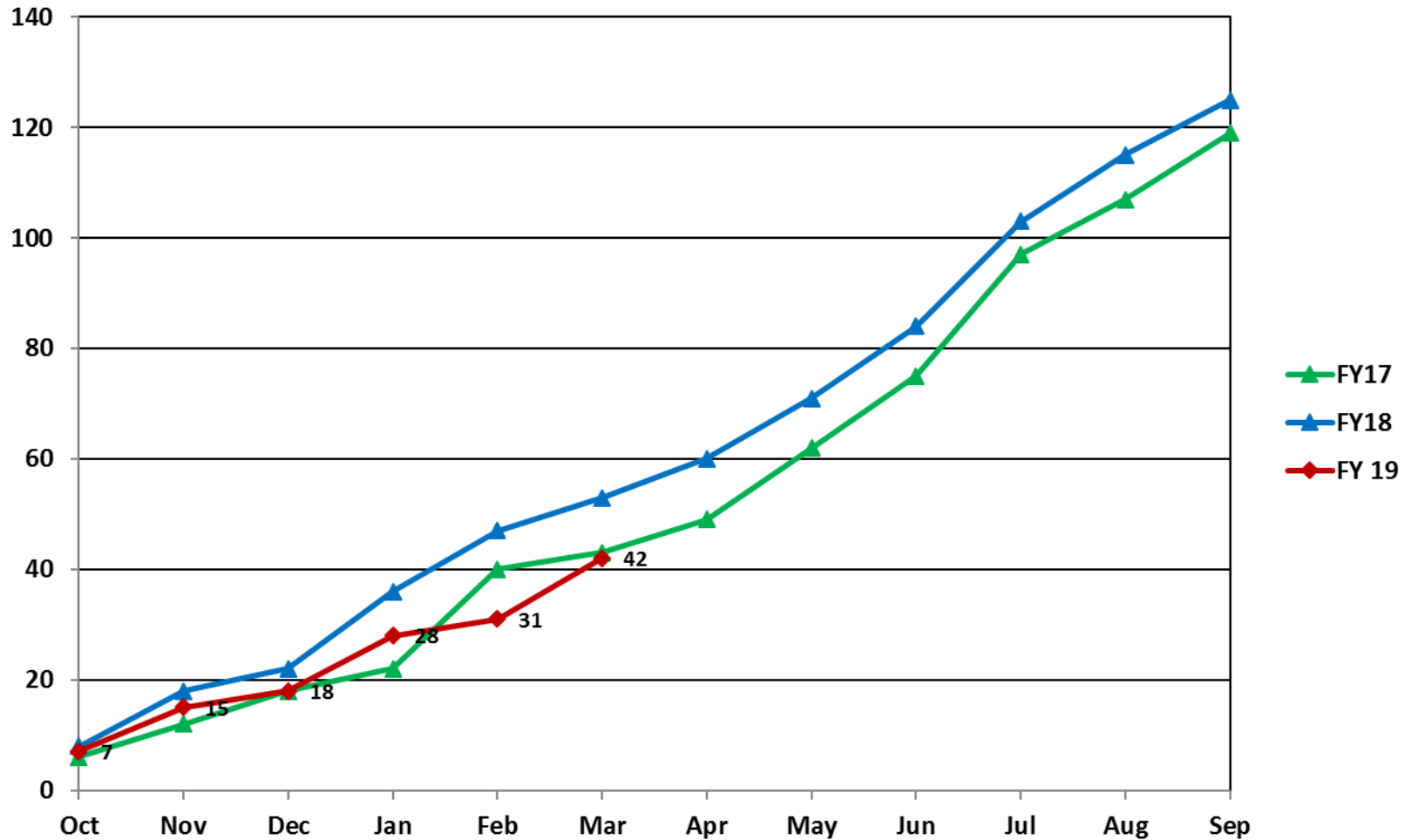
U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Accidents FY83 - FY19



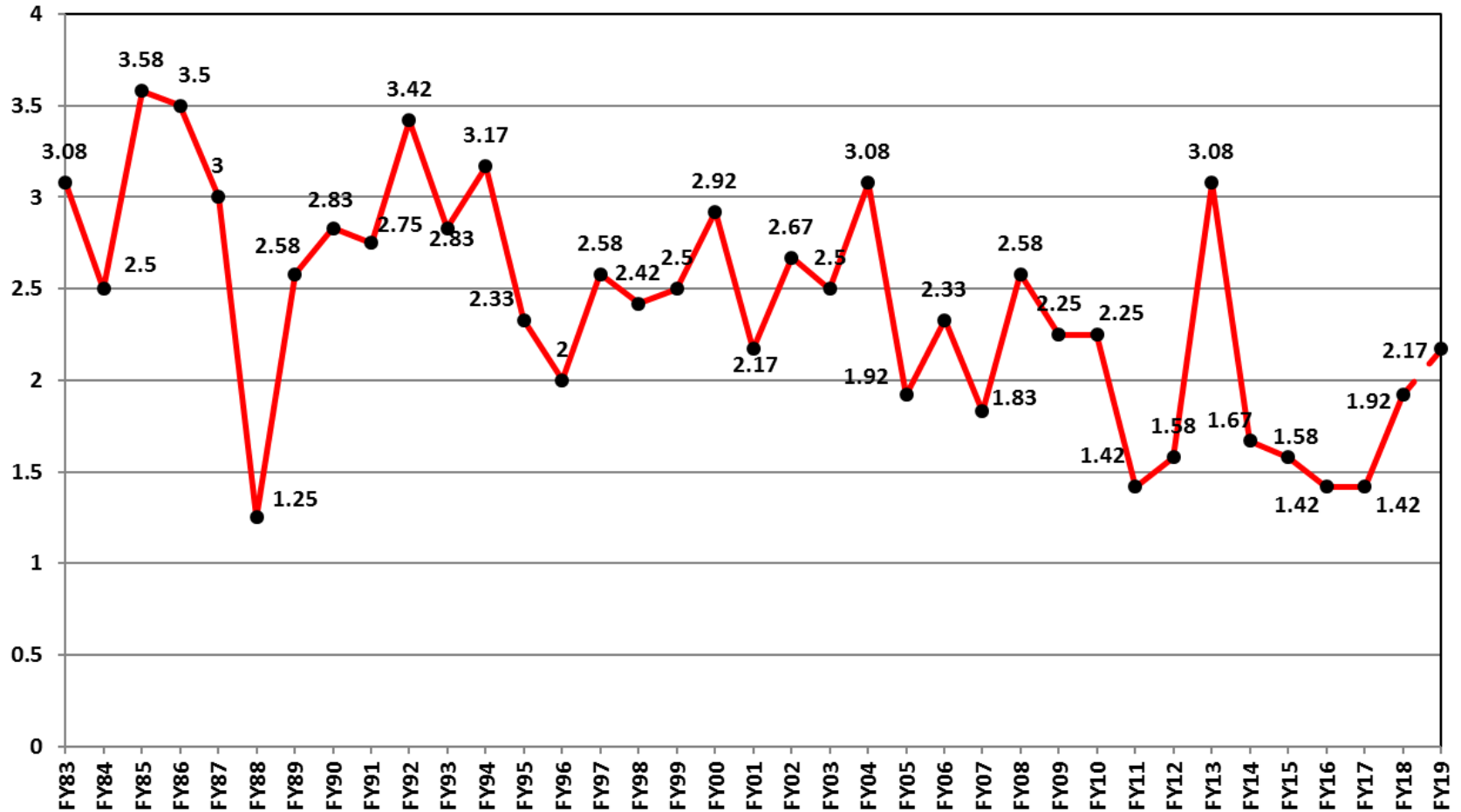
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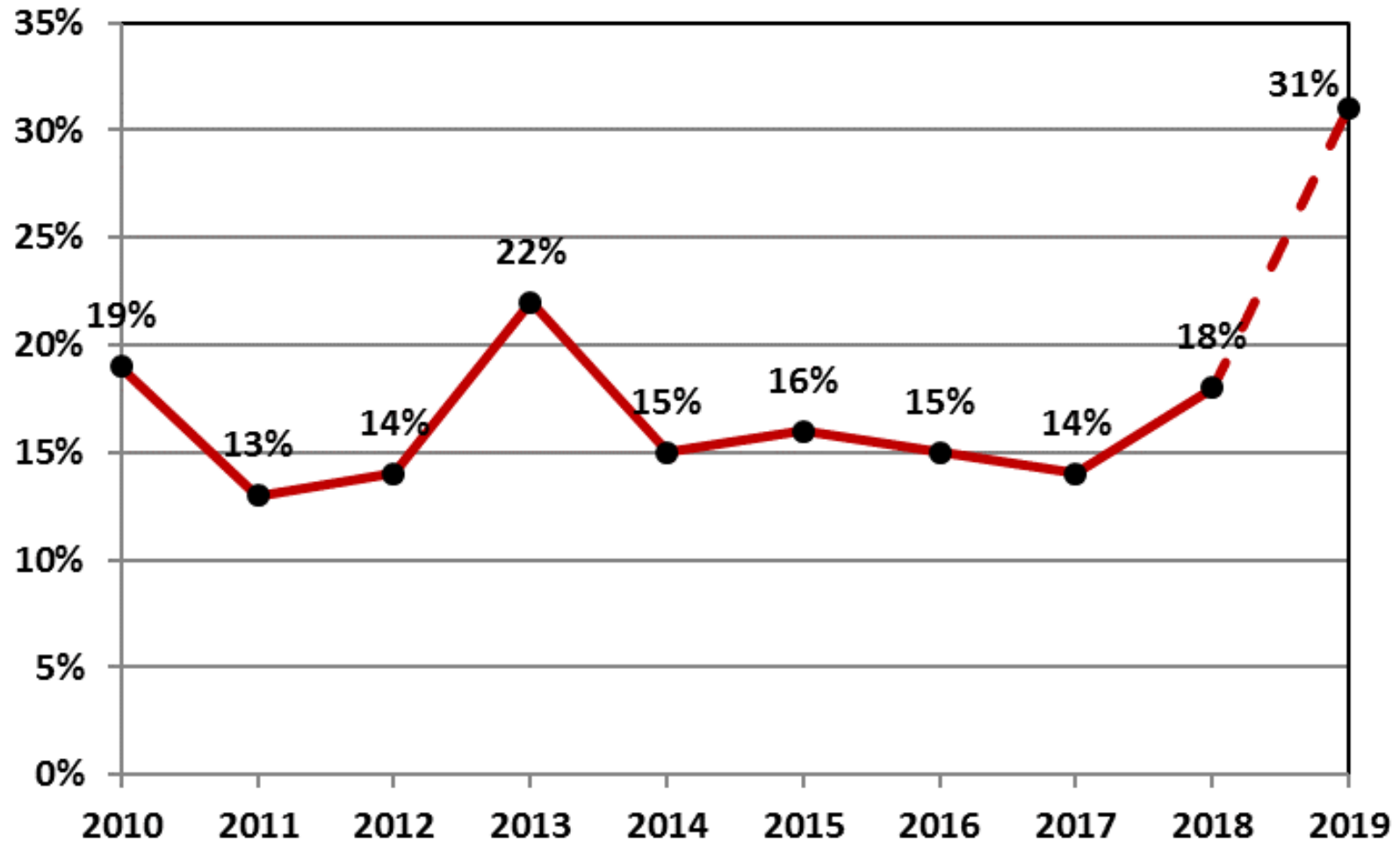
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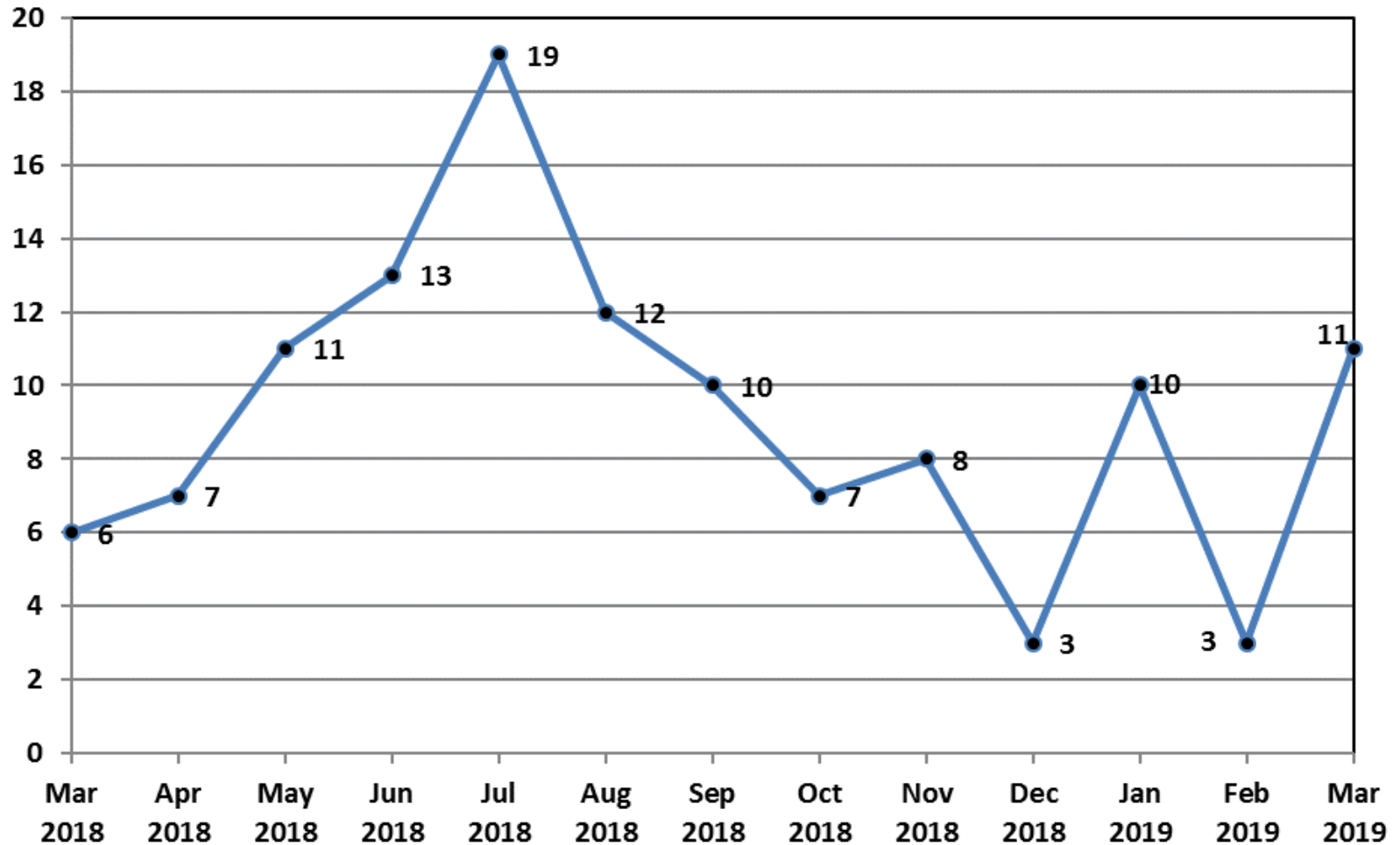
U.S. Registered Rotorcraft Average Fatal Accidents Per Month, FY83-FY19



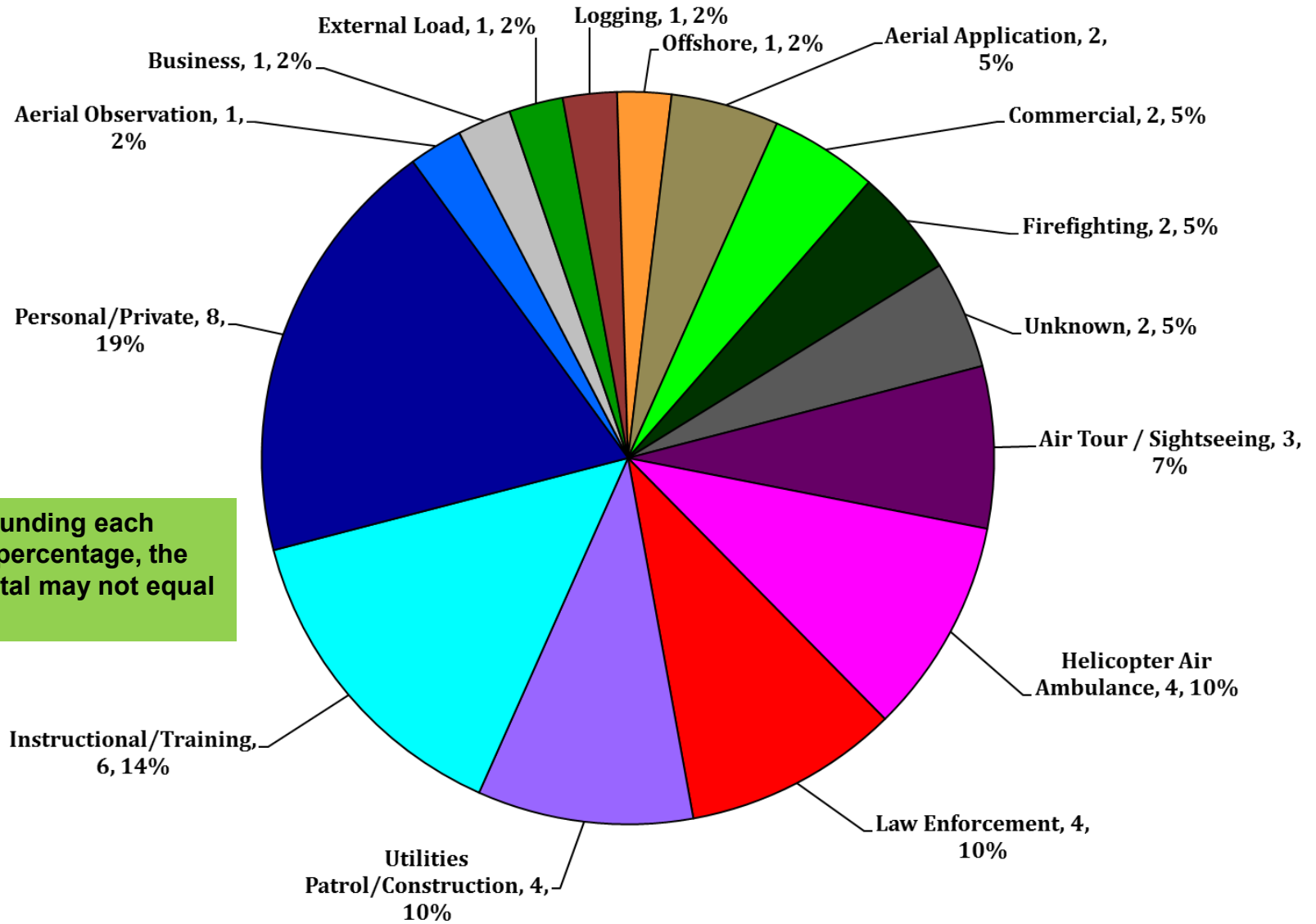
% of U.S. Rotorcraft Accidents with a Fatality (FY19, Oct-Mar)



U.S. Registered Rotorcraft 13 Month Rolling Accident Count



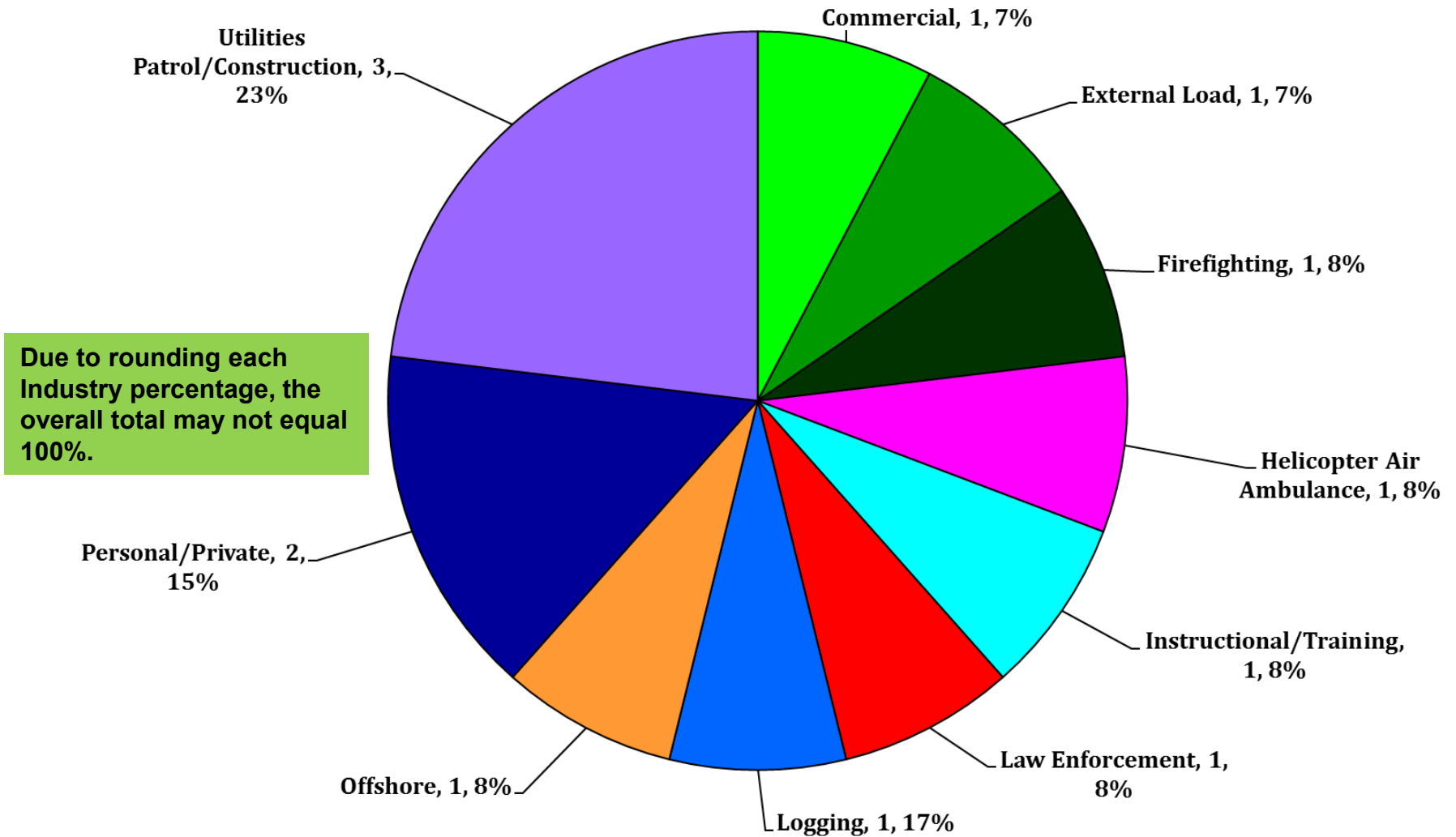
FY 19 – Total Accidents by Industry (Oct 2018 - Mar 2019)



Due to rounding each Industry percentage, the overall total may not equal 100%.



FY 19 – Total FATAL Accidents by Industry (Oct 2018 - Mar 2019)



FY 19 – U.S. Registered Fatal Rotorcraft Accidents

- 3-27-19 – Airbus Helicopters AS350B3, N818MC, Part 91, 1 fatal, 1 serious, 1 minor
 - Supporting controlled burn; Finished drop of ignitable plastic spheres;
 - Preparing to depart for airport; crashed in wooded area **NTSB: CEN19FA109**

- 3-10-19 – Bell 407, N577AL, Part 135, 2 fatal
 - On demand passenger flight from Galliano, LA to Gulf of Mexico
 - Impacted a marsh after descending from cruise flight [NTSB: CEN19FA095](#)

- 3-8-19 – Richards Heavylift Helo UH-1B, N64RA, Forks, WA, Part 133, 1 Fatal
 - External load, long line logging operation
 - Crashed at logging site under unknown circumstances [NTSB: WPR19FA091](#)

- 3-5-19 – MDHI 369D, N89ZC, Talking Rock, GA, Part 133, 1 Fatal
 - External load; 10 bladed aerial saw attached to trim trees near power lines
 - Crashed after performing a tree trimming pass [NTSB: ERA19FA118](#)

FY 19 – U.S. Registered Fatal Rotorcraft Accidents

- 1-29-19 – Bell 407, N191SF, Zaleski, OH, Part 135, 3 Fatal
 - Helicopter Air Ambulance; enroute Pomeroy, OH for patient pick up
 - Crashed in heavily wooded area [NTSB: CEN19FA072](#)

- 1-24-19 – Bell 206L3, N8227J, Ashland, OR, Part 91, 1 Fatal
 - Training flight to build flight time
 - Collided with trees while maneuvering at low altitude [NTSB: WPR19LA071](#)

- 11-16-18 – Bell OH-58C, N510CP, Clanton, AL, Part 91, 2 Fatal
 - Law enforcement, positioning flight from Columbus, GA to Auburn, AL
 - Struck powerlines and impacted the Coosa River [NTSB: ERA19FA047](#)

- 11-4-18 – Bell 206B, N417WT, Uvalde, TX, Part 91, 3 Fatal
 - Personal use; night flight departed private ranch en route to San Antonio
 - Collided with 1,450 foot hill about 5 miles from ranch [NTSB: CEN19FA024](#)

FY 19 – U.S. Registered Fatal Rotorcraft Accidents

- 11-2-18 – MDHI 369D, N5187S, McDougal, AR, Part 133, 1 Fatal, 2 Minor
 - Utilities Patrol/Construction; utility line work w/2 linemen attached
 - Impacted a utility pole and crashed [NTSB: CEN19FA020](#)

- 10-30-18 – Airbus Helicopter AS355F2, N372CA, Beekmantown, NY, Part 133, 2 Fatal, 2 Serious
 - Utilities Patrol/Construction; stringing fiber optic line along existing power lines
 - Contacted lines, became entangled, fire ensued [NTSB: ERA19FA035](#)

- 10-29-18 – Airbus Helicopter AS350B3, N910S, Odanah, WI, Part 91, 1 Fatal
 - Utilities Patrol/Construction; oil and gas aerial pipeline patrol
 - Crashed under unknown circumstances, post-crash fire [NTSB: CEN19FA018](#)

- 10-17-18 – Robinson R22, N923SH, Fulton, MO, Part 91, 1 Fatal
 - Instructional/Training; Solo cross country flight to Columbia, MO
 - Crashed while enroute [NTSB: CEN19FA009](#)

FY 19 – U.S. Registered Fatal Rotorcraft Accidents Occurring Outside the U.S.

- 11-22-18 – Airbus Helicopter EC120B, N124ML, La Romana, Dominican Republic, 5 Fatal
– Crashed under unknown circumstances [NTSB: ERA19WA054](#)



FY 19 - US Rotorcraft Accidents By Model

MFR	Model	Registered U.S. Fleet Size	Percentage of Total U.S. Fleet	Number of FY19 U.S. Registered Accidents	Percentage of Total FY19 U.S. Registered Accidents
Airbus Helicopters	AS350 (H125)	918	7%	5	12%
	AS355	47	< 1%	1	2%
	BK117 (H145)	203	2%	1	2%
	EC120 (H120)	95	1%	1	2%
	EC130 (H130)	247	2%		
	EC135 (H135)	311	2%		

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Bell	206Bs	1,027	8%	3	7%
	206Ls	580	5%	1	2%
	212	93	1%		
	222	25	< 1%	1	2%
	407	722	6%	3	7%
	412	93	1%		
	429	85	1%		

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Robinson	R-22	910	7%	4	10%
	R-44	1,605	13%	8	19%
	R-66	249	2%		

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Sikorsky	S-76	244	2%		
	S-92	85	1%		

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Brantly	B-2	76	1%		
Enstrom	280	137	1%		
	480	69	1%		
	F28	164	1%	1	2%
Erickson	S-64E	28	< 1%	1	2%
Helicopteres Guimbal	Cabri G2	26	< 1%	1	2%
Hiller	UH-12/H-23	311	2%		
Leonardo (formerly Agusta Westland)	A109	174	1%		
	A119	98	1%		
	AW139	124	1%		
MDHI	369	718	6%	4	10%
Restricted Category (all TCs)	HH-1/TH-1/UH-1	572	5%	1	2%
	OH-58	442	3%	3	7%
Schweizer Rotorcraft Services Group	269/300/TH-55	557	4%	1	2%
Scott's Bell	47	628	5%	2	5%

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U.S. Helicopter Safety Team (USHST) Fatal Accident Rate (Jan - Mar 2019)

