# Aircraft Safety Intelligence



A Strategic Safety Report for Aviation Investment Client: U.S.-based Aviation Expansion Initiative



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### **Project Overview**

**Objective:** Recommend the safest aircraft for commercial expansion based on incident history.

**Data:** NTSB aviation dataset (1962–2022), covering 88,000+ civil aviation incidents.

Audience: U.S.-based firm launching commercial and private aviation services.

**Top-line Recommendation:** Use Airbus fleet for commercial operations (domestic & international).

### **Business Understanding**

- Stakeholder Need: Safe, reliable aircraft to launch passenger and private jet services.
- Business Questions:
  - ➤ Which aircraft manufacturers and types have the lowest incident risk?
  - ➤ Which operational zones and weather are ideal for lowest incident risk?
- Success Outcome: Evidence-based acquisition strategy minimizing operational and liability risks









#### **Data Source**

- The dataset used in this analysis is sourced from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Aviation Accident Database.
- It contains detailed records from **1962** onwards involving:
  - Civil aviation accidents and selected incidents.
  - Events that occurred within the United States, its territories, international waters and other countries

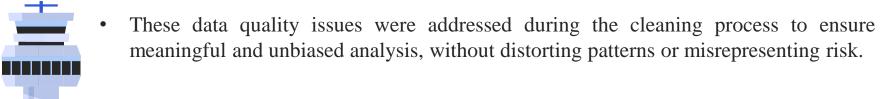


• This dataset includes variables related to aircraft type, damage severity, injury outcomes, weather conditions, flight phases, geographic locations, and more enabling robust analysis of aviation safety trends over time.



### **Data Summary**

- The dataset consists of **88,889** records and **31** attributes, covering civil aviation accidents and incidents from **1962** to **2022**.
- Most flights involved a *single-engine aircraft*, and the average number of fatal injuries per event is **0.65**, though extreme cases reached up to 349 fatalities.
- Several fields contain high proportions of missing values with some missing rates exceeding 60%.







### **Data Cleaning**

- **Data Cleaning:** Dropped high-null columns, standardized categories, and imputed missing values.
- **Key Analysis Fields**: Aircraft make/model, injury severity, weather, phase of flight, and state; created custom Severity class and state.
- Outlier Handling: Retained extreme values to preserve meaningful safety insights, as filtering removed over 50% of critical records.



### **Tools**





#### Python

Core Programming Language



#### **Pandas & Numpy**

Numerical Analysis & Data processing



#### Seaborn & Matplotlib

Visualization



#### Jupyter Notebook

Interactive analysis and Documentation



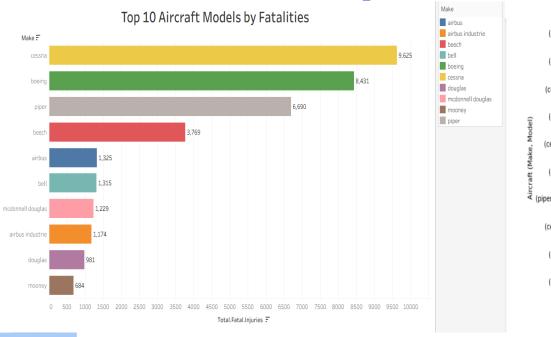


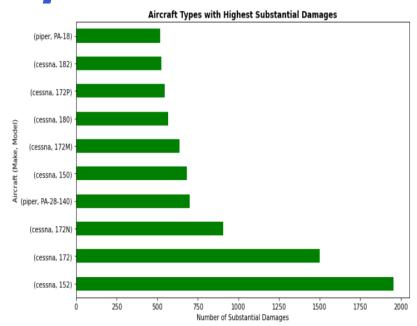






Aircraft Risk Profile

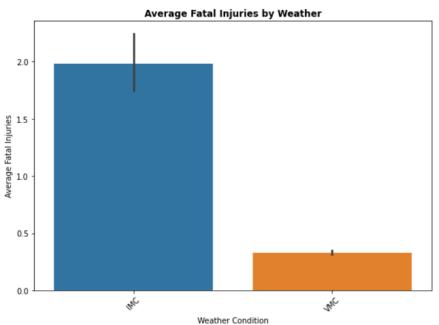


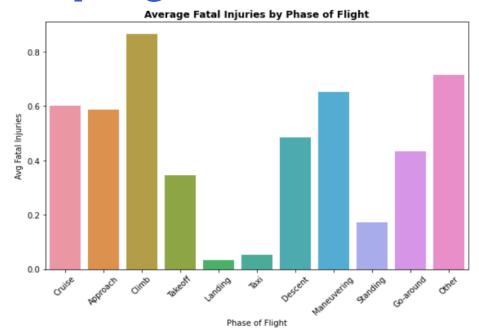


**Insight:** Cessna, Piper, and Boeing aircrafts account for over 50% of all incidents. High-risk aircraft consistently show up in charts for fatal injuries and substantial damage. General aviation types (e.g., Cessna 172, PA-28) dominate fatality counts.

Recommendation: Avoid Cessna, Piper, and Boeing for new fleet acquisition.

### Weather & Phase of Flight Risk





**IMC conditions** lead to 8x more fatalities compared to VMC.

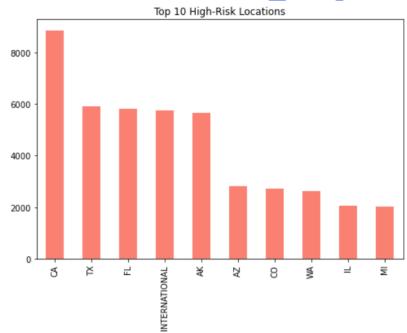
High-risk phases: include Climb, Cruise, Maneuvering, and Approach.

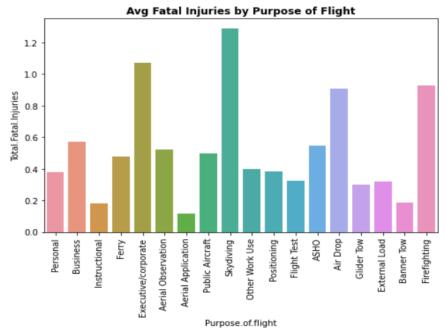
**Recommendation:** Invest in avionics and pilot training tailored to weather adaptability and critical phase control and emphasize standard operating procedures (SOPs) around weather-based Go/No-Go decision.



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### Geographic & Use Case Risk





- **Skydiving**, **Executive**, **Firefighting**, and **Air Drop** flights have the highest average fatal injuries.
- California, Texas, and Florida show the highest aviation incident rates.
  - **Recommendation**: Focus on commercial, corporate, and public operations, limiting exposure in high-risk states.







## RECOMMENDATIONS







#### **Overview**

- Avoid investing in Cessna, Piper, and Boeing aircraft due to high fatality rates.
- → Adopt Airbus as the primary manufacturer across commercial, cargo, and private aviation to reduce exposure to high-risk incidents.
- Enhance weather and flight phase safety through training and avionics investment.
- Strategically base operations in lower-risk states with stronger aviation safety records.



### **Airbus Fleet Review**





•Airbus A321XLR

•Airbus A320neo



Modern, fuel-efficient, high safety rating.



Passenger (100+ seats)



#### Airbus Fleet Review





**✓** EMS Capability





#### **THANK YOU**







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