

WORLD AIRPLANE CRASHES

1908 - 2019

Year

All

5,521

Total Crash

154K

People Aboard

112K

Fatality on Air

73%

Fatality Rate

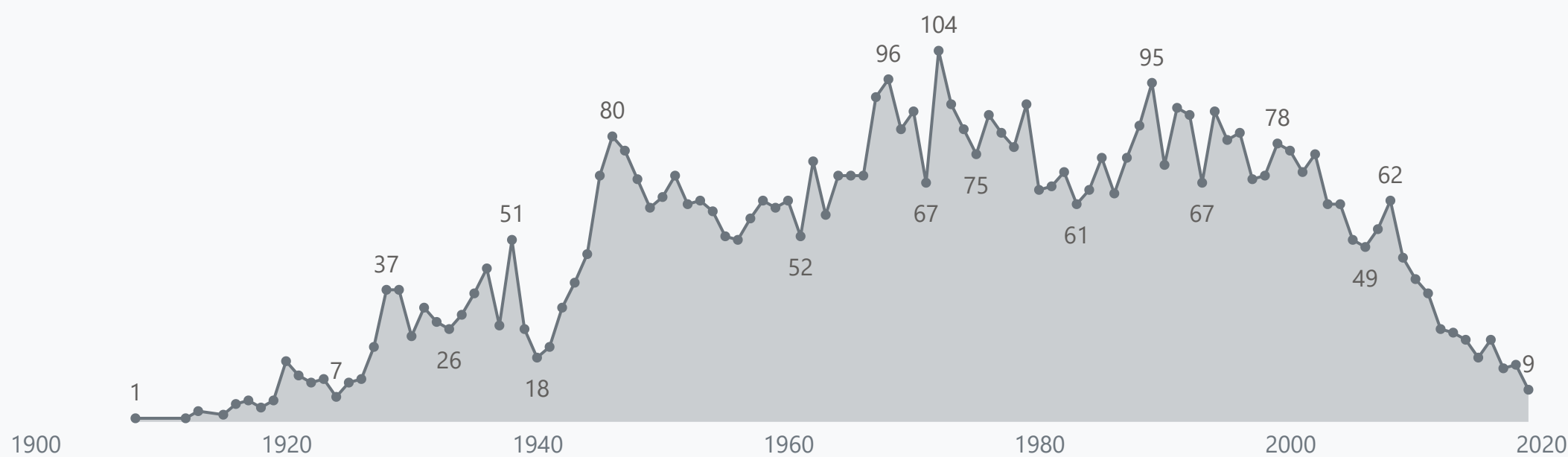
On December 17, **1903** Wilbur and Orville Wright made their historic **first-ever airplane flight**, they spent the next few years largely in seclusion developing their new invention. By the end of 1905 their interest in aviation had changed from curiosity and the challenge of flying, to the business of how to turn aviation into an industry. On September 17, **1908** during flight trials to win a contract from the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Pilot Orville Wright and Passenger Lt. Thomas Selfridge crashed in a Wright Flyer at **Fort Myer, Virginia**. This marked the **first airplane crash** and Selfridge became the **first passenger** to die in an airplane accident.

From **1908**, there was a steady increase in Airplane crash.

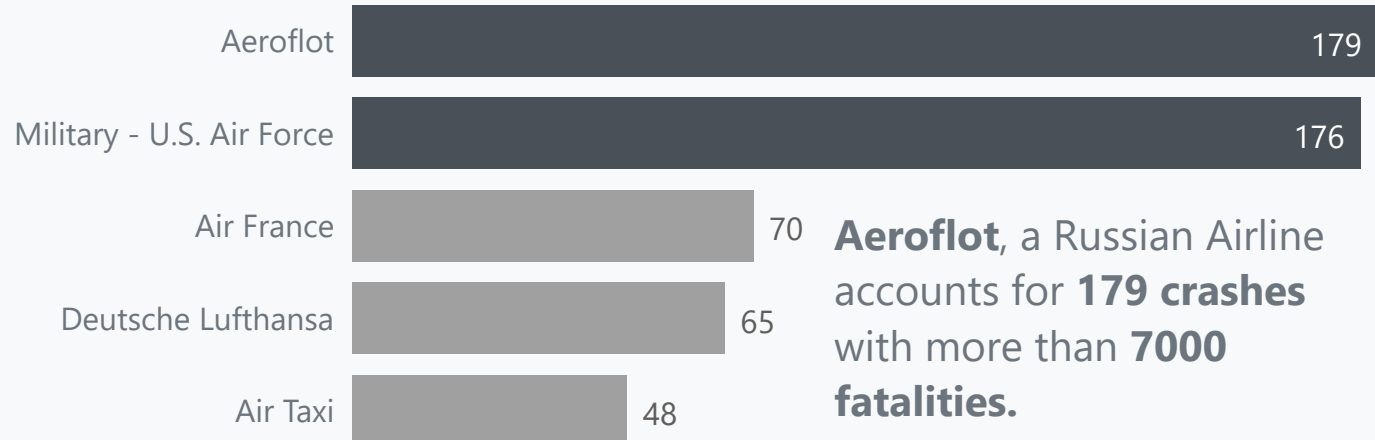
The year **1972** accounts for the most crash with **104 crashes**.

However there has been a staggering **90% decrease** in Airplane crashes over the last **3 decades**, the result of technology, improvements in air traffic control and pilot training.

Total Crash by Year

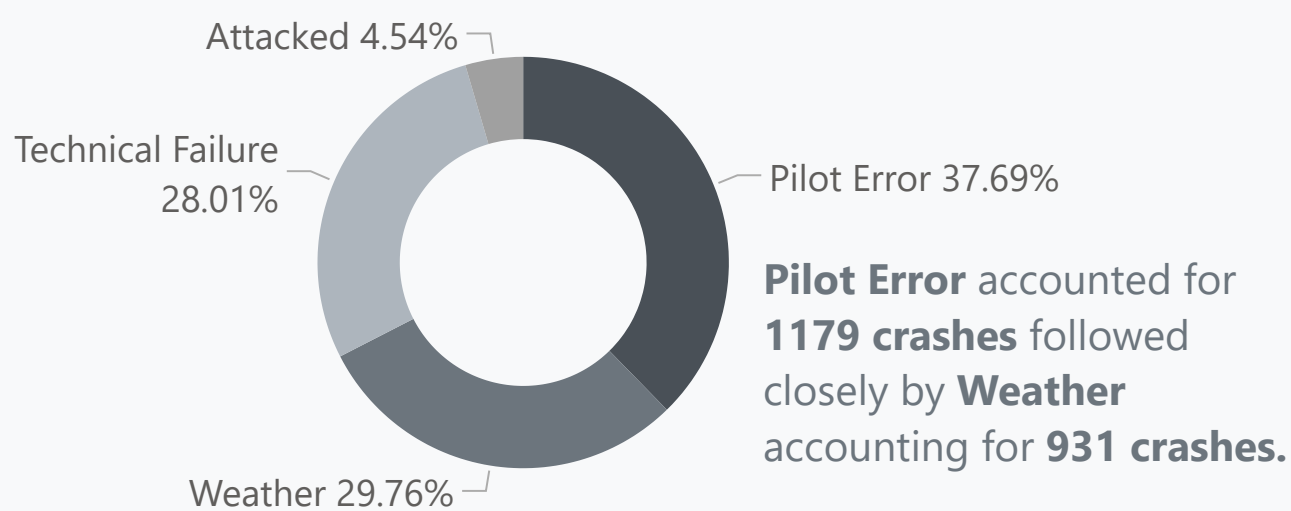


Airline Operator with the Most Crash



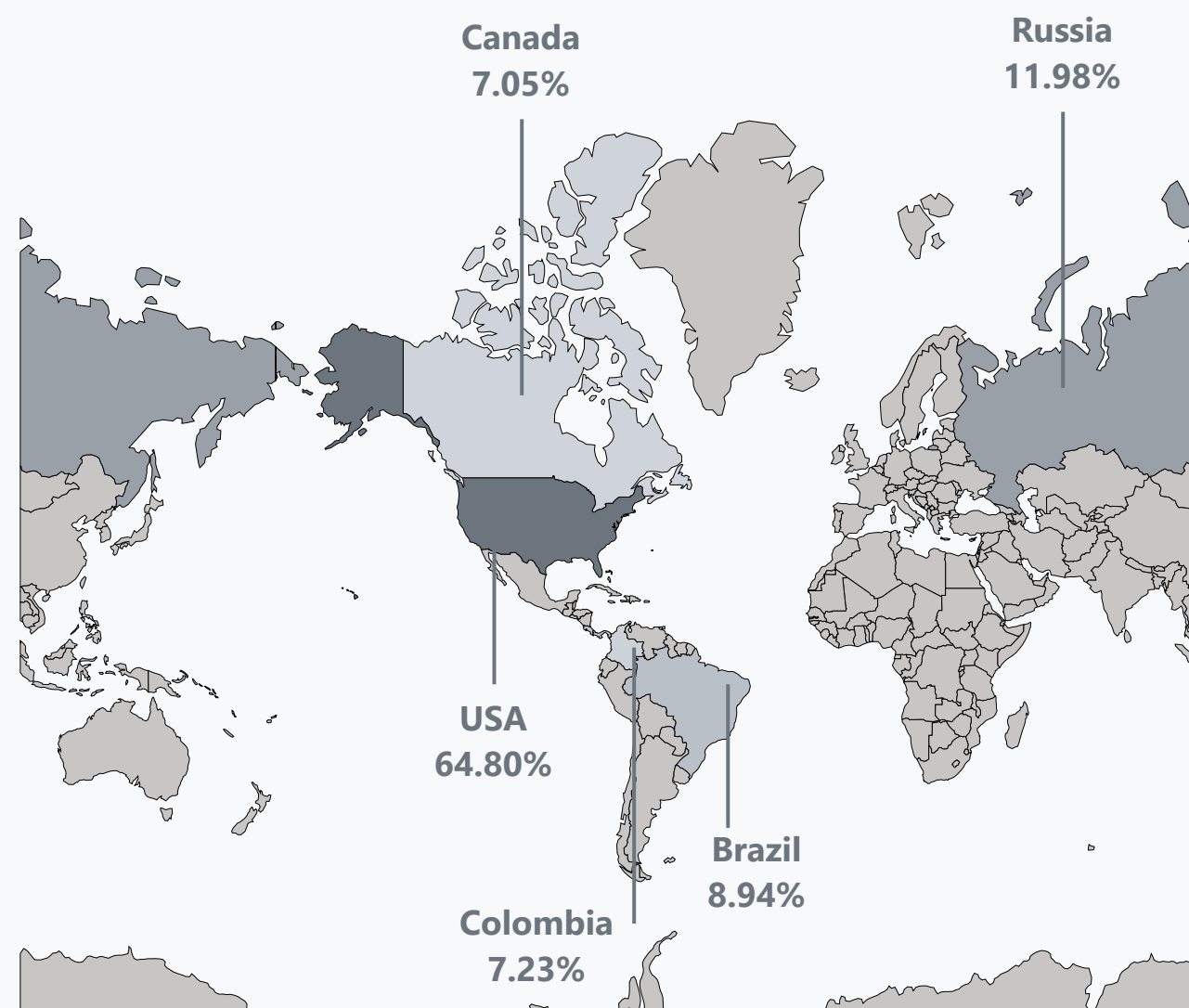
Aeroflot, a Russian Airline accounts for **179 crashes** with more than **7000 fatalities**.

Commonest causes of Crash



Pilot Error accounted for **1179 crashes** followed closely by **Weather** accounting for **931 crashes**.

Top 5 Countries with Most Crash



Most Fatal Crash

The **most fatal** airplane crash occurred on March 27, **1977** at **Tenerife, Canary Islands**. As a result of dense fog, absence of ground radar and miscommunication, two **Boeings-747s** belonging to Pan American Airways and KLM collided leading to the **death** of **583** passengers with only **61** survivors from the Pan American Airways Boeing-747.

However, the deadliest airplane crash including **ground** victims occurred in **New York, USA** on September 11, **2001** when two **Boeings-767s** were hijacked and crashed into the North and South Tower of the World Trade Center within minutes, leading to a combined **death** toll of **2750** people in addition to **157** people aboard both planes.