

Runway Safety

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MISSION

To deliver premier quality, data-informed safety trends, technical training, mitigations, and data management, all aimed at reducing risk in the National Airspace & Surface Environment.



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FAA REGIONS & ATO SERVICE AREAS



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ROLE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

- Serves as advocate/spokesperson for the runway safety program within the region and fosters collaboration and support amongst internal organizations.
- Facilitates and supports collaboration and partnership between the Regional Runway Safety Program Managers and aviation departments of state and local governments on runway safety matters.
- Chairs the Regional Runway Safety Governance Council.
- Supports outreach efforts to the aviation community on runway safety.
- Reviews regional runway safety plans annually; provides input for development of the plans, and supports initiatives identified in the plans.
- Provides input on the effectiveness of the regional and national runway safety programs.



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RUNWAY SAFETY ACTION TEAM (RSAT)

- **Type**: Local, Special Focus
- **Who**: ATC, Airport Operator/Tenants, FAA Airports, FSDO, Tech Ops, Runway Safety and interested users of the airport.
- **What**: Surface movement issues/concerns
- **Why**: Mitigate issues/concerns
- **Where/When**: ATCT Facilities, Yearly
- **Outcome**: Formulate a Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP)



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REGIONAL PLAN FOCUS

- Core 30/OPSNET45
- Airports of Interest



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REGIONAL PLAN FY24

Core 30 & Airports of Interest (AOI):

- South Dakota 2024
 - None for FY 2024

Other RSAT's Planned

- Rapid City: May 3
- Sioux Falls: July 18

Red = Core 30



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DEFINITIONS

Runway Incursion (RI):

- Any occurrence at an aerodrome involving the **incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle or person on the protected area** of a surface designated for the landing and take-off of aircraft.



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RI SEVERITY

RUNWAY INCURSION

SEVERITY CATEGORIES



- A category **D** event involves no other aircraft or vehicle
- Events in categories **C**, **B**, and **A**, increase the risk of collision, respectively, based on proximity and closure rate/speed of event participants/targets



THE RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

➔ Surface Incident (SI):

- A surface incident is an **unauthorized or unapproved movement within the designated movement area** (excluding runway incursions) or an occurrence in that same area associated with the operation of an aircraft that affects or could affect the safety of flight.



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DEFINITIONS

Runway Excursion (RE):

- A runway excursion is a **veer off or overrun from the runway surface** (per ICAO).
- These surface events occur while an aircraft is **taking off or landing** and involve many factors ranging from unstable approaches to the condition of the runway.



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TYPES OF SURFACE EVENTS

- **Operational Incident (OI)** – A surface event attributed to ATCT action or inaction.
- **Pilot Deviation (PD)** – A surface event caused by a pilot or other person operating an aircraft under its own power.
- **Vehicle or Pedestrian Deviation (VPD)** – A surface event caused by a vehicle driver or pedestrian
- **Runway Excursion (RE)** – A veer off or overrun from the runway surface while an aircraft is taking off or landing.
- **Other** – Surface events that cannot clearly be attributed to incorrect action(s) by an air traffic controller, pilot, driver, or pedestrian. These events would include incursions caused by equipment failure or other factors. By definition, excursions will be classified as “Other” events.

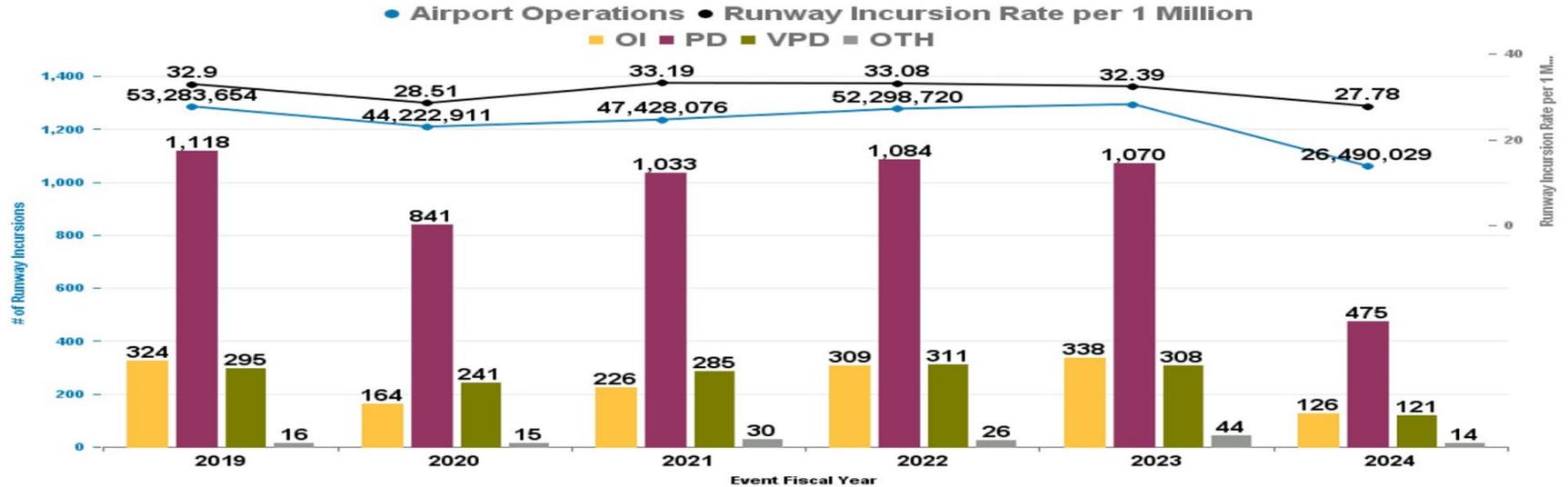


NATIONAL RUNWAY INCURSIONS BY TYPE AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

AJI-14 Surface Events

Monthly Surface Safety Report_pdf

Runway Incursions by Incident Type



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SOUTH DAKOTA



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Runway Incursions (RI) Fiscal Year 2020-2024

SOUTH DAKOTA

State Name	State	FY	RIs	Airport Operations	RI Rate per 100K	Incident Type				Severity Category				
						OI	PD	VPD	Other	A	B	C	D	E
South Dakota	SD	2020	2	103378	1.93		2	0					2	
South Dakota	SD	2021	4	115595	3.46	1	2	1					4	
South Dakota	SD	2022	3	116272	2.58		1	2				1	2	
South Dakota	SD	2023	6	113444	5.29		5	1				2	4	
South Dakota	SD	2024	6	55439	10.82	1	4	1					6	



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SUMMARY

Most runway incursions are not serious occurrences. However, reducing the risk of them occurring remains one of the FAA's highest safety priorities and is a shared responsibility that encompasses pilots, air traffic controllers, airport vehicle drivers as well as other stakeholders.





Thank You

