

2024 Annual Survey Results

Q1: In 2024, how many skydives did you make? Please include all instructional jumps (whole numbers only)

In 2024, an estimated **3,880,000** skydives were made in the U.S. and **1,290,000** abroad, totaling more than **5.1 million jumps worldwide**. The U.S. recorded **nine fatalities**, resulting in a **fatality rate of 1 per 431,111 jumps** and a **fatality index of 0.23**, the lowest on record and continuing the trend of skydiving being an increasingly safe sport.

Foreign Jumps	1,290,000			
U.S. Jumps	3,880,000			
Fatalities	9			
1 Death per x Jumps	431,111			
Fatality Index	0.23			

Q2: How many skydives do you have total? Please include all instructional jumps (whole numbers only)

USPA Member Average # of Skydives: 2,271 (2,008 in 2024)

USPA Member Median # of Skydives: 700 (550 in 2024)

Q3: In 2024, how many malfunctions did you experience that required the use of a reserve? (whole numbers only)

An estimated 12% of USPA Members reported using their reserve parachute in 2024. Some jumpers reported more than one, bring the estimated total reserve rides in 2024 at 7,652.





This data is found by taking total the percentage of members who reported 1+ reserve rides on the survey, multiplied by average number of members for the year.

Q4: In 2024, how many skydiving injuries did you have requiring treatment at a medical care facility? (whole numbers only)

6% of member reported that they experienced an injury that required medical treatment in 2024.



This data is found by taking total the percentage of members who reported 1 + injury on our survey, multiplied by average number of members for the year.

Q5: Which of the following best describes your current occupation?

USPA members are diverse in the workforce. 9% of our members work in the sport of skydiving (down 1% from 2023). Careers in military (6%), health and medicine (5%), and engineering (7%) are especially prominent, with self-employed members at 5%. Retirees account for 14% of the membership (up from 13% in 2023 and 11% in 2022).



Q6: This year I

In 2024 USPA Members were active in the sport of skydiving! 40% attended a boogie (up from 32% in 2023), 32% bought new gear (up from 29% in 2023), and 23% of members earned a new license. 19% attended a canopy course (up from 17% in 2023).



Q7: In 2025 I plan to purchase (check all that apply)

USPA members plan purchases in 2024 with 29% purchasing a main and/or reserve and 18% planning to purchase a harness or container system.



Q8: In which disciplines do you participate? (Check all that apply)

Members were asked to select ALL disciplines in which they most often participate. Unsurprisingly, almost half of our members participate in Formation Skydiving (48%). The next most popular was Freeflying (40%), Tracking (31%), Working Jumps (27%), and Angle Flying (23%).



Q9: In 2024, did you participate in World Skydiving Day (taking place annually on the second Saturday in July)?



Q10: In 2024, USPA developed Five Canopy Emergency Procedures and recommends skydivers practice them each month (Stay Alive, Practice Five). Did you?



Q11: What are your thoughts on the USPA Library, an online resource of training modules for skydivers of all levels?



Q12: If you did try the online training modules in the USPA Library:



Q13: How valuable do you find the online flip-book version of Parachutist?



	VERY LOW VALUE	LOW VALUE	MODERATE VALUE	HIGH VALUE	VERY HIGH VALUE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
☆	18.06% 442	15.44% 378	34.68% 849	20.18% 494	11.64% 285	2,448		2.92

Q14: How valuable do you find the print version of Parachutist?





	VERY LOW VALUE	LOW VALUE	MODERATE VALUE	HIGH VALUE	VERY HIGH VALUE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
☆	4.02% 117	4.77% 139	22.72% 662	31.43% 916	37.06% 1,080	2,914		3.93

Q15: In which formats do you read Parachutist Magazine?



Q16: Is there anything else you would like to share with USPA?

With almost 868 responses to our open-ended question, the consensus—as usual—is positive!



Questions about age and gender are not included in the survey since we can grab it from our own system:



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