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Estimated number of structure fires and intentionally set structure fires, and resulting civilian fire deaths and value of property damage

United States, 2003

	Structure fires		
	Estimated number of fires	Estimated number of civilian fire deaths	Estimated value of property damage (in thousands)
Total, all fires in structures	519,500	3,385	\$8,678,000
Total, intentionally set structure fires	37,500	305	692,000

Note: These data are weighted estimates from an annual survey of fire departments conducted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). All U.S. fire departments that protect communities of 100,000 population or more are included in the sample. For departments that protect communities of less than 100,000 population, the sample is stratified by community size. A total of 3,083 fire departments responded to the 2003 survey. Readers are advised to consult the Source for more detailed information on methodology and weighting procedures.

"Civilians" include anyone other than a firefighter. "Property damage" includes all forms of direct loss to contents, structure, machinery, etc., but does not include indirect losses, such as interruption of business or temporary shelter provisions. (Source, p. 33.)

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