

Table 3.167

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

United States, 1977-2002

|                   | Intentionally set structure fires |                                |   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
|                   | Estimated number                  | Estimated civilian fire deaths | Estimated property damage (in millions) |
| 1977              | 86,500                            | 480                            | \$636                                   |
| 1978              | 87,000                            | 520                            | 650                                     |
| 1979              | 88,500                            | 435                            | 787                                     |
| 1980              | 92,000                            | 590                            | 1,158                                   |
| 1981              | 88,000                            | 555                            | 1,142                                   |
| 1982              | 77,500                            | 720                            | 1,088                                   |
| 1983              | 72,500                            | 565                            | 946                                     |
| 1984              | 66,000                            | 385                            | 883                                     |
| 1985              | 68,500                            | 455                            | 1,069                                   |
| 1986              | 71,000                            | 505                            | 1,162                                   |
| 1987              | 65,500                            | 465                            | 1,109                                   |
| 1988              | 63,000                            | 570                            | 1,022                                   |
| 1989              | 59,500                            | 460                            | 1,057                                   |
| 1990              | 58,500                            | 565                            | 875                                     |
| 1991              | 62,000                            | 365                            | 1,072                                   |
| 1992              | 58,000                            | 465                            | 1,493                                   |
| 1993              | 54,000                            | 415                            | 1,839                                   |
| 1994              | 53,000                            | 410                            | 964                                     |
| 1995              | 57,500                            | 570                            | 981                                     |
| 1996              | 52,500                            | 330                            | 897                                     |
| 1997              | 52,000                            | 340                            | 802                                     |
| 1998              | 46,500                            | 355                            | 816                                     |
| 1999              | 43,500                            | 290                            | 828                                     |
| 2000              | 45,500                            | 375                            | 792                                     |
| 2001 <sup>a</sup> | 45,500                            | 330                            | 1,013                                   |
| 2002              | 44,500                            | 350                            | 919                                     |

Note: See Note, table 3.166. This table has been revised by the Source due to a change in survey methodology beginning with the 2001 data. Data for 1977-2000 have been adjusted to include only intentionally set structure fires and are comparable to the figures for 2001 and later.

<sup>a</sup>Does not include events of Sept. 11, 2001, which resulted in 2,451 civilian deaths and property loss valued at \$33,440,000,000.

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