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Arson offenses and average value of property damage

By type of target, 2003

(12,738 agencies; 2003 estimated population 226,463,194)

Target	Number of offenses	Percent ^a	Average damage
Total	64,043	100.0%	\$11,942
Total structure	26,994	42.1	21,276
Single occupancy residential	12,071	18.8	19,062
Other residential	4,399	6.9	23,977
Storage	1,865	2.9	16,794
Industrial/manufacturing	287	0.4	136,644
Other commercial	2,760	4.3	33,557
Community/public	3,073	4.8	11,061
Other structure	2,539	4.0	16,366
Total mobile	21,310	33.3	6,381
Motor vehicles	20,292	31.7	6,234
Other mobile	1,018	1.6	9,292
Other	15,739	24.6	3,467

Note: Arson was designated as a Part I Index Offense in October 1978; data collection began in 1979. In 2003, 12,776 law enforcement agencies reported 71,319 arson offenses to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The data presented above are from 12,738 agencies that furnished detailed reports such as type of structure and estimated value of property damage. Readers should be aware that these data do not represent the Nation's total arson experience (Source, p. 61). For a definition of arson, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2003* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), p. 62. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.