



## Fire Causes by Month

The table below shows the frequency reported fires of different causes by month. Fires were more frequent in months with darker shading. Note that the differences are sometimes small. Data years are shown in parentheses. Estimated annual averages are shown in the last column to help with prioritizing. Unless otherwise specified, home fires are limited to fires in or on structures. All home structure fires and home fire deaths are shown for context. This information can be used to help plan public education activities.

Type of incident	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Averages
<a href="#">Home cooking fires: 2006-2010</a>	8%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	157,300
<a href="#">Home grill fires, including outside fires: 2006-2010</a>	4%	4%	5%	9%	13%	14%	18%	12%	9%	5%	4%	3%	8,600
<a href="#">Home heating fires: 2006-2010</a>	19%	15%	11%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	7%	11%	16%	62,500
<a href="#">Home smoking fires: 2007-2011</a>	8%	8%	9%	10%	10%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	17,600
<a href="#">Home intentional fires: 2005-2009</a>	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	29,400
<a href="#">Home electrical distribution and lighting fires: 2007-2011 (not electrical failures)</a>	11%	9%	9%	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%	11%	22,600
<a href="#">Home candle fires: 2006-2010</a>	11%	9%	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	9%	9%	12%	11,640
<a href="#">Home child play fires: 2005-2009</a>	9%	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	12%	8%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7,670
<a href="#">Outside child play fires: 2005-2009</a>	9%	6%	6%	7%	8%	11%	16%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	17,880
<a href="#">Home Christmas tree fires: 2006-2010</a>	34%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	47%	230
<a href="#">All reported home structure fires: 2007-2011</a>	11%	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	10%	366,600
<a href="#">All home fire civilian deaths: 2007-2011</a>	14%	12%	10%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	8%	11%	2,570
<a href="#">Lightning fires of all types: 2007-2011</a>	1%	1%	3%	6%	11%	23%	23%	21%	7%	2%	1%	1%	22,600
<a href="#">Fireworks fires of all types (2007-2011): 63% June 18-July 19, 10% December 30-January 3</a>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17,800
<a href="#">Brush, grass or forest fires: 2007-2011</a>	6%	8%	13%	13%	9%	9%	11%	8%	7%	6%	7%	4%	135,400

\* Monthly breakdowns were not published for fireworks and Christmas trees.

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