

**Table 346. Fires—Number and Loss by Type and Property Use: 2001 to 2005**

[1,734 represents 1,734,000 and property loss of 44,023 represents \$44,023,000,000. Based on annual sample survey of fire departments. No adjustments were made for unreported fires and losses]

Type and property use	Number (1,000)				Direct property loss (mil. dol.) <sup>1</sup>			
	2001	2003	2004	2005	2001	2003	2004	2005
<b>Fires, total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b><sup>2</sup>44,023</b>	<b>12,367</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>10,672</b>
Structure . . . . .	521	520	526	511	42,314	8,678	8,314	9,193
Outside of structure <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	75	66	69	78	86	162	108	93
Brush and rubbish . . . . .	623	550	514	594	—	—	—	—
Vehicle . . . . .	351	312	297	290	1,512	1,356	1,304	1,318
Other . . . . .	164	136	144	129	111	<sup>4</sup> 2,171	68	68
Structure by property use:								
Public assembly . . . . .	15	14	13	13	336	302	316	320
Educational . . . . .	7	7	7	6	170	69	68	67
Institutional . . . . .	7	7	6	8	27	28	25	40
Stores and offices . . . . .	26	25	24	23	34,155	721	586	687
Residential . . . . .	396	402	411	396	5,643	6,074	5,948	6,875
1–2 family units <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	295	297	302	287	4,652	5,052	4,948	5,781
Apartments . . . . .	88	92	94	94	864	897	885	948
Other residential <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	13	13	15	15	127	125	115	146
Storage <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	34	32	32	30	930	675	748	590
Industry, utility, defense <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	13	11	12	12	858	625	423	376
Special structures . . . . .	23	22	21	23	195	184	200	238

– Represents zero. <sup>1</sup> Direct property damage figures do not include indirect losses, like business interruption, and adjustments for inflation. <sup>2</sup> Includes \$33.4 billion in property loss that occurred due to the events of September 11, 2001. <sup>3</sup> Includes outside storage, crops, timber, etc. <sup>4</sup> Includes Southern California wildfires where there was an estimated \$2.044 billion in property loss. <sup>5</sup> Includes mobile homes. <sup>6</sup> Includes hotels and motels, college dormitories, boarding houses, etc. <sup>7</sup> Data underreported as some incidents were handled by private fire brigades or fixed suppression systems which do not report.

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