

**Table 342. Fires—Number and Loss by Type and Property Use: 2003 to 2006**

[1,584 represents 1,584,000 and property loss of 12,367 represents \$12,367,000,000. 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>			
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Fires, total. . . . .</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>12,367</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>10,672</b>	<b>11,307</b>
Structure . . . . .	520	526	511	524	8,678	8,314	9,193	9,636
Outside of structure <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	66	69	78	82	162	108	93	262
Brush and rubbish . . . . .	550	514	594	627	—	—	—	—
Vehicle . . . . .	312	297	290	278	1,356	1,304	1,318	1,319
Other . . . . .	136	144	129	131	<sup>3</sup> 2,171	68	68	90
Structure by property use:								
Public assembly . . . . .	14	13	13	13	302	316	320	444
Educational . . . . .	7	7	6	6	69	68	67	105
Institutional . . . . .	7	6	8	8	28	25	40	42
Stores and offices . . . . .	25	24	23	20	721	586	687	691
Residential . . . . .	402	411	396	413	6,074	5,948	6,875	6,990
1–2 family units <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	297	302	287	304	5,052	4,948	5,781	5,936
Apartments . . . . .	92	94	94	92	897	885	948	896
Other residential <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	13	15	15	17	125	115	146	158
Storage <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	32	32	30	29	675	748	590	650
Industry, utility, defense <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	11	12	12	12	625	423	376	573
Special structures . . . . .	22	21	23	23	184	200	238	141

– 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 outside storage, crops, timber, etc. <sup>3</sup> Includes Southern California wildfires where there was an estimated \$2.044 billion in property loss. <sup>4</sup> Includes mobile homes. <sup>5</sup> Includes hotels and motels, college dormitories, boarding houses, etc. <sup>6</sup> Data underreported as some incidents were handled by private fire brigades or fixed suppression systems which do not report.

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