

Table 386. Wildland Fires, Number, and Acres: 1970 to 2009

[In thousands (3,279 represents 3,279,000), except as indicated. As of December 31. There are three distinct types of wildland fires: wildfire, wildland fire use, and prescribed fire. Wildland fire is any nonstructure fire that occurs in the wildland]

Year	Total ¹		Year	Total ¹		State	Top states ranked by wildland acres burned for 2009 (number)				
	Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)		Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)		Wildland ¹		Prescribed ²		
							Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Acres
1970.....	121,736	3,279	2000.....	92,250	7,393	Total.....	78,792	5,921,786	12,429	2,531,133	
1975.....	134,872	1,791	2001.....	84,079	3,571	AK.....	527	2,951,597	1	290	
1980.....	234,892	5,261	2002.....	73,457	7,185	TX.....	16,614	753,261	151	172,826	
1985.....	82,591	2,896	2003.....	63,629	3,961	NM.....	1,278	421,481	76	99,132	
1990.....	66,481	4,622	2004 ³	65,461	8,098	CA.....	9,159	405,585	841	93,940	
1994.....	79,107	4,074	2005.....	66,753	8,689	AZ.....	2,371	263,358	2,097	147,531	
1995.....	82,234	1,841	2006.....	96,385	9,874	OK.....	1,773	153,948	14	5,383	
1996.....	96,363	6,066	2007.....	85,705	9,328	FL.....	2,797	124,401	1,090	512,350	
1997.....	66,196	2,857	2008.....	78,979	5,292	UT.....	1,136	112,753	147	28,173	
1998.....	81,043	1,330	2009.....	78,792	5,922	OR.....	1,488	100,668	750	130,654	
1999.....	92,487	5,626				WA.....	1,976	77,250	135	26,419	

¹ Data are for wildland fires only. The data do not include wildland fire use and prescribed fires. ² Prescribed fire is any fire which are ignited by management action under certain predetermined conditions to meet specific objectives related to hazardous fuels or habitat improvement. ³ 2004 fires and acres do not include state lands for North Carolina.

Source: National Interagency Coordination Center, "Wildland Fires and Acres (1960–2009)," <http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/fires_acres.htm>, accessed February 2010.

Table 387. Highest and Lowest Temperatures by State Through 2003

State	Highest temperatures			Lowest temperatures		
	Station	Temperature (F)	Date	Station	Temperature (F)	Date
AL.....	Centerville.....	112	Sep. 5, 1925	New Market.....	-27	Jan. 30, 1966
AK.....	Fort Yukon.....	100	¹ Jun. 27, 1915	Prospect Creek Camp... ..	-80	Jan. 23, 1971
AZ.....	Lake Havasu City.....	128	Jun. 29, 1994	Hawley Lake.....	-40	Jan. 7, 1971
AR.....	Ozark.....	120	Aug. 10, 1936	Pond.....	-29	Feb. 13, 1905
CA.....	Greenland Ranch.....	134	Jul. 10, 1913	Boca.....	-45	Jan. 20, 1937
CO.....	Bennett.....	118	Jul. 11, 1888	Maybell.....	-61	Feb. 1, 1985
CT.....	Danbury.....	106	Jul. 15, 1995	Coventry.....	-32	² Jan. 22, 1961
DE.....	Millsboro.....	110	Jul. 21, 1930	Millsboro.....	-17	Jan. 17, 1893
FL.....	Monticello.....	109	Jun. 29, 1931	Tallahassee.....	-2	Feb. 13, 1899
GA.....	Greenville.....	112	Aug. 20, 1983	CCC Camp F-16.....	-17	¹ Jan. 27, 1940
HI.....	Pahala.....	100	Apr. 27, 1931	Mauna Kea Obs. 111.2... ..	12	May 17, 1979
ID.....	Orofino.....	118	Jul. 28, 1934	Island Park Dam.....	-60	Jan. 18, 1943
IL.....	East St. Louis.....	117	Jul. 14, 1954	Congerville.....	-36	Jan. 5, 1999
IN.....	Collegeville.....	116	Jul. 14, 1936	New Whiteland.....	-36	Jan. 19, 1994
IA.....	Keokuk.....	118	Jul. 20, 1934	Elkader.....	-47	² Feb. 3, 1996
KS.....	Alton (near).....	121	² Jul. 24, 1936	Lebanon.....	-40	Feb. 13, 1905
KY.....	Greensburg.....	114	Jul. 28, 1930	Shelbyville.....	-37	Jan. 19, 1994
LA.....	Plain Dealing.....	114	Aug. 10, 1936	Minden.....	-16	Feb. 13, 1899
ME.....	North Bridgton.....	105	² Jul. 10, 1911	Van Buren.....	-48	Jan. 19, 1925
MD.....	Cumberland & Frederick... ..	109	² Jul. 10, 1936	Oakland.....	-40	Jan. 13, 1912
MA.....	New Bedford & Chester... ..	107	Aug. 2, 1975	Chester.....	-35	Jan. 12, 1981
MI.....	Mio.....	112	Jul. 13, 1936	Vanderbilt.....	-51	Feb. 9, 1934
MN.....	Moorhead.....	114	² Jul. 6, 1936	Tower.....	-60	Feb. 2, 1996
MS.....	Holly Springs.....	115	Jul. 29, 1930	Corinth.....	-19	Jan. 30, 1966
MO.....	Warsaw & Union.....	118	² Jul. 14, 1954	Warsaw.....	-40	Feb. 13, 1905
MT.....	Medicine Lake.....	117	Jul. 5, 1937	Rogers Pass.....	-70	Jan. 20, 1954
NE.....	Minden.....	118	² Jul. 24, 1936	Oshkosh.....	-47	² Dec. 22, 1989
NV.....	Laughlin.....	125	² Jun. 29, 1994	San Jacinto.....	-50	Jan. 8, 1937
NH.....	Nashua.....	106	Jul. 4, 1911	Mt. Washington.....	-47	Jan. 29, 1934
NJ.....	Runyon.....	110	Jul. 10, 1936	River Vale.....	-34	Jan. 5, 1904
NM.....	Waste Isolat Pilot Plt.....	122	Jun. 27, 1994	Gavilan.....	-50	Feb. 1, 1951
NY.....	Troy.....	108	Jul. 22, 1926	Old Forge.....	-52	² Feb. 18, 1979
NC.....	Fayetteville.....	110	Aug. 21, 1983	Mt. Mitchell.....	-34	Jan. 21, 1985
ND.....	Steele.....	121	Jul. 6, 1936	Parshall.....	-60	Feb. 15, 1936
OH.....	Gallipolis (near).....	113	² Jul. 21, 1934	Milligan.....	-39	Feb. 10, 1899
OK.....	Tipton.....	120	Jun. 27, 1994	Watts.....	-27	² Jan. 18, 1930
OR.....	Pendleton.....	119	² Aug. 10, 1898	Seneca.....	-54	² Feb. 10, 1933
PA.....	Phoenixville.....	111	² Jul. 10, 1936	Smethport.....	-42	¹ Jan. 5, 1904
RI.....	Providence.....	104	Aug. 2, 1975	Greene.....	-25	Feb. 5, 1996
SC.....	Camden.....	111	² Jun. 28, 1954	Caesars Head.....	-19	Jan. 21, 1985
SD.....	Gannvalley.....	120	Jul. 5, 1936	McIntosh.....	-58	Feb. 17, 1936
TN.....	Perryville.....	113	² Aug. 9, 1930	Mountain City.....	-32	Dec. 30, 1917
TX.....	Monahans.....	120	² Jun. 28, 1994	Seminole.....	-23	² Feb. 8, 1933
UT.....	Saint George.....	117	Jul. 5, 1985	Peter's Sink.....	-69	Feb. 1, 1985
VT.....	Vernon.....	105	Jul. 4, 1911	Bloomfield.....	-50	Dec. 30, 1933
VA.....	Balcony Falls.....	110	Jul. 15, 1954	Mtn. Lake Bio. Stn.....	-30	Jan. 22, 1985
WA.....	Ice Harbor Dam.....	118	² Aug. 5, 1961	Mazama & Winthrop... ..	-48	Dec. 30, 1968
WV.....	Martinsburg.....	112	² Jul. 10, 1936	Lewisburg.....	-37	Dec. 30, 1917
WI.....	Wisconsin Dells.....	114	Jul. 13, 1936	Couderay.....	-55	Feb. 4, 1996
WY.....	Basin.....	115	Aug. 8, 1983	Riverside R.S.....	-66	Feb. 9, 1933

¹ Also on earlier dates at the same or other places. ² Estimated.

Source: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services (NESDIS), National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), *Temperature Extremes and Drought*, <<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/severeweather/temperatures.html>>.