

**Table 344. Fires—Number and Loss by Type and Property Use: 2004 to 2007**

[1,550 represents 1,550,000 and property loss of 9,794 represents \$9,794,000,000. 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> |               |               |                    |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
|   | 2004           | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2004  | 2005          | 2006          | 2007               |
| <b>Fires, total. . . . .</b>                      | <b>1,550</b>   | <b>1,602</b> | <b>1,642</b> | <b>1,557</b> | <b>9,794</b>                                  | <b>10,672</b> | <b>11,307</b> | <b>14,639</b>      |
| Structure . . . . . <sup>2</sup>                  | 526            | 511          | 524          | 531          | 8,314   | 9,193         | 9,636         | 10,638             |
| Outside of structure . . . . .                    | 69             | 78           | 82           | 85           | 108   | 93            | 262           | 707                |
| Brush and rubbish . . . . .                       | 514            | 594          | 627          | 561          | —   | —             | —             | —                  |
| Vehicle . . . . .                                 | 297            | 290          | 278          | 257          | 1,304   | 1,318         | 1,319         | 1,411              |
| Other . . . . .                                   | 144            | 129          | 131          | 123          | 68  | 68            | 90            | <sup>3</sup> 1,883 |
| Structure by property use:                        |                |              |              |              |   |               |               |                    |
| Public assembly . . . . .                         | 13             | 13           | 13           | 15           | 316   | 320           | 444           | 498                |
| Educational . . . . .                             | 7              | 6            | 6            | 6            | 68  | 67            | 105           | 100                |
| Institutional . . . . .                           | 6              | 8            | 8            | 7            | 25  | 40            | 42            | 41                 |
| Stores and offices . . . . .                      | 24             | 23           | 20           | 21           | 586   | 687           | 691           | 642                |
| Residential . . . . .                             | 411            | 396          | 413          | 414          | 5,948   | 6,875         | 6,990         | 7,546              |
| 1-2 family units <sup>4</sup> . . . . .           | 302            | 287          | 304          | 300          | 4,948   | 5,781         | 5,936         | 6,225              |
| Apartments . . . . . <sup>5</sup>                 | 94             | 94           | 92           | 99           | 885   | 948           | 896           | 1,164              |
| Other residential . . . . .                       | 15             | 15           | 17           | 15           | 115   | 146           | 158           | 157                |
| Storage <sup>5</sup> . . . . .                    | 32             | 30           | 29           | 31           | 748   | 590           | 650           | 670                |
| Industry, utility, defense <sup>6</sup> . . . . . | 12             | 12           | 12           | 12           | 423   | 376           | 573           | 779                |
| Special structures . . . . .                      | 21             | 23           | 23           | 25           | 200   | 238           | 141           | 362                |

— 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 California Fire Storm with an estimated \$1.8 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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