

**Table 376. Wildland Fires, Number and Acres: 1970 to 2008**

[3,279 represents 3,279,000. 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 <sup>1</sup>		Year	Total <sup>1</sup>		State	Top states ranked by wildland acres burned			
	Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)		Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)		Wildland <sup>1</sup>		Prescribed <sup>2</sup>	
							Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)	Fires (number)	Acres (1,000)
1970 . . .	121,736	3,279	1999	92,487	5,626	TX	16,713	1,570,586	35	15,315
1975 . . .	134,872	1,791	2000	92,250	7,393	CA	5,812	1,339,839	827	87,416
1980 . . .	234,892	5,261	2001	84,079	3,571	NM	1,207	487,652	106	71,930
1985 . . .	82,591	2,896	2002	73,457	7,185	OK	5,572	196,563	23	8,426
1990 . . .	66,481	4,622	2003	63,629	3,961	MT	1,424	166,842	299	36,820
1994 . . .	79,107	4,074	<sup>3</sup> 2004	65,461	8,098	FL	2,939	156,102	432	402,967
1995 . . .	82,234	1,841	2005	66,753	8,689	WA	1,303	147,264	83	6,292
1996 . . .	96,363	6,066	2006	96,385	9,874	CO	1,133	141,966	184	43,048
1997 . . .	66,196	2,857	2007	85,705	9,328	OR	1,766	136,572	781	112,450
1998 . . .	81,043	1,330	2008	78,979	5,292	ID	997	116,796	511	57,365

<sup>1</sup> Data are for wildland fires only. The data do not include wildland fire use and prescribed fires. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 2004 fires and acres do not include state lands for North Carolina.

Source National Interagency Coordination Center, "Wildland Fires and Acres (1960–2008)"; <[http://www.nifc.gov/fire\\_info/fires\\_acres.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/fires_acres.htm)> (accessed 23 February 2009).