

# At a Glance

## Nonresidential Building Fires (2017-2019)

Each year, from 2017 to 2019, an estimated average of **108,500** nonresidential building fires were reported to fire departments in the United States.

**These fires caused an estimated annual average of:**

- 90** deaths
- 1,125** injuries
- \$2.8 billion** in property loss

- 20%** National estimates for 2017 to 2019 show that nonresidential buildings accounted for 20% of the total dollar loss from all fires.
- Outside and special properties** accounted for the most nonresidential building fires (25%)
- Nonresidential building fires occurred most frequently from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Cooking was the leading cause of all nonresidential building fires (30%).
- Nonconfined nonresidential building fires most often started in vehicle storage areas (8%).
- In 58% of nonconfined nonresidential building fires, the fire extended beyond the room of origin.

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