

At a Glance

Fire Department Overall Run Profile as Reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (2020)

In 2020, fire departments responded to

26,959,000
incident runs
or calls

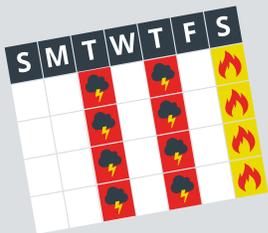
as reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). This total is a 6% decrease in the number of runs reported in 2019.



Nearly two-thirds (64%) of the reported calls required emergency medical services (EMS) and rescue services from fire departments.



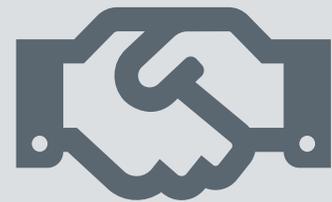
Only 4% of all reported fire department runs were fire related.



In 2020, fire runs were more prevalent on Saturdays, while severe weather calls peaked on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



More than half (55%) of the reported calls were to residential properties. Of these calls to residential properties, 70% required EMS or rescue services, while only 3% were fire related.



Approximately 8% of reported runs involved mutual or automatic aid.

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