At a Glance

Fire Risk in 2020

Risk by age:



Adults ages 50 or older had a greater relative risk of fire death than the general population.



Adults ages 85 or older had the highest relative risk of fire death.

Children ages

4 and younger

had a relative risk of fire death that was 50% less than that of the general population. This did not change from 2019 and is the lowest relative risk for this age group since the mid-1970s.



had a greater relative risk of fire injury than the general population.



Risk by region: People living in the Midwest and South had the greatest relative risk of dying in a fire when compared to populations living in other regions of the United States.



Risk by sex: Males were 1.7 times more likely to die in fires than females.

Risk by race:

African Americans

and

American Indians/ Alaska Natives

were at a greater relative risk of dying in a fire than the general population.

The topical reports are designed to explore facets of the U.S. fire problem. Each topical report briefly addresses the nature of the specific fire or fire-related topic, highlights important findings from the data, and may suggest other resources to consider for further information.

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