



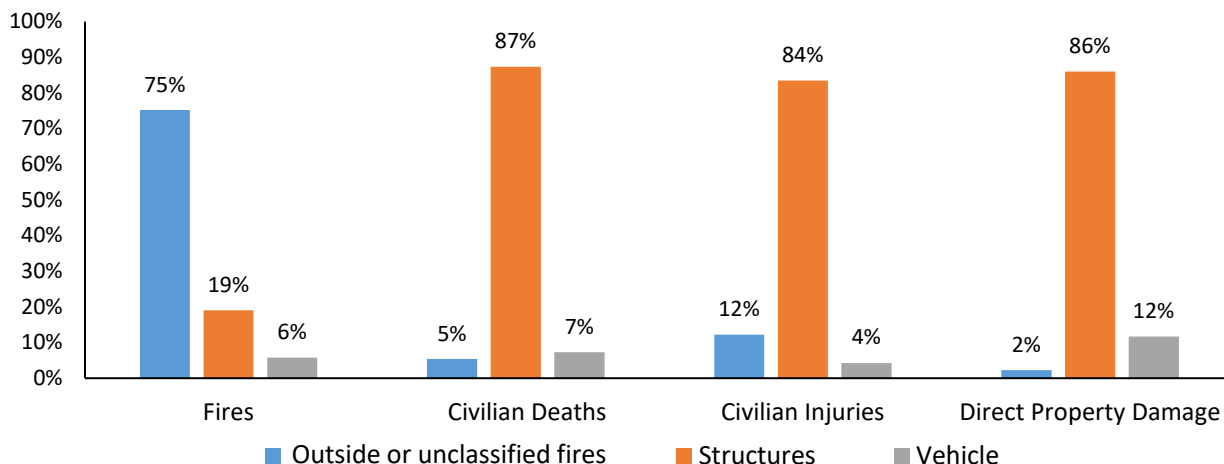
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Intentional Fires Fact Sheet

Each year between 2010 and 2014, an estimated 261,330 intentionally set fires were reported to fire departments in the United States. The fires included 196,480 outside or unclassified fires, 49,690 structure fires, and 13,160 vehicle fires. Losses resulting from these fires included:

- 440 civilian deaths
- 1,310 civilian injuries
- \$1 billion in direct property damage

Intentional Fires and Losses by Incident Type, 2010–2014 Annual Averages



75% of intentional fires occurred outside.

Although 19% of intentional fires involved structures, these fires accounted for 87% of civilian deaths, 84% of civilian injuries, and 86% of direct property damage resulting from intentional fires.

6% of intentional fires involved vehicles. These fires accounted for 12% of the direct property damage.

What is an “intentional” fire?

The fire statistics in this analysis use detailed data from the U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Incident Reporting Systems (NFIRS). The definition of “intentional” in NFIRS 5.0 specifically includes “*deliberate misuse of heat source or a fire of an incendiary nature.*” Additional resources can be found at www.nfpa.org/arson.

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