

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION



CAL FIRE AT A GLANCE

CAL FIRE is responsible for providing wildland fire protection, fire prevention, and resource management on more than 31 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands throughout California. In addition, CAL FIRE provides emergency services to over 100 local government cooperators through agreements with districts, cities, and counties.

General Information

CAL FIRE Budget (FY 2024-2025). \$4.2 billion

Personnel (numbers approximate)

Permanent Incident Response.	6,773
Seasonal*	2,775
Mission Support Positions	2,974
Inmates, Wards, California Conservation Corps Members & California National Guard Members	5,000
Volunteers In Prevention (VIPs).	600

*The Seasonal Firefighter I count for current year includes both Ongoing Seasonal Positions and Augmented Seasonal Positions. Ongoing Seasonal Positions are the positions that are authorized in the budget act and permanently funded. Augmented positions are a one-time basis, and these are not permanently funded/authorized positions.

Fire Protection

Facilities

Region Operations Centers.	2
Emergency Command Centers.	21
CAL FIRE Units	21
CAL FIRE Fire Stations	240
Local Government Fire Stations (operated by CAL FIRE via contract).	332
Conservation Camps	30
CAL FIRE Firefighter Centers (19 FFI Fire Centers, 15 CCC Fire Centers and 8 CMD Fire Centers)	42
Air Attack Bases	14
Helitack Bases.	10
Cooperative Helitack Bases.	1
State Fire Marshal Offices	10
Demonstration State Forests	14 forests/85,000 acres
Seed Bank/Nursery	1
Lookouts	27

CAL FIRE Equipment*

Fire Engines	356
Bulldozers	60
Mobile Communications Centers	6
Mobile Kitchen Units	11
S-2T Airtankers	23
C-130H Airtankers (Currently being retrofitted to install the 4,000-gallon internal tanks)	1
Air Tactical Planes (15 OV-10As, 1 OV-10D and 3 King Airls)	19
Helicopters (13 currently in service, funding has been approved for the purchase of 3 additional helicopters)	13
Firefighting Hand Crews (152 CDCR, 32 CCC, 38 FF, 14 CMD)	236
Fuels Reduction Crews	10

*These are base funded allocations, and do not include additionally funded, surge or reserve equipment.

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Fire and Emergency Responses (2024)

Wildland Fires (including State, Federal, and Local lands)	8,024
Wildland Acres Burned (including State, Federal, and Local lands)	1,050,012
All Emergency Incidents (including wildland, structure and vehicles fires, medical aids, hazardous material spills, etc.)	605,868

Office of the State Fire Marshal

State Fire Training

Accredited Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP) (community colleges- no FD's)	40
Accredited Local Academies (ALA) (Fire Departments)	30
Student Course Diplomas (annual average)	58,200

Inspections

Defensible Space Inspections (FY 2023-2024)	299,273
Pipeline Safety Inspections (average miles of interstate)	5,698
Plan Reviews (average state-owned and state-occupied buildings and institutions)	3,702

Resource Management

Fuels Treatment (FY 2023-2024)

Combined Fuel Reduction Projects (treated acres)	131,034
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Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) Reviews

Acres of Timberland CAL FIRE has THP Review Jurisdiction Over	7.8 million
Timber Harvesting Plans CAL FIRE Reviews Yearly (5-year average 2017-2021)	229



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CAL FIRE Careers