

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 more than 130 local government cooperators through agreements with districts, cities, and counties.

General Information

CAL FIRE Budget *(FY 2026-2027)*. ..... $4.9 billion

Personnel* *(FY 2026-2027)*

Permanent 11,285
Seasonal 2,758
Inmates, Wards, California Conservation Corps Members & California National Guard Members 2,371
Volunteers In Prevention *(VIPs)*. 600

* Numbers may vary based on position allocations, vacancies, and other personnel changes.

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)* 570
Conservation Camps 25
CAL FIRE Firefighter Centers *(19 FFI Fire Centers, 13 CCC Fire Centers and 8 CMD Fire Centers)* 40
Air Attack Bases 14
Helitack Bases 11
State Fire Marshal Offices 10
Demonstration State Forests ..... 14 forests/85,000 acres
Seed Bank/Nursery 1
Lookouts 27

CAL FIRE Equipment

Fire Engines (CAL FIRE funded engines) 356
Bulldozers 60
Mobile Communications Centers 6
Mobile Kitchen Units 11
S-2T Airtankers 23
C-130H Airtankers *(2 additional currently being retrofitted to install the 4,000-gallon internal tanks)* 5
Air Tactical Planes *(15 OV-10As, 1 OV-10D and 3 King Airs)* 19
Helicopters 16
Firefighting Hand Crews (*75 CDCR, 19 CCC, 38 FF, 14 CMD)* 146
Fuels Reduction Crews 10

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Fire and Emergency Responses (2025)

Wildland Fires *(including State, Federal, and Local lands)* 8,232
Wildland Acres Burned *(including State, Federal, and Local lands)* 608,571
All Emergency Incidents
(including wildland, structure and vehicles fires, medical aids, hazardous material spills, etc.) 507,817

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State Fire Training

Accredited Colleges *(Community Colleges and Fire Departments)* 71
Student Course Diplomas *(annual average)* 68,392

Inspections

Defensible Space Inspections *(FY 2025-2026)* 124,378
Pipeline Safety Inspections *(average miles of interstate)* 5,698
Plan Reviews *(average state-owned and state-occupied buildings and institutions)* 3,647

Resource Management

Fuels Treatment *(FY 2023-2024)*

Combined Fuel Reduction Projects *(treated acres)* 119,874

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 2021-2025)* 223

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Ready for Wildfire

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CAL FIRE Careers

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