

Top 20 Deadliest California Wildfires

FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1 CAMP FIRE (Powerlines)	November 2018	Butte	153,336	18,804	85
2 GRIFFITH PARK (Unknown)	October 1933	Los Angeles	47	0	29
3 TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (Rekindle)	October 1991	Alameda	1,600	2,900	25
4 TUBBS (Electrical)	October 2017	Napa & Sonoma	36,807	5,643	22
5 EATON (Under Investigation)*	January 2025	Los Angeles	14,021	9,413	19
6 NORTH COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Butte, Plumas, & Yuba	318,935	2,352	15
7 CEDAR (Human Related)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
8 RATTLESNAKE (Arson)	July 1953	Glenn	1,340	0	15
9 PALISADES (Arson)	January 2025	Los Angeles	23,707	6,833	12
10 LOOP (Unknown)	November 1966	Los Angeles	2,028	0	12
11 HAUSER CREEK (Human Related)	October 1943	San Diego	13,145	0	11
12 INAJA (Human Related)	November 1956	San Diego	43,904	0	11
13 IRON ALPS COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2008	Trinity	105,855	10	10
14 REDWOOD VALLEY (Power Lines)	October 2017	Mendocino	36,523	544	9
15 HARRIS (Undetermined)	October 2007	San Diego	90,440	548	8
16 CANYON (Unknown)	August 1968	Los Angeles	22,197	0	8
17 CARR (Human Related)	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity	229,651	1614	8
18 LNU Lightning Complex (Lightning/Arson)	August 2020	Napa/Sonoma/Yolo/Stanislaus/ Lake	363,220	1,491	6
19 ATLAS (Powerline)	October 2017	Napa & Solano	51,624	781	6
20 OLD (Human Related)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6

** Fires with the same death count are listed by most recent. Several fires have had 4 fatalities, but only the most recent are listed.

***This list does not include fire jurisdiction. These are the Top 20 regardless of whether they were state, federal, or local responsibility.



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