

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	5,636	22
5 NORTH COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Butte, Plumas, & Yuba	318,935	2,352	15
6 CEDAR (Human Related)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
7 RATTLESNAKE (Arson)	July 1953	Glenn	1,340	0	15
8 LOOP (Unknown)	November 1966	Los Angeles	2,028	0	12
9 HAUSER CREEK (Human Related)	October 1943	San Diego	13,145	0	11
10 INAJA (Human Related)	November 1956	San Diego	43,904	0	11
11 IRON ALPS COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2008	Trinity	105,855	10	10
12 REDWOOD VALLEY (Power Lines)	October 2017	Mendocino	36,523	543	9
13 HARRIS (Undetermined)	October 2007	San Diego	90,440	548	8
14 CANYON (Unknown)	August 1968	Los Angeles	22,197	0	8
15 CARR (Human Related)	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity	229,651	1,614	7
16 LNU Lightning Complex (Lightning/Arson)	August 2020	Napa/Sonoma/Yolo/Stanislaus/ Lake	363,220	1,491	6
17 ATLAS (Powerline)	October 2017	Napa & Solano	51,624	781	6
18 OLD (Human Related)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6
19 DECKER (Vehicle)	August 1959	Riverside	1,425	1	6
20 HACIENDA (Unknown)	September 1955	Los Angeles	1,150	0	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.

* Numbers not final
 10/24/2022

