

# CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal

**Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Webinar Series** 

## April 10, 2023

California Incident Data and Statistics (CalStats) Program
Summary of the 2022 Fires and the Redbooks

# Welcome!



- The purpose of this webinar series is to host a live and interactive platform to discuss and educate on Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation (CWPM) fire safety topics directly from our Office of the State Fire Marshal CWPM Staff.
- More information on the webinar series can be found any time at osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/

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# **CalStats**

## **Speaker Introduction**

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California Incident Data and Statistics

#### Resources can be found at:

osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfirepreparedness-and-mitigation/california-incidentdata-and-statistics-program/





## **California Wildfire Statistics**

For accuracy and quality control,
CAL FIRE annual wildfire statistics are
strictly reviewed before being finalized
and published.

As such, the numbers in this presentation are not yet considered final and are subject to change.





# California Wildfire Statistics All Jurisdictions

Total Number of Wildfires: 7,477

Total Acres Burned: 307,501





## **Compared to Previous Year**

**Total Number of Wildfires:** 

1% increase from 2021

**Total Acres Burned:** 

88% decrease from 2021





**5 Year Average**All Jurisdictions

**Total Number of Wildfires:** 

7,572

**Total Acres Burned:** 

1,884,337\*





## \*2020 Wildfires

- Largest recorded wildfire season in California's modern history
- Over 4 million acres burned
- August Complex Fire burned over
   1 million acres across seven counties





# 3 Largest Fires (Acres Burned)

- Mosquito Fire, Placer County (Pictured)
   76,788 acres burned, 78 structures destroyed
- McKinney Fire, Siskiyou County
   60,138 acres burned, 185 structures destroyed
- SRF Lightning Complex, Trinity County
   41,600 acres burned, 8 structures destroyed





# 3 Most Destructive Fires (Structure Loss)

- Oak Fire, Mariposa County
   19,244 acres burned, 194 structures destroyed
- Mill Fire, Siskiyou County (Pictured)
   3,939 acres burned, 118 structures destroyed
- Mosquito Fire, Placer County
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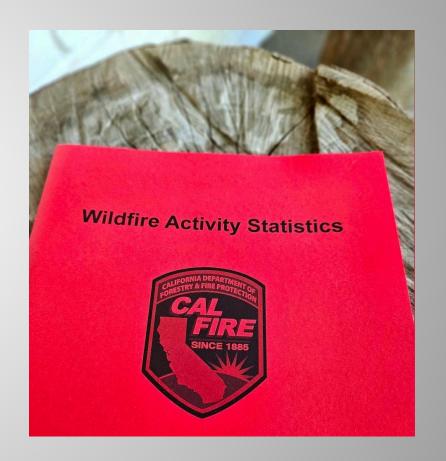


# Wildfire Activity Statistics (Redbooks)

#### What are Redbooks?

Redbooks are CAL FIRE's annual report on State Responsibility Area (SRA) wildfire activity statistics.

These statistics are compiled by the California Incident Data and Statistics Program (CalStats).





## **Data Collection**

## How is Redbook data collected?

After a wildfire occurs, the respective CAL FIRE Unit enters the incident data (acres burned, cause of ignition, etc.) into the CAL FIRE Incident Reporting System (CALFIRS).

CALFIRS is a web-based subscription service utilizing both national data standards and CAL FIRE specifications.





## **Responsibility Area**

## What does State Responsibility Area mean?

State Responsibility Area (SRA) is State and privately-owned forest, watershed, and rangeland for which the primary financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing wildfires rests with the State.

The tables and graphs in the Redbooks represent CAL FIRE SRA, unless otherwise specified.





## **Redbook Data**

# What kind of information does the Redbook include?

The Redbooks contain information such as acres burned, fire cause, dollar damage, and number of wildland fires.

These figures are broken down by Region, CAL FIRE Unit, County, and formats that are of interest for legislation and various stakeholders.

Table 8. Number of Fires by Cause, by Unit													
	Total	Arson	Camp- fire	Debris Burning	Elec. Power	Equip. Use	Ltng.	Misc.	P-W-F	Rail- road	Smoking	Undet.	Vehicle
NORTHERN REGION													
Amador-El Dorado	255	18	8	72	27	34	8	24	2	0	5	27	30
Butte	97	18	0	12	9	22	7	8	0	0	4	10	7
Humboldt-Del Norte	106	16	10	16	8	7	2	4	2	0	0	33	8
Lassen-Modoc	78	5	1	12	2	3	38	6	1	0	0	6	4
Mendocino	134	22	2	35	11	6	10	12	1	0	1	15	19
Nevada-Yuba-Placer	278	19	5	62	24	54	6	19	2	3	6	47	31
San Mateo-Santa Cruz	75	11	6	5	18	1	2	11	3	0	0	11	7
Santa Clara	142	18	0	1	20	9	0	13	4	0	3	39	35
Shasta-Trinity	205	66	7	31	17	25	12	11	4	0	10	7	15
Siskiyou	81	1	2	14	7	8	16	4	0	0	1	11	17
Sonoma-Lake-Napa	282	49	15	41	39	33	7	18	3	0	6	25	46
Tehama-Glenn	67	15	1	12	8	12	1	7	3	0	0	2	6
TOTAL	1,800	258	57	313	190	214	109	137	25	3	36	233	225
SOUTHERN REGION													
Fresno-Kings	108	24	3	17	14	9	0	8	2	0	1	16	14
Madera-Mariposa-Merced	150	7	2	34	15	20	4	14	1	0	4	8	41
Riverside	198	35	7	11	9	18	4	20	7	2	10	56	19
San Benito-Monterey	60	1	4	11	8	4	0	6	1	0	0	16	9
San Bernardino	138	11	10	10	5	7	3	16	5	0	2	45	24
San Diego	210	22	9	13	16	20	16	26	3	0	3	50	32
San Luis Obispo	84	5	7	11	10	3	0	12	2	0	1	14	19
Tulare	61	8	0	9	2	9	11	2	1	0	1	7	11
Tuolumne-Calaveras	245	15	5	47	15	25	5	28	7	1	2	70	25
TOTAL	1,254	128	47	163	94	115	43	132	29	3	24	282	194
STATE TOTAL	3,054	386	104	476	284	329	152	269	54	6	60	515	419

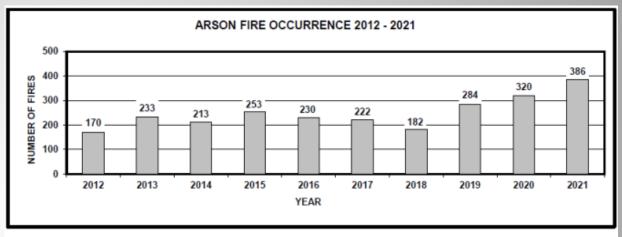


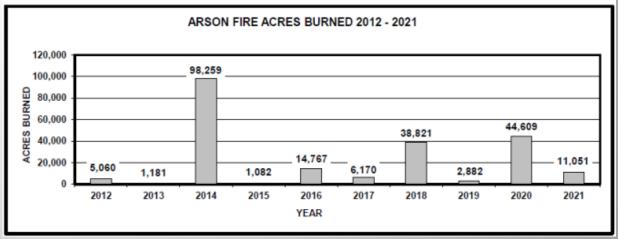
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#### **CAL FIRE At a Glance**

CAL FIRE is responsible for providing wildland fire protection, fire prevention, and resource management on more than 31 million acres of SRA land throughout California.

CAL FIRE also provides emergency services to 115 local government cooperators through agreements with districts, cities, and counties.

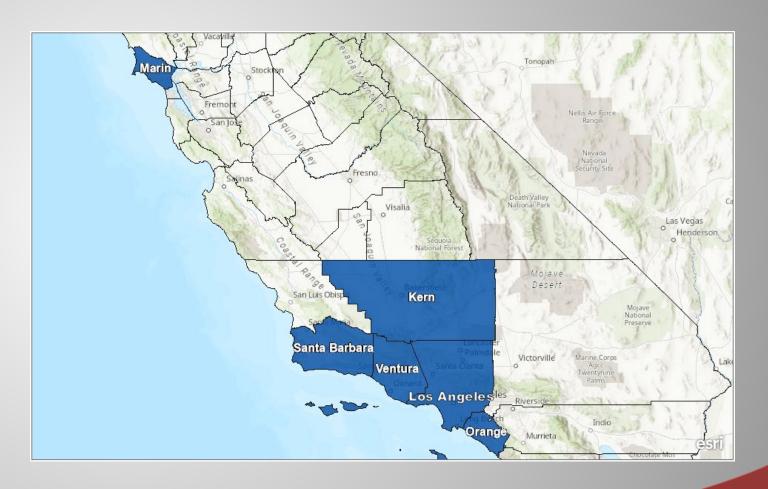


## **Contract Counties**

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Table 7. Number of Fires and Acres Burned by Cause and by Size in Contract Counties

Number	of Fi	res by	y Cause
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Contract Counties	Total	Arson	Campfire	Debris Burning	Electrical Power	Equipment Use	Ltng.	Misc.	P-W-F	Railroad	Smoking	Undet.	Vehicle
Kern	68	6	0	2	1	17	1	16	0	0	0	25	0
Los Angeles	92	8	14	4	1	11	4	22	6	0	3	19	0
Marin	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	0	0	0	1	1
Orange	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1
Santa Barbara	29	0	0	4	0	2	0	19	0	0	0	0	4
Ventura	40	2	0	0	2	1	0	27	0	0	0	8	0
TOTAL	253	17	14	10	4	32	5	101	6	0	3	55	6

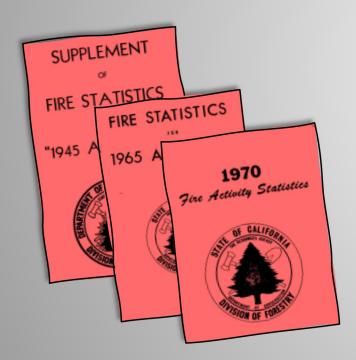
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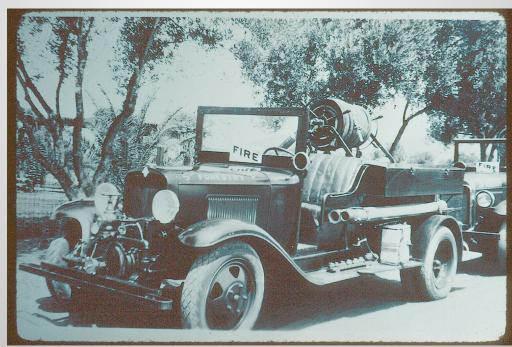
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Los Angeles	1,668	660	12	1	18	368	1	27	3	0	101	477	0
Marin	57	0	0	0	0	44	0	12	0	0	0	1	0
Orange	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Santa Barbara	187	0	0	108	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	63
Ventura	107	5	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	8	0
TOTAL	6,706	732	12	163	18	2,459	2	2,256	3	0	101	897	63

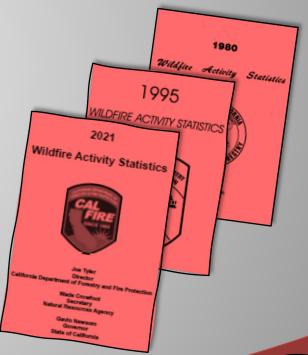


## Did you know?

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been producing the annual Redbooks since 1943.









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## Where can I find the Redbooks?

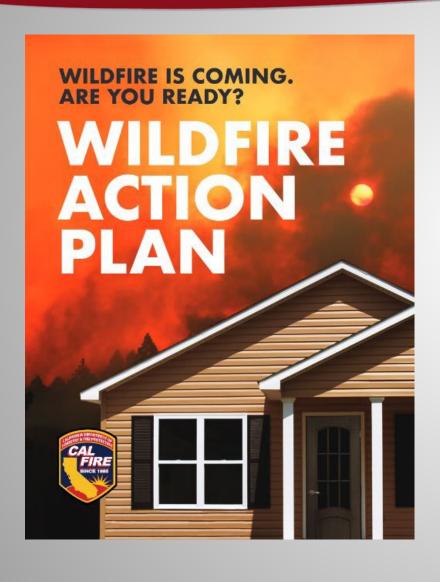
Published Redbooks (going back to 2008) can be found at **fire.ca.gov** on the **Statistics** page.







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# **Questions?**

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## Monday, April 24, 2023 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Featuring information on burn permits and the new burn permit application platform.

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