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Wildfire statistics

- There are 45+ million U.S. properties located in the 13 western states, at high to extreme risk of wildfire. ([Verisk](#))
- California ranks first for the highest number of households at high or extreme risk with just over 2 million — approximately three times the second highest, Texas, with 706,200. (*Verisk*)
- The states with the highest percentage of households at high or extreme risk of wildfire are Montana (27%) and Idaho (25%). (*Verisk*)
- Colorado ranks third in terms of both number and percentage of households at high or extreme risk. (*Verisk*)
- There were 58,985 wildfires in 2021, which affected 7.1 million acres, compared to just 18,229 wildfires and 1,323,666 acres lost in 1983 when official record-keeping began. ([NIFC](#))
- There was a 17% increase from 2019 to 2021 in U.S. wildfires and a 223% increase since 1983. (*NIFC*)
- Humans cause as many as 90% of wildfires, with the remaining 10% caused by lava and lightning. ([U.S. Department of Interior](#))
- The main causes of wildfire by humans is leaving campfires unattended, debris burns, equipment usage and malfunction, discarded cigarettes and arson. (*U.S. Department of Interior*)
- Five of the top 20 largest California wildfires occurred in 2020, with four taking place in 2021. ([CAL FIRE](#))
- 2020 wildfires in the U.S. caused \$16.5 billion in damages, making it the third-costliest year on record; 2017 being the highest at \$24 billion and 2018 a close second at \$22 billion. These figures do not account for indirect damages, which experts estimate cost around \$150 billion for the record-setting 2018 wildfire season. ([Yale Climate Connections](#))
- 2020 wildfires cost California 4.2 million acres of land, 10,500 structures and the lives of at least 31 people. ([Center for Disaster Philanthropy – CDP](#))

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