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National Run Survey

For the 28th year, the career fire service takes to the pages of *Firehouse*® Magazine to share and compare statistics about company and department activity levels, funding, staffing and pay. A total of 271 fire departments took part in this year's survey, representing 48 states, the District of Columbia and six Canadian provinces. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 84,262,122 people, and they have budgets totaling nearly \$14 billion (budgets are listed in millions of dollars). They provide this service with 3,989 engine companies, 1,425 ladder companies, 2,059 ambulances and numerous specialized units. They responded to 2,164,957 fire calls, 7,378,192 EMS calls and 10,888,126 total calls last year.

Fire Department Profiles

Part 1

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DEPARTMENT	POPULATION	BUDGET IN MILLIONS	NUMBER OF ENGINES	NUMBER OF LADDERS	NUMBER OF AMBULANCES	NUMBER OF MEDICS	NUMBER OF CHIEFS	TOTAL STRENGTH
Dothan, AL.....	65,000	12.0	8	2	0	8	2	172
Florence, AL.....	36,264	6.1	5	1	0	0	1	90
Huntsville, AL.....	171,327	25.7	18	5	0	0	4	330
Montgomery, AL.....	201,568	31.0	16	6	0	9	4	450
Tuscaloosa, AL.....	83,000	16.8	12	3	3	5	2	235
Little Rock, AR.....	187,000	31.5	20	8	0	0	4	391
Casa Grande, AZ.....	44,000	6.6	4	0	0	4	1	62
Chandler, AZ.....	251,297	25.0	10	2	4	16	2	243
Mesa, AZ.....	462,823	71.3	19	5	0	24	3	480
Phoenix, AZ.....	1,514,369	303.0	64	14	34	98	12	2,166
Scottsdale, AZ.....	263,373	33.2	12	4	2	18	2	284
Tempe, AZ.....	174,091	27.7	7	2	0	7	1	180
Apple Valley, CA.....	86,000	9.0	4	1	0	5	1	81
Auburn, CA.....	13,000	1.3	1	0	0	0	1	18
Camp Roberts, CA.....	10,000	1.2	2	0	0	0	0	16
Chula Vista, CA.....	230,000	23.0	8	2	0	0	2	136
Compton, CA.....	99,563	15.0	4	1	2	2	1	90
El Cajon, CA.....	95,546	13.1	4	1	3	6	1	65
Eureka, CA.....	26,157	5.2	3	1	0	0	1	43

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Fresno, CA.....	486,116	46.0	22	7	0	0	4	417
Hanford, CA.....	51,000	3.4	2	0	0	0	2	29
Hemet, CA.....	70,288	11.1	4	1	0	0	1	58
Lodi, CA.....	63,362	9.0	4	1	0	0	1	61
Loma Linda, CA.....	22,500	4.5	1	1	0	2	1	35
Long Beach, CA.....	490,166	87.8	21	5	14	19	3	581
Los Angeles City, CA.....	4,045,873	561.7	101	49	130	152	19	3,586
Los Angeles County, CA.....	4,146,631	939.0	159	32	0	104	21	4,879
Modesto, CA.....	215,000	20.0	13	3	0	2	2	189
Oakland, CA.....	399,484	120.7	25	7	0	32	4	596
Oceanside, CA.....	175,000	23.5	6	2	4	12	1	119
Palm Springs, CA.....	47,800	12.3	3	2	0	1	1	63
Salinas, CA.....	151,000	16.8	6	1	0	7	1	87
San Diego, CA.....	1,300,000	180.8	47	12	29	88	8	1,145
San Francisco, CA.....	824,525	246.3	42	19	18	44	11	1,615
San Jose, CA.....	1,007,000	158.0	34	9	0	0	5	794
Santa Rosa, CA.....	166,134	27.4	10	2	0	10	2	125
Seaside, CA.....	35,000	4.5	1	1	0	0	1	31
Somerset, CA.....	8,000	1.3	3	0	0	1	1	18
Vista, CA.....	119,000	16.8	5	1	4	10	1	93
Watsonville, CA.....	49,787	5.6	2	1	0	3	1	36
Adams County, CO.....	40,000	4.2	4	1	2	2	0	50
Arvada, CO.....	120,000	14.9	6	2	0	2	1	128
Boulder, CO.....	103,000	12.8	7	1	0	0	1	111
Colorado Springs, CO.....	460,000	50.9	20	6	0	22	3	452
Greeley, CO.....	90,000	11.3	6	1	0	6	1	104
Longmont, CO.....	87,000	9.3	5	1	3	8	1	89
Hartford, CT.....	125,000	30.0	11	5	0	0	2	357
New Britain, CT.....	75,000	12.1	6	2	0	0	1	156
New Haven, CT.....	145,000	27.0	10	4	2	2	3	370
Waterbury, CT.....	107,000	18.5	9	3	0	0	2	238
Washington, DC.....	588,000	180.0	33	16	21	42	8	2,100
Clearwater, FL.....	23,500	22.5	8	2	6	11	2	210
Deltona, FL.....	85,921	9.1	4	1	0	6	1	95
Estero, FL.....	43,000	14.6	3	1	0	6	1	66
Fort Lauderdale, FL.....	183,306	61.9	12	3	13	28	4	383
Fort Walton Beach, FL.....	50,000	3.2	1	1	0	3	1	33
Gainesville, FL.....	123,298	13.4	5	3	0	9	2	153
Hollywood, FL.....	139,000	39.1	6	3	7	7	1	223
Lake County, FL.....	323,885	19.7	16	1	0	12	2	186
Marion County, FL.....	274,837	49.8	29	1	8	33	6	471
Miami, FL.....	362,470	80.1	11	6	24	25	3	685
Miami-Dade County, FL.....	1,713,875	422.0	56	4	59	104	16	2,555
Orange County, FL.....	730,000	137.5	41	4	35	64	7	1,180
Orlando, FL.....	220,651	73.0	18	7	8	33	6	576
Ormond Beach, FL.....	39,000	5.5	2	2	0	4	1	54
Palm Beach County, FL.....	760,578	290.0	40	4	46	82	9	1,473
Panama City, FL.....	37,457	5.2	5	1	0	0	1	80
Polk County, FL.....	400,000	33.6	27	6	0	9	5	254
St. Lucie County, FL.....	276,585	123.6	17	6	19	22	4	375
Sarasota County, FL.....	350,000	74.5	22	3	25	5	4	477
Seminole County, FL.....	208,419	57.8	16	2	18	35	5	405
Tampa, FL.....	303,447	54.9	20	4	14	33	4	586
Tarpon Springs, FL.....	28,000	4.3	2	1	0	2	1	38
Titusville, FL.....	44,506	5.9	2	2	1	5	1	61

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Winter Park, FL	28,000	9.1	3	1	2	6	1	76
Zephyrhills, FL	13,020	2.5	2	0	0	2	1	36
Albany, GA	76,939	NA	11	2	0	0	1	172
Clayton County, GA	241,162	NA	14	3	9	16	6	367
DeKalb County, GA	727,000	73.0	26	7	19	15	6	859
Gwinett County, GA	750,000	71.0	28	8	23	62	5	760
Morrow, GA	10,000	2.2	2	1	2	2	1	34
Pooler, GA	13,900	56.0	2	1	0	0	120	1
Sandy Springs, GA	90,000	10.3	2	4	0	5	2	143
Thomas County, GA	28,000	2.2	7	0	0	0	2	42
Honolulu, HI	905,601	89.8	42	13	0	0	8	1,160
Cedar Rapids, IA	123,119	14.2	7	3	0	7	2	149
Sioux City, IA	85,013	12.2	7	2	0	0	3	116
Boise, ID	225,000	35.4	14	3	0	3	3	235
Aurora, IL	175,000	33.4	9	3	6	9	2	214
Carpentersville, IL	40,000	5.1	3	1	3	3	1	79
Chicago, IL	2,800,000	494.0	95	61	75	126	30	5,017
Decatur, IL	80,000	14.9	7	2	0	0	1	123
Elgin, IL	104,939	16.4	7	2	6	7	1	136
Lemont, IL	49,000	4.0	4	1	4	9	1	64
Mount Prospect, IL	56,000	10.9	3	1	3	6	1	104
Niles, IL	30,100	9.4	2	1	2	0	1	54

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Rockford, IL	150,115	37.6	8	5	5	18	2	282	
Carmel, IN	64,400	19.5	6	1	3	12	1	159	
Fort Wayne, IN	251,247	35.0	18	5	0	0	5	372	
Kokomo, IN	50,000	7.8	6	2	2	0	2	117	
Plainfield, IN	30,000	5.5	2	2	3	5	1	69	
South Bend, IN	107,789	21.8	11	4	4	4	2	242	
Hays, KS	20,000	1.8	3	2	0	0	1	28	
Kansas City, KS	146,000	42.6	16	6	12	29	3	468	
Overland Park, KS	170,319	17.7	4	4	6	11	2	162	
Burlington, KY	24,835	3.5	3	1	2	4	0	55	
Lexington, KY	280,000	52.0	23	7	10	21	6	546	
Nicholasville, KY	26,500	3.5	5	1	0	0	1	46	
Greenfield, LA	18,500	0.7	1	0	0	0	1	13	
Lafayette, LA	120,000	16.5	12	4	0	0	5	257	
Lake Charles, LA	100,000	12.0	10	5	0	0	4	176	
New Orleans, LA	450,000	63.0	28	10	0	0	7	770	
St. George, LA	100,000	13.7	8	2	0	0	3	156	
Shreveport, LA	204,000	45.9	20	7	10	14	11	625	
Boston, MA	589,141	161.6	34	23	0	0	14	1,505	
Brockton, MA	96,500	19.1	5	3	4	0	1	189	
Everett, MA	38,037	8.2	3	2	0	0	1	107	
Fitchburg, MA	39,672	5.3	3	1	1	0	1	71	

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Framingham, MA	66,910	11.6	5	2	3	3	1	155
Lowell, MA	105,000	15.1	8	4	0	0	2	199
Pittsfield, MA	42,931	6.1	5	1	0	0	1	88
Springfield, MA	150,000	NA	8	5	0	0	2	NA
Taunton, MA	59,000	9.4	5	3	0	0	1	120
Worcester, MA	175,500	34.9	13	7	0	0	2	405
Anne Arundel County, MD	509,300	99.8	30	11	12	24	4	832
Baltimore City, MD	635,000	142.0	36	19	22	22	8	1,800
Baltimore County, MD	788,994	88.4	55	13	52	NA	3	1,052
Hagerstown, MD	35,000	6.8	5	2	0	0	1	84
Montgomery County, MD	957,884	195.0	34	15	24	39	6	2,613
Prince George's County, MD	828,770	127.0	46	26	43	19	26	2,053
Salisbury, MD	45,449	7.1	4	2	5	7	2	66
Portland, ME	68,000	14.5	6	4	4	4	1	230
Lansing, MI	115,000	29.0	9	4	4	4	2	210
Muskegon, MI	38,000	3.3	3	1	0	0	1	36
Pontiac, MI	68,000	12.1	5	2	3	3	1	99
Royal Oak, MI	57,000	9.4	3	1	3	3	0	59
Saginaw, MI	56,263	11.3	4	2	0	0	1	68
Sterling Heights, MI	128,000	16.0	5	1	0	5	1	102
St. Cloud, MN	66,855	7.5	4	1	0	0	1	77
St. Paul, MN	287,151	47.8	16	7	0	11	4	456
Kansas City, MO	500,000	110.0	34	12	0	0	9	1,000
St. Joseph, MO	74,707	10.2	7	2	0	0	1	134
St. Louis, MO	350,759	51.0	30	4	11	13	7	875
Meridian, MS	39,968	6.3	7	1	0	0	1	114
Billings, MT	120,000	17.1	7	1	0	0	1	117
Great Falls, MT	58,536	6.0	3	1	1	4	1	67
Burlington, NC	49,500	6.1	5	1	0	0	1	91
Charlotte, NC	658,848	85.4	40	14	0	0	7	1,083
Concord, NC	72,000	17.4	9	2	0	0	2	181
Durham, NC	240,000	20.3	15	4	0	0	3	301
Enka-Candler, NC	25,000	2.4	3	1	0	0	1	54
Gastonia, NC	70,278	10.5	6	3	0	0	1	140
Rocky Mount, NC	58,000	9.2	7	2	0	0	2	150
Fargo, ND	99,200	7.8	6	1	0	0	1	105
Grand Forks, ND	49,366	5.1	3	1	0	0	1	66
Manchester, NH	110,000	20.6	11	5	0	11	1	258
Salem, NH	30,000	7.9	3	1	4	2	1	72
Cherry Hill, NJ	72,000	23.4	5	2	4	0	1	153
Elizabeth, NJ	25,000	4.0	2	1	0	0	1	46
Jersey City, NJ	240,000	61.0	16	9	0	0	6	597
Passaic, NJ	70,000	10.0	4	2	0	0	1	116
Albuquerque, NM	507,789	68.0	23	6	18	19	4	700
Rio Rancho, NM	85,000	8.4	5	2	5	7	1	102
Clark County, NV	2,000,000	NA	27	6	24	50	3	1,105
Las Vegas, NV	603,093	108.5	19	6	20	41	3	670
North Las Vegas, NV	216,664	33.1	7	2	6	15	2	223
Reno, NV	310,000	58.0	19	4	0	0	2	350
Albany, NY	95,000	28.8	8	4	0	4	2	240
Buffalo, NY	292,000	54.0	19	9	0	0	5	716
Glens Falls, NY	15,000	3.1	3	1	0	1	2	38
Lackawanna, NY	17,707	3.2	2	1	0	0	1	44
New York, NY	8,300,000	1500.0	198	143	480	75	65	14,600
Niagara Falls, NY	52,000	12.5	5	2	0	0	1	133

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Oneida, NY.....	10,800	1.3	3	1	0	0	2	24
Poughkeepsie, NY	30,000	5.9	3	2	0	0	1	72
Rochester, NY	210,000	41.3	8	9	0	0	4	495
Schenectady, NY.....	61,871	9.9	4	2	0	7	1	217
Syracuse, NY	155,000	25.0	10	6	2	3	3	358
Utica, NY	60,000	11.3	4	2	3	9	1	128
Akron, OH.....	210,000	41.6	13	5	13	13	1	382
Bath Township, OH.....	9,819	1.0	2	1	2	2	1	33
Cincinnati, OH	368,000	70.5	26	12	6	18	4	828
Columbus, OH.....	768,804	196.5	34	15	32	78	8	1,522
Dayton, OH.....	166,179	36.7	7	5	7	10	2	384
Eaton, OH.....	8,433	1.2	2	1	2	3	1	54
Elyria, OH.....	56,000	7.6	3	1	0	0	1	72
Mansfield, OH.....	50,000	8.5	5	1	4	8	1	99
Newark, OH	50,000	9.9	2	2	3	7	1	81
Norwich Township, OH	33,000	10.5	3	1	3	7	1	86
Springfield, OH.....	61,763	12.5	7	3	8	3	1	130
Toledo, OH.....	295,029	57.6	17	4	6	5	3	491
Lawton, OK	95,000	10.0	7	2	0	0	1	123
Oklahoma City, OK.....	558,000	114.2	36	13	0	24	6	959
Tulsa, OK	382,457	63.3	29	13	0	10	6	714
Canby, OR.....	34,000	2.5	1	0	2	3	1	14
Medford, OR.....	88,641	10.0	5	1	0	5	1	82

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Altoona, PA	49,523	3.5	4	1	0	NA	1	68
Erie, PA	103,000	14.3	4	2	0	0	1	150
Harrisburg, PA	48,950	9.5	3	3	0	0	2	93
Philadelphia, PA	1,400,000	196.0	61	29	50	50	13	2,422
Pittsburgh, PA	300,000	49.1	29	9	0	0	5	638
Reading, PA	82,135	15.4	7	3	3	3	2	143
York, PA	40,832	8.4	4	1	0	0	1	89
Providence, RI	175,000	42.0	14	8	5	0	3	513
Anderson City, SC	26,000	NA	4	2	0	0	1	54
Colleton County, SC	40,000	6.8	31	2	6	14	4	325
Gaffney, SC	25,000	1.9	3	1	0	0	0	35
Greenville, SC	60,000	10.0	6	3	0	0	2	143
Myrtle Beach, SC	105,000	11.3	6	3	2	2	1	157
Pawleys Island, Midway								
Fire Rescue, SC	25,000	3.2	3	1	2	5	1	70
Spartanburg, SC	38,843	5.0	5	2	0	0	1	74
Sumter, SC	35,000	5.2	5	2	0	0	1	100
Bristol, TN	25,435	3.5	3	2	2	3	1	58
Franklin, TN	56,000	13.2	5	7	0	4	1	159
Memphis, TN	674,028	148.4	56	27	33	59	17	1,838
Arlington, TX	369,150	42.2	16	5	0	0	3	313
Austin, TX	746,105	121.2	41	13	0	0	7	1,116
Bedford, TX	48,000	7.2	2	1	3	7	1	63

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College Station, TX	91,000	10.6	5	1	3	8	1	115
Corpus Christi, TX	285,000	34.0	15	5	9	21	3	418
El Paso, TX	634,448	78.2	32	13	21	23	7	928
Farmers Branch, TX	27,500	8.8	3	1	2	6	1	80
Fort Worth, TX	705,000	103.6	49	4	0	0	3	949
Grand Prairie, TX	166,650	21.7	9	3	8	17	1	211
Harlingen, TX	67,300	7.2	6	1	0	1	2	109
Houston, TX	2,245,108	387.7	86	37	57	34	23	3,908
Irving, TX	201,927	30.8	11	4	8	23	2	309
Lewisville, TX	92,850	14.7	6	1	4	11	1	127
Mansfield, TX	57,787	7.6	3	1	3	7	2	82
Plano, TX	260,900	41.5	12	4	7	23	3	318
Port Arthur, TX	58,000	9.1	7	1	0	8	1	105
San Antonio, TX	1,342,319	221.3	49	19	38	51	8	1,670
Temple, TX	54,514	8.2	7	1	0	7	1	107
Texarkana, TX	35,561	5.5	5	2	0	0	1	79
Waco, TX	122,200	18.0	12	3	0	0	1	191
Salt Lake City, UT	181,000	33.8	13	3	7	8	2	369
Alexandria, VA	140,000	30.0	8	3	5	0	2	247
Chesterfield County, VA	314,000	41.5	21	5	11	30	5	466
Fairfax County, VA	1,065,178	165.7	37	14	42	61	8	1,484
Fredericksburg, VA	20,000	3.0	2	1	2	5	1	53
Hampton, VA	146,439	16.8	10	2	9	21	2	265
Newport News, VA	180,150	30.4	10	7	11	11	2	376
Norfolk, VA	238,832	38.1	14	7	11	11	3	508
Portsmouth, VA	100,565	24.7	9	3	5	7	2	243
Richmond, VA	200,000	42.0	20	0	0	1	3	427
Virginia Beach, VA	434,743	39.4	20	7	0	13	5	476
Burlington, VT	38,889	5.2	5	1	2	0	1	80
Marysville, WA	70,000	12.9	4	1	2	2	1	100
Olympia, WA	45,000	10.1	3	1	0	2	1	83
Renton, WA	103,725	21.8	5	1	4	0	2	166
Seattle, WA	592,800	152.1	32	11	15	11	7	1,023
Spokane, WA	202,900	42.5	14	3	0	8	2	326
Tacoma, WA	220,730	59.8	16	4	5	9	2	408
Kenosha, WI	102,000	17.9	5	3	4	6	1	157
Milwaukee, WI	602,782	97.4	36	16	0	12	6	1,076
Mount Pleasant, WI	26,040	4.3	3	1	3	4	1	47
Oshkosh, WI	65,000	10.5	4	2	7	7	1	108
Waukesha, WI	68,030	11.1	4	1	3.5	3	1	103
Charleston, WV	53,000	15.0	9	2	4	4	1	198
Casper, WY	56,000	7.2	5	1	0	0	1	76
Cheyenne, WY	55,731	8.0	5	1	0	5	1	92
CANADA								
Calgary, AB	1,042,892	137.1	38	12	0	0	5	1,114
Edmonton, AB	752,412	115.6	24	8	NA	NA	5	982
Kalooops, BC	84,000	13.1	6	1	0	5	2	105
Brandon, MB	43,000	6.5	2	1	4	7	1	67
Winnipeg, MB	712,700	123.6	29	5	21	61	5	1,240
St. John's, NL	138,816	19.8	7	1	0	0	2	216
Markham, ON	285,000	24.4	7	2	0	0	2	192
Toronto, ON	2,700,000	356.0	88	31	0	0	5	3,144
Laval, QC	386,324	29.2	9	3	0	0	1	244