

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL CALLS

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PART 2

National Run Survey

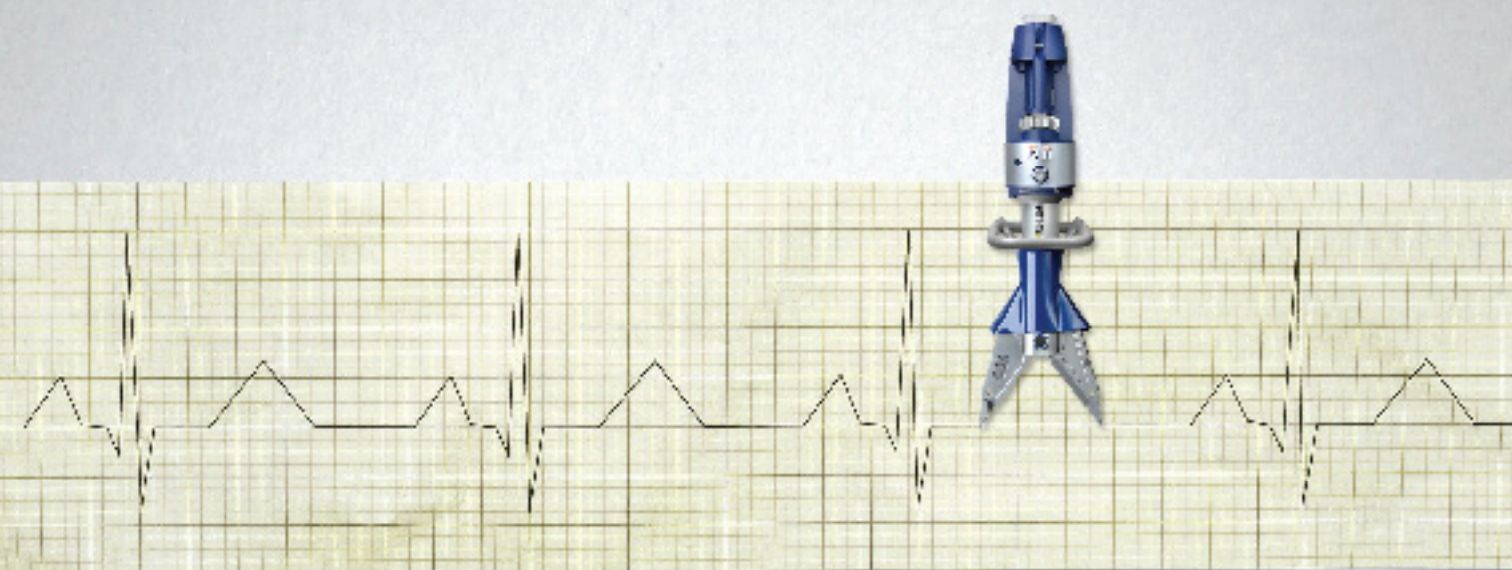
For the 33rd year, the career fire service takes to the pages of *Firehouse® Magazine* to share and compare statistics about company and department activity levels, funding, staffing and pay. A total of 218 fire departments took part in this year's survey, representing 44 states and five Canadian provinces. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 84,581,118 people and they have budgets totaling nearly \$16 billion (budgets are listed in millions of dollars). They provide this service with 3,916 engine companies, 1,413 ladder companies, 2,109 ambulances and numerous specialized units. They responded to 1,813,046 fire calls, 8,631,179 EMS calls and 12,151,442 total calls last year.

Information for some departments was not available in previous parts. The departments' profile info is listed below. Please visit www.firehouse.com/magazine/fh/annual-run-survey for the most up-to-date rankings.

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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
Lexington, KY.....	301,569	NA	22	7	10	22	1	NA
Calgary, AB, Canada	1,150,000	\$192.0	43	10	0	NA	6	1,431

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CALLS	FIRE CALLS	EMS CALLS	FALSE ALARMS
1. New York, NY.....	1,789,023	479,228	1,309,795	22,780
2. Chicago, IL	739,867	127,326	558,589	NA
3. Houston, TX.....	569,308	249,191	320,117	19,544
4. Los Angeles City, CA.....	406,088	66,709	339,379	NA
5. Dallas, TX	359,679	30,968	167,736	26,907
6. Los Angeles County, CA.....	329,119	7,908	245,552	32,372
7. Philadelphia, PA	279,019	44,863	234,156	102
8. San Francisco, CA.....	271,914	27,843	93,455	13,219
9. Miami-Dade County, FL.....	238,729	22,594	200,380	13,648
10. Phoenix, AZ	171,975	14,182	151,226	NA
11. San Antonio, TX.....	168,337	29,417	138,920	6,407
12. Washington, DC.....	167,335	29,823	137,512	NA
13. Baltimore City, MD	159,874	30,026	129,052	5,528
14. Columbus, OH	143,853	3,348	118,736	18,121



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DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CALLS	FIRE CALLS	EMS CALLS	FALSE ALARMS
15. Clark County, NV	141,766	2,731	131,787	1,871
16. St. Louis, MO	136,224	14,275	58,465	1,588
17. Prince George's County, MD	132,930	27,062	105,868	NA
18. San Diego, CA	129,042	3,335	112,819	10,567
19. Memphis, TN	128,757	20,451	108,306	10,296
20. Jacksonville, FL	122,930	20,665	98,266	3,999
21. Palm Beach County, FL	120,280	15,938	104,342	NA
22. Orange County, CA	112,333	1,919	81,182	6,012
23. Nashville, TN	107,857	18,526	82,331	5,347
24. Kansas City, MO	107,712	15,326	86,910	NA
25. Denver, CO	105,920	1,985	68,210	9,192
26. DeKalb County, GA	101,202	12,468	80,008	5,189
27. Orange County, FL	100,554	1,787	79,094	6,680
28. Charlotte, NC	95,692	9,367	75,250	2,103
29. Fort Worth, TX	93,283	10,203	72,976	4,680
30. Miami, FL	92,675	13,131	79,544	2,483
31. Fairfax County, VA	89,601	16,735	66,865	7,688
32. Seattle, WA	86,448	13,419	71,727	5,761
33. Austin, TX	85,700	4,024	62,619	6,499
34. Cincinnati, OH	82,146	9,997	55,403	NA
35. Tucson, AZ	80,473	3,001	69,327	1,842
36. Albuquerque, NM	78,430	1,383	65,066	3,033
37. Milwaukee, WI	78,023	13,132	60,499	4,392

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DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CALLS	FIRE CALLS	EMS CALLS	FALSE ALARMS
38. Brevard County, FL.....	75,491	9,469	63,689	NA
39. Polk County, FL.....	75,034	4,434	67,865	832
40. El Paso, TX.....	74,453	1,559	50,460	2,835
41. Boston, MA.....	74,185	4,184	33,966	13,866
42. Tampa, FL.....	72,144	8,324	63,820	4,124
43. Long Beach, CA.....	68,401	4,862	44,135	6,836
44. Kern County, CA.....	67,586	10,632	24,837	4,192
45. Gwinnett County, GA.....	66,831	4,255	50,184	NA
46. Pasco County, FL.....	57,430	897	50,022	1,838
47. Colorado Springs, CO.....	56,368	600	36,501	2,054
48. Tulsa, OK.....	55,937	1,996	33,683	4,000
49. Oakland, CA.....	55,555	256	45,172	2,570
50. Toledo, OH.....	53,765	6,307	47,458	2,329
51. Orlando, FL.....	49,317	902	36,669	3,728
52. St. Petersburg, FL.....	49,275	745	41,225	2,200
53. Honolulu, HI.....	48,963	1,742	28,399	3,438
54. Corpus Christi, TX.....	46,133	976	35,617	1,667
55. Norfolk, VA.....	45,726	861	35,587	2,968
56. Lexington, KY.....	45,497	8,901	36,596	2,837
57. Pittsburgh, PA.....	44,746	1,089	23,506	4,096
58. Fort Lauderdale, FL.....	44,387	435	32,291	7,499
59. Omaha, NE.....	41,872	1,619	30,118	3,195
60. Aurora, CO.....	40,164	652	27,340	317

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61. Virginia Beach, VA	40,060	10,953	25,807	3,300
62. Tacoma, WA	39,244	1,058	26,930	1,899
63. Akron, OH	38,831	7,236	34,059	1,099
64. St. Paul, MN	38,569	1,189	29,578	2,015
65. Paterson, NJ	38,523	5,942	29,340	3,241
66. Stockton, CA	38,520	1,833	18,468	1,275
67. Knoxville, TN	38,430	19,138	14,603	4,689
68. Minneapolis, MN	38,133	1,200	25,815	4,457
69. Shreveport, LA	38,043	1,254	26,706	1,937
70. Reno, NV	37,247	703	26,122	1,753
71. Chesterfield County, VA	36,268	1,524	28,156	2,644
72. Arlington, TX	36,257	952	18,113	2,272
73. Glendale, AZ	35,904	2,307	29,857	1,303
74. Richmond, VA	33,617	7,890	21,176	2,867
75. Dayton, OH	33,263	4,124	25,608	125
76. Spokane, WA	33,149	4,425	28,724	309
77. Greensboro, NC	32,924	1,026	22,612	4,087
78. Clayton County, GA	32,771	673	25,082	1,209
79. Anchorage, AK	32,676	743	21,193	2,257
80. Rochester, NY	32,523	11,480	17,221	3,833
81. New Orleans, LA	32,171	4,794	17,058	10,319
82. Lubbock, TX	32,106	768	23,662	1,842
83. Heartland Fire-Rescue, El Cajon, CA	32,062	NA	NA	NA
84. Bakersfield, CA	32,031	1,927	18,456	931
85. Peoria, IL	30,193	1,519	13,496	76
86. Modesto Regional Fire Authority, CA	29,562	1,340	14,413	819
87. Hollywood, FL	29,475	312	23,990	1,632
88. Newport News, VA	29,265	4,684	24,581	1,375
89. Charleston, WV	28,800	15,852	12,948	2,358
90. Scottsdale, AZ	27,493	517	19,746	676
91. Little Rock, AR	27,042	1,241	16,296	1,286
92. Chesapeake, VA	26,419	4,025	20,718	1,673
93. Reading, PA	25,399	8,626	17,868	NA
94. Rockford, IL	24,749	759	19,686	1,473
95. Hampton, VA	24,084	452	18,204	1,620
96. Miami Beach, FL	23,091	6,371	16,720	NA
97. Vancouver, WA	22,750	850	16,264	1,022
98. Albany, NY	22,527	375	17,079	3,852
99. Plano, TX	22,124	371	14,301	1,540
100. Lincoln, NE	21,357	1,983	16,720	1,268
101. Durham, NC	21,144	8,361	12,783	2,576
102. Wilmington, DE	21,050	2,746	17,017	1,287
103. Lake County, FL	20,152	780	13,474	652
104. Everett, WA	19,563	2,935	16,628	NA
105. Joliet, IL	19,263	3,159	16,104	1,092
106. Manchester, NH	19,151	3,660	14,396	2,019
107. Amarillo, TX	18,619	788	13,371	965
108. Martin County, FL	17,960	4,476	13,654	600
109. Fort Wayne, IN	17,723	753	6,805	1,555
110. Independence, MO	16,972	410	10,674	813
111. Ocala, FL	16,944	2,298	12,892	1,754
112. Grand Prairie, TX	16,912	454	12,560	930
113. Chula Vista, CA	16,396	346	11,127	577
114. Schenectady, NY	16,354	2,540	11,685	2,297

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115. Davenport, IA	16,147	452	8,846	848
116. Gainesville, FL	16,098	1,092	12,648	1,557
117. Newton, MA	15,993	12,112	3,881	2,532
118. Portland, ME	15,929	431	11,851	1,515
119. Springfield, MA	15,928	7,883	7,813	232
120. South Bend, IN	15,865	NA	NA	NA
121. Beaumont, TX	15,411	492	8,586	2,407
122. Lowell, MA	14,571	536	8,474	2,300
123. Chico, CA	14,512	446	8,919	60
124. Springfield, MO	14,504	985	8,778	1,203
125. Midland, TX	14,361	516	10,556	651
126. Canton, OH	14,276	2,038	12,238	946
127. Renton, WA	13,848	401	10,586	1,054
128. Littleton, CO	13,340	159	8,397	1,069
129. Lynn, MA	13,024	NA	NA	NA
130. Somerville, MA	12,969	6,555	6,257	157
131. Cambridge, MA	12,820	978	5,641	162
132. Torrance, CA	12,808	190	9,398	801
133. Grand Junction, CO	12,745	251	9,810	499
134. Palm Bay, FL	12,158	287	9,123	304
135. Sandy Springs, GA	12,091	208	6,995	1,129
136. Myrtle Beach, SC	12,080	273	7,862	1,728
137. High Point, NC	11,917	454	8,658	1,335
138. Greeley, CO	11,815	284	7,708	594
139. Duluth, MN	11,338	252	6,848	703
140. Vista, CA	11,228	587	9,523	291
141. Compton, CA	10,861	1,188	7,693	496
142. Fairfield, CA	10,835	437	8,128	556
143. Columbia, MO	10,446	317	6,696	1,164
144. Stamford, CT	10,328	3,443	5,130	1,755
145. Waukegan, IL	10,299	285	7,047	1,034
146. Gulfport, MS	10,200	352	7,530	371
147. Sanford, FL	9,490	164	6,215	494
148. Fitchburg, MA	9,059	4,941	4,118	NA
149. Fort Bragg, NC	9,009	7,085	1,659	2,954
150. Meriden, CT	8,985	273	5,808	719
151. Shelby County, TN	8,954	2,519	6,346	1,199
152. Florence, KY	8,783	2,359	6,225	NA
153. Round Rock, TX	8,761	220	5,332	543
154. Frisco, TX	8,725	2,880	5,265	580
155. Danbury, CT	8,709	3,937	4,772	919
156. Johnson City, TN	8,707	260	5,360	980
157. St. Joseph, MO	8,474	437	4,681	2,253
158. Fayetteville, AR	8,462	220	5,300	532
159. St. Charles, MO	8,355	2,604	5,751	541
160. Lake Havasu City, AZ	8,354	2,544	5,560	250
161. Port Arthur, TX	8,122	329	6,171	867
162. Cheyenne, WY	7,896	144	6,088	528
163. Sun City West, AZ	7,821	87	6,411	310
164. Mansfield, TX	7,810	4,443	3,367	371
165. Ridge Road Fire District, Rochester, NY	7,622	2,583	5,039	41
166. Burlington, VT	7,359	2,999	4,360	849
167. Glenview, IL	7,330	1,765	4,495	1,070
168. Trenton, NJ	7,298	637	3,173	NA

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169. Dunedin, FL.....	7,222	1,015	6,207	224
170. Coeur d'Alene, ID	7,178	965	6,100	113
171. Berwyn, IL.....	7,069	177	4,373	505
172. Santa Cruz City, CA	6,812	185	1,056	228
173. Merced, CA.....	6,435	376	3,747	281
174. Kannapolis, NC.....	6,341	2,341	3,661	339
175. Wheeling, WV.....	6,340	153	4,133	572
176. Waukesha, WI.....	6,256	40	5,101	503
177. Royal Oak, MI.....	6,107	104	4,034	261
178. Mount Prospect, IL.....	5,879	1,352	3,939	588
179. Erie, PA.....	5,539	492	2,773	805
180. Hackensack, NJ.....	5,291	3,008	2,283	590
181. Bristol, TN.....	5,021	398	3,810	261
182. Sheboygan, WI.....	4,996	134	3,843	255
183. Plainfield, IN.....	4,793	655	3,618	NA
184. Aberdeen, WA.....	4,696	453	4,243	99
185. Cocoa, FL.....	4,371	116	3,113	1,142
186. Farmers Branch, TX	4,022	114	2,470	529
187. Estero, FL.....	3,895	795	2,885	267
188. Lincoln, CA.....	3,612	129	2,493	186
189. Helena, MT.....	3,575	69	2,573	283
190. East Peoria, IL.....	3,424	494	2,608	322
191. Immokalee, FL.....	3,392	119	2,517	172
192. Albany, GA.....	3,375	610	603	744



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193. Streamwood, IL.....	3,262	1,109	2,153	333
194. Passaic, NJ.....	3,195	3,195	NA	NA
195. Punta Gorda, FL.....	3,180	792	2,233	155
196. Athens-Clarke County, GA.....	3,093	373	705	902
197. Keller, TX.....	2,818	3	879	1,939
198. Springfield, TN.....	2,792	156	2,160	226
199. Bradford City, PA.....	2,682	376	2,256	50
200. Collingswood, NJ.....	2,680	960	1,606	114
201. Newburgh, NY.....	2,571	117	0	232
202. Pooler, GA.....	2,569	244	1,815	166
203. Bedford, NH.....	2,439	388	1,706	305
204. Alton, IL.....	2,228	671	1,359	198
205. Oneida, NY.....	2,095	59	1,661	375
206. Thomas County, GA.....	1,974	204	1,455	91
207. Panama City, FL.....	1,821	173	198	399
208. Harlingen, TX.....	1,759	359	232	426
209. Oconomowoc, WI.....	1,525	409	1,162	101
210. Gilford, NH.....	1,507	525	982	165
211. Hapeville, GA.....	1,454	319	1,135	51
212. Collingswood, NJ.....	1,074	960	1,606	114
213. Veteran's Affairs Fire, Tuskegee, AL.....	710	15	382	47
214. Montrose Veteran's Hospital, NY.....	569	242	327	31

CANADA

1. Montreal, QC.....	123,242	17,898	76,434	7,675
2. Toronto, ON.....	108,549	10,854	47,004	25,984
3. Calgary, AB.....	55,804	1,902	27,966	8,630
4. Vancouver, BC.....	48,228	1,617	26,511	NA
5. Ottawa, ON.....	22,615	1,009	NA	8,270
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