



**Monthly State Fire Report – December 2019**  
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
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**Fires reported in the month of December ..... 74**

**2019 Monthly Fire Counts**

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
109	125	112	265	297	216	282	195	128	118	134	74	<b>2,055</b>

**Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date ..... \$38,861,471.00**

**Dollar loss attributed to fire this month ..... \$674,500.00**

**Total incidents reported for the month ..... 1,737**

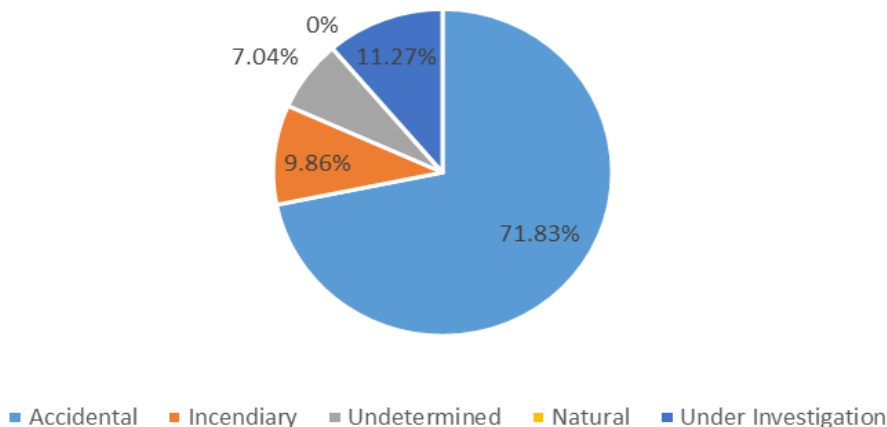
**Most reported fire types for the month**

1. Building fires ..... 21.62%
2. Passenger vehicle fire ..... 16.22%
3. Road freight or transport vehicle fire ..... 9.46%

**Most reported heat source for the month**

- Radiated, conducted heat from operating equipment ..... 12.68%
- Undetermined ..... 38.03%

Fire classification percentage for the month



## Injuries and Fatalities

Civilian fire casualties for the month	<b>2</b>	Year to date	<b>8</b>
Civilian fire injuries for the month	<b>0</b>	Year to date	<b>9</b>
Fire service injuries for the month	<b>0</b>	Year to date	<b>4</b>

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month ..... **22.8%**

## Incident totals by type year to date 2019

Fires	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Service	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incident	False Calls	Total
2,055	21,761	1,590	1,912	3,413	31	258	4,244	<b>35,343</b>

## Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:

The start of a New Year has brought busy times for all. As we move into 2020 please remember that fire is an ever-present threat. Throughout the winter, remind your communities to keep combustible storage away from heating appliances, keep matches and lighters out of reach of children, don't leave the kitchen unattended when cooking, use electrical appliances according to manufacturer's instructions, and attend any open flame whether it is a candle, fireplace or wood-stove. Our fire and incident numbers remain stable from last month, and our number of reporting departments for the month is almost exactly the same.

If you have any fire incidents resulting in injuries (civilian or fire service) or casualties, please notify the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office. This allows us to better track these and ensure that no injuries or loss of life become lost data. If requesting assistance with a fire investigation please contact State Radio at (701)328-9921.

This monthly report is being provided as a summary of fire service statistics reported into the National Fire Incident Reporting System by fire departments in North Dakota. The information provided includes only the incidents reported that are able to be uploaded into the National Fire Incident Reporting System by our office each month. Please contact us if you have any questions about fire reporting, when to contact the State Fire Marshal's Office, or how to ensure your incidents make it into NFIRS.

Thank you,

Douglas Nelson  
ND State Fire Marshal

**Public education and outreach for the month:**

This topical flyer is provided by the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association. More public education resources can be found on both organizations websites.

United States Fire Administration: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.html>

National Fire Protection Association: <https://www.nfpa.org/>

## What the data show:

Over the 10 years from 2008 to 2017, the U.S. had an **annual average** of **1,344,100 fires,** resulting in:



**3,190**

civilian deaths.

**16,225**  
civilian injuries.



**\$14.7**

**billion**

in direct property  
loss each year.