

U.S. FIREFIGHTER INJURIES 2015 FACT SHEET

68,085 firefighter injuries fires were reported in the U.S. during 2015.

- An increase of 7.5% from 2014.
- One firefighter injury occurred every 7 minutes 43 seconds.
- **29,130** (43%) or all firefighter injuries occurred in fireground operations.
- The leading causes of fireground injuries fall, slip, jump (27.2%) and overexertion, strain (27.2%).
- **13,275** (19%) occurred during other on duty activities.
- **3,800** (6%) occurred while responding or returning from an incident.
- 7,560 (11%) during training activities.
- **14,320** (21%) during non-fire emergency incidents.
- An estimated **11,500** injuries or 16.9% of all firefighter injuries resulted in lost time in 2015.



The *Northeast region reported a higher number of fireground injuries per 100 fires than the rest of the country (*excluding New York City).

Non-fire

emergency

21%

Fireground

43%

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TYPE OF DUTY 2015

Training

11%

were

Responding

to/or returing

from incidents 6%

Other duty

19%

There were **8,350** documented exposures to infectious diseases and **27,250** exposures to hazardous conditions reported.

There were **16,600** collisions involving fire department emergency vehicles, with **1,150** fire fighter injuries resulting from these collisions.

Source: NFPA, Fire Analysis & Research Division, www.nfpa.org