

Deliberate fires by age group of firestarter and country, UK, 1994-2006

Age group	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>UK Total</b>													
Total	84,626	84,911	88,385	82,613	86,208	103,006	111,174	123,268	117,764	113,621	91,231	79,653	72,545
Child (0-9 years)	6,366	5,688	5,149	4,883	4,368	4,322	4,009	3,644	2,741	2,533	1,798	1,330	1,192
Youth (10-17 years)	21,905	23,366	24,480	23,816	23,547	28,330	30,303	36,490	32,074	30,043	23,202	19,286	16,454
Adult (18 years and over)	53,876	37,174	41,406	36,524	39,664	48,373	52,117	58,623	59,948	58,798	48,579	42,733	38,930
Other (not person or animal)	33	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2,446	18,535	17,349	17,390	18,629	21,981	24,744	24,511	23,000	22,248	17,652	16,304	15,969
<b>England</b>													
Total	70,801	70,732	72,872	67,682	70,341	84,146	91,217	102,536	98,504	95,216	76,311	66,456	59,598
Child (0-9 years)	5,654	4,939	4,307	4,130	3,762	3,660	3,358	3,092	2,283	2,145	1,518	1,141	991
Youth (10-17 years)	17,779	18,999	19,593	18,865	18,375	22,243	23,991	29,813	26,323	24,486	18,914	15,771	13,070
Adult (18 years and over)	45,210	30,184	33,375	29,284	31,614	38,179	41,019	47,316	49,501	48,427	39,509	34,538	30,776
Other (not person or animal)	33	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2,125	16,480	15,598	15,402	16,590	20,064	22,848	22,315	20,397	20,158	16,370	15,006	14,761
<b>Wales</b>													
Total	4,522	4,608	5,085	5,250	5,766	6,926	6,838	7,417	6,921	7,179	5,595	4,605	4,397
Child (0-9 years)	197	232	322	270	243	238	194	191	173	158	88	63	76
Youth (10-17 years)	1,506	1,567	1,784	2,161	2,262	2,516	2,212	2,526	2,315	2,339	1,781	1,356	1,245
Adult (18 years and over)	2,613	1,909	2,209	1,934	2,473	3,526	3,670	4,079	3,730	4,024	3,186	2,602	2,521
Other (not person or animal)	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	206	894	770	885	788	646	763	621	703	658	540	584	556
<b>Scotland</b>													
Total	7,197	7,107	7,126	6,655	6,932	8,536	8,813	8,798	8,491	7,794	6,532	5,847	5,774
Child (0-9 years)	439	417	450	380	302	372	373	315	245	184	181	107	111
Youth (10-17 years)	2,100	2,089	2,057	1,935	1,997	2,381	2,500	2,496	2,191	1,949	1,527	1,217	1,215
Adult (18 years and over)	4,567	3,846	3,980	3,674	3,884	4,939	4,995	4,721	4,419	4,374	4,227	3,939	3,951
Other (not person or animal)	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	90	745	639	666	750	844	946	1,266	1,637	1,286	597	584	498
<b>Northern Ireland</b>													
Total	2,106	2,463	3,302	3,026	3,169	3,398	4,306	4,517	3,848	3,432	2,793	2,745	2,776
Child (0-9 years)	76	100	70	103	62	52	84	47	41	45	11	19	15
Youth (10-17 years)	519	712	1,047	855	913	1,190	1,600	1,655	1,245	1,268	980	942	925
Adult (18 years and over)	1,486	1,235	1,842	1,632	1,693	1,729	2,434	2,507	2,299	1,974	1,657	1,654	1,682
Unknown	25	416	343	436	501	427	188	308	263	145	145	130	154

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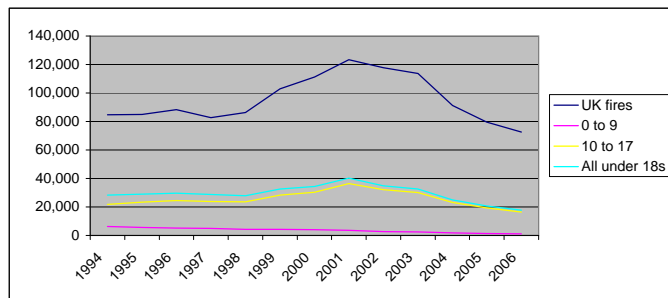
Fatal casualties in deliberate fires by age group of firestarter and country, UK, 1994-2006

Age group	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>													
Total	111	139	132	117	111	114	109	91	106	114	89	111	118
Child (0-9 years)	8	12	6	10	9	9	6	4	13	0	0	3	2
Youth (10-17 years)	2	3	4	1	3	5	0	1	2	5	2	3	3
Adult (18 years and over)	93	111	114	96	81	83	91	75	81	101	83	96	109
Other (not person or animal)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	8	11	8	10	18	17	12	11	10	8	4	9	4
<b>England</b>													
Total	101	119	116	98	84	92	91	67	90	98	78	93	97
Child (0-9 years)	8	5	5	10	5	8	2	2	7	0	0	3	2
Youth (10-17 years)	1	3	3	1	1	3	0	1	2	3	2	3	3
Adult (18 years and over)	88	99	101	78	66	68	77	53	71	88	72	78	88
Other (not person or animal)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	10	7	9	12	13	12	11	10	7	4	9	4
<b>Wales</b>													
Total	0	13	4	9	5	4	6	5	4	2	5	6	6
Child (0-9 years)	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Youth (10-17 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult (18 years and over)	0	6	3	9	4	4	6	3	4	2	5	6	6
Other (not person or animal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Scotland</b>													
Total	7	6	12	8	14	11	11	15	12	10	4	11	13
Child (0-9 years)	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	6	0	0	0	0
Youth (10-17 years)	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Adult (18 years and over)	3	5	10	7	6	9	8	15	6	7	4	11	13
Other (not person or animal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Northern Ireland</b>													
Total	3	1	0	2	8	7	1	4	0	4	2	1	2
Child (0-9 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth (10-17 years)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult (18 years and over)	2	1	0	2	5	2	0	4	0	4	2	1	2
Unknown	1	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Deliberate Primary Fires by age, UK**

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UK fires	84,626	84,911	88,385	82,613	86,208	103,006	111,174	123,268	117,764	113,621	91,231	79,653	72,545	-14.3%
0 to 9	6,366	5,688	5,149	4,883	4,368	4,322	4,009	3,644	2,741	2,533	1,798	1,330	1,192	-81.3%
10 to 17	21,905	23,366	24,480	23,816	23,547	28,330	30,303	36,490	32,074	30,043	23,202	19,286	16,454	-24.9%
All under 18s	28,271	29,054	29,629	28,699	27,915	32,652	34,312	40,134	34,815	32,576	25,000	20,616	17,646	-37.6%
% of fires set by under 18s	33.4	34.2	33.5	34.7	32.4	31.7	30.9	32.6	29.6	28.7	27.4	25.9	24.3	-27.2%

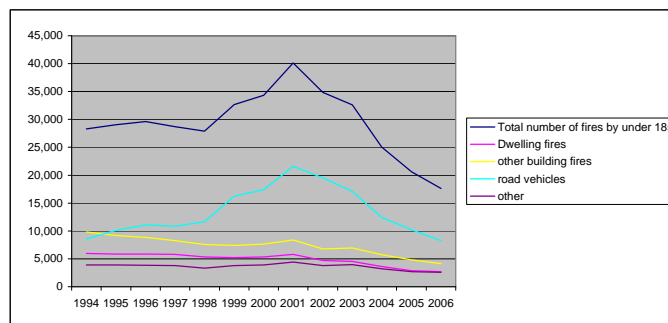


**Deliberate Primary Fires by Location, UK**

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change since 1994
Total number of fires by under 18s	28,272	29,054	29,630	28,700	27,915	32,652	34,312	40,134	34,816	32,575	25,000	20,616	17,646	-37.6%
Dwelling fires	5,996	5,837	5,838	5,773	5,352	5,223	5,364	5,776	4,728	4,555	3,627	2,885	2,681	-55.3%
% of total fires	21	20	20	20	19	16	16	14	14	14	15	14	15	
other building fires	9,787	9,182	8,861	8,292	7,592	7,411	7,655	8,354	6,768	6,943	5,762	4,821	4,137	-57.7%
% of total fires	35	32	30	29	27	23	22	21	19	21	23	23	23	
road vehicles	8,570	10,110	11,090	10,870	11,657	16,237	17,409	21,573	19,509	17,128	12,416	10,194	8,248	-3.8%
% of total fires	30	35	37	38	42	50	51	54	56	53	50	49	47	
other	3,919	3,925	3,840	3,765	3,313	3,781	3,884	4,431	3,810	3,949	3,195	2,716	2,580	-34.2%
% of total fires	14	14	13	13	12	12	11	11	11	12	13	13	15	

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**Deliberate Primary Fires by source of ignition**

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Matches	16,864	17,988	17,668	16,815	16,030	18,454	18,505	20,623	16,723	15,440	11,612	9,088	7,363	-56.3%
% of total fires	59.6	61.9	59.6	58.6	57.4	56.5	53.9	51.4	48.0	47.4	46.4	44.1	41.7	
Cigarette lighters	1,075	1,043	1,292	1,429	1,764	2,163	2,494	3,024	3,845	3,915	3,318	2,905	2,739	154.8%
% of total fires	3.8	3.6	4.4	5.0	6.3	6.6	7.3	7.5	11.0	12.0	13.3	14.1	15.5	
Lighted paper/material	734	1,137	1,094	1,215	1,396	2,228	2,621	3,321	3,288	3,327	2,655	2,114	1,935	163.6%
% of total fires	2.6	3.9	3.7	4.2	5.0	6.8	7.6	8.3	9.4	10.2	10.6	10.3	11.0	
<b>% fires started by matches and lighters</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>

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Lighted paper/material	734	1,137	1,094	1,215	1,396	2,228	2,621	3,321	3,288	3,327	2,655	2,114	1,935	163.6%
Matches and lighters	17,939	19,031	18,960	18,244	17,794	20,617	20,999	23,647	20,568	19,355	14,930	11,993	10,102	-43.7%

