



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION



CAL FIRE AT A GLANCE

CAL FIRE is responsible for providing wildland fire protection, fire prevention, and resource management on more than 31 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands throughout California. In addition, CAL FIRE provides emergency services to 114 local government cooperators through agreements with districts, cities, and counties.

General Information

CAL FIRE Budget (FY 2023-2024). \$4.1 billion

Personnel (numbers approximate)

Permanent Incident Response.	.....	6,145
Seasonal*.	.....	2,970
Mission Support Positions	.....	2,885
Inmates, Wards, California Conservation Corps Members & California National Guard Members	.....	5,000
Volunteers In Prevention (VIPs).	.....	600

*The Seasonal Firefighter I count for current year includes both Ongoing Seasonal Positions and Augmented Seasonal Positions. Ongoing Seasonal Positions are the positions that are authorized in the budget act and permanently funded. Augmented positions are a one-time basis, and these are not permanently funded/authorized positions.

Fire Protection

Facilities

Region Operations Centers.	.....	2
Emergency Command Centers.	.....	21
CAL FIRE Units.	.....	21
CAL FIRE Fire Stations.	.....	240
Local Government Fire Stations (<i>operated by CAL FIRE via contract</i>).	.....	568
Conservation Camps	.....	30
CAL FIRE Firefighter Centers (19 FFI Fire Centers, 15 CCC Fire Centers and 8 CMD Fire Centers)	.....	42
Air Attack Bases	.....	14
Helitack Bases	.....	10
Cooperative Helitack Bases	.....	1
State Fire Marshal Offices	.....	10
Demonstration State Forests	.....	14 forests/85,000 acres
Seed Bank/Nursery	.....	1
Lookouts	.....	27

CAL FIRE Equipment

Fire Engines	.....	398
Bulldozers	.....	70
Mobile Communications Centers	.....	6
Mobile Kitchen Units	.....	11
S-2T Airtankers	.....	23
C-130H Airtankers (<i>Currently being retrofitted to install the 4,000-gallon internal tanks</i>)	.....	7
Air Tactical Planes (15 OV-10As, 1 OV-10D and 2 King Airs)	.....	18
Helicopters (<i>13 currently in service, funding has been approved for the purchase of 3 additional helicopters</i>)	.....	16
Firefighting Hand Crews (152 CDCR, 32 CCC, 38 FF, 14 CMD)	.....	236
Fuels Reduction Crews	.....	10



Fire and Emergency Responses (2023)

Wildland Fires (<i>including State, Federal, and Local lands</i>).....	7,127
Wildland Acres Burned (<i>including State, Federal, and Local lands</i>).....	324,917
All Emergency Incidents <i>(including wildland, structure and vehicles fires, medical aids, hazardous material spills, etc.)</i>	594,971

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State Fire Training

Accredited Colleges (<i>Community Colleges and Fire Departments</i>).....	65
Student Course Diplomas (<i>annual average</i>).....	53,500

Inspections

Defensible Space Inspections (<i>FY 2022-2023</i>)	253,587
Pipeline Safety Inspections (<i>average miles of interstate</i>)	5,300
Plan Reviews (<i>average state-owned and state-occupied buildings and institutions</i>)	4,461

Resource Management

Fuels Treatment (FY 2022-2023)

Combined Fuel Reduction Projects (<i>treated acres</i>).....	105,531
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Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) Reviews

Acres of Timberland CAL FIRE has THP Review Jurisdiction Over	7.8 million
Timber Harvesting Plans CAL FIRE Reviews Yearly (<i>5-year average 2017-2021</i>).....	229



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CAL FIRE Careers