



U.S. Eating and Drinking Establishment Property Structure Fires

U. S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of **8,520** structure fires in eating and drinking establishments in 2000-2004. These fires caused annual averages of

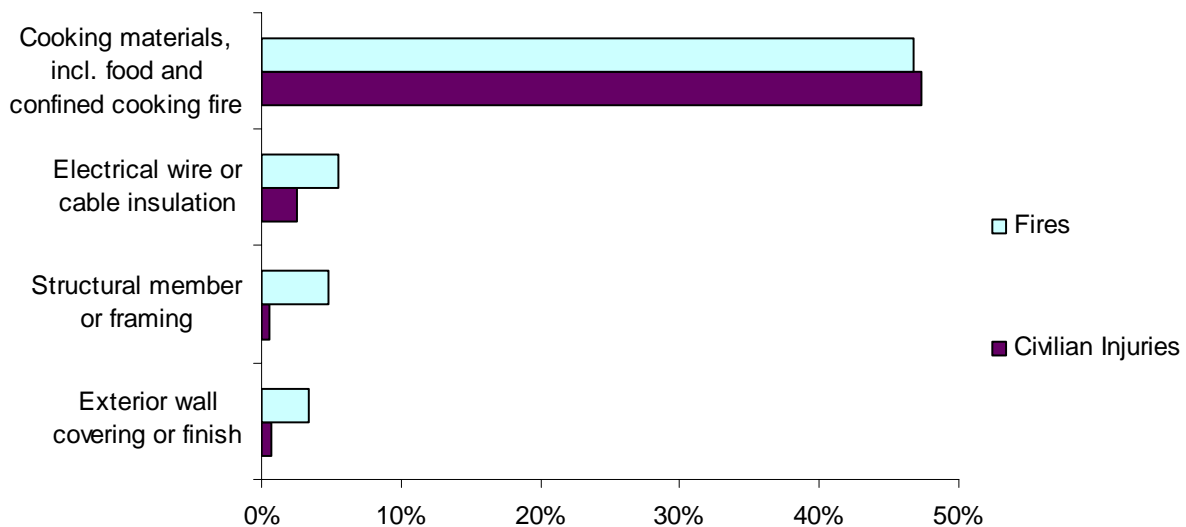


- **3** civilian deaths
- **113** civilian fire injuries
- **\$190** million in direct property damage

These estimates are derived from the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 and NFPA’s annual fire department experience survey.

- Fires in restaurants and cafeterias outnumbered fires in bars and nightclubs by nearly 7-to-1
- Intentionally set fires caused **67%** of the civilian deaths

Leading Items First Ignited in Eating and Drinking Establishment Structure Fires, 2000-2004 Annual Averages



➤ **Cooking material fires, including food and confined cooking fires** occurred most often, and resulted in the highest number of civilian deaths, civilian injuries, and direct property damage, compared to any other item first ignited.

➤ In 1999-2002 **dry chemical systems** accounted for **43%** of the fires where automatic suppression systems were present.

