

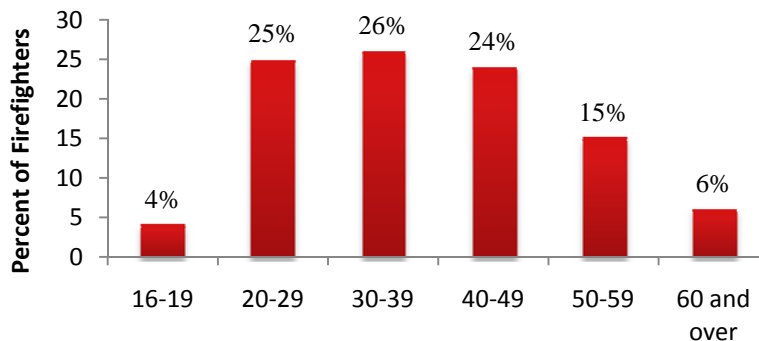


## The U.S. Fire Department Profile Through 2008

There are **1,148,850** firefighters in the United States

- **28%** (321,700) are career firefighters.
- **72%** (827,150) are volunteer firefighters.
- Firefighters in smaller communities are more likely to be volunteers.
- Departments protecting larger communities tend to have a higher proportion of firefighters in the age groups 30-39 and 40-49 than smaller communities.

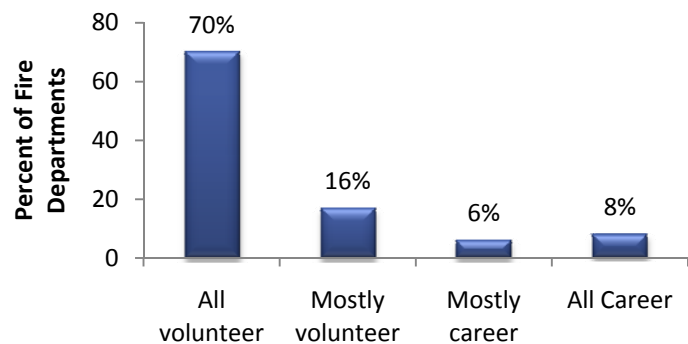
**Number of Firefighters in the U. S. by Age Group, 2008**



**30,170** fire departments protected the United States in 2008

- All career 2,315
- Mostly career 1,790
- Mostly volunteer 4,830
- All volunteer 21,235

**Fire Departments by Type, 2008**



### Fire Department Provision of Emergency Medical Service, 2006-2008 Annual Averages

