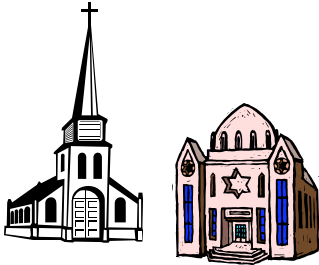




U.S. Religious and Funeral Property Structure Fires

U. S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of **1,810** structure fires on religious and funeral properties per year during 2000-2004. These fires caused annual averages of



- 2 civilian deaths
- 16 civilian fire injuries
- \$98 million in direct property damage

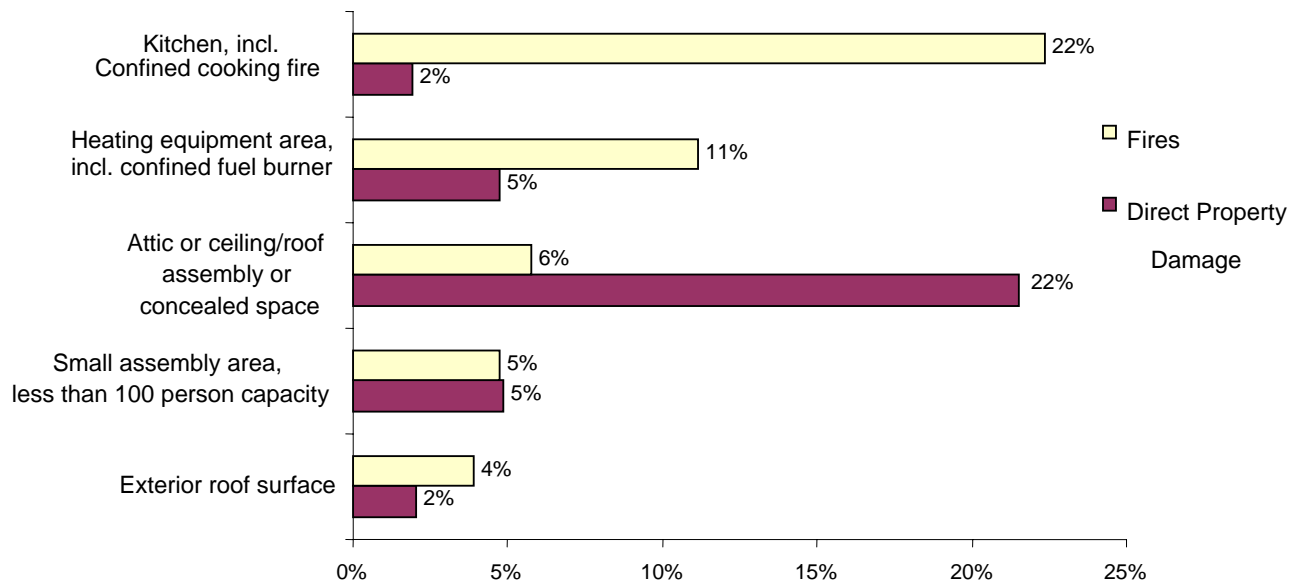
These estimates are derived from the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 and NFPA’s annual fire department experience survey.

- **Very few (4%)** of these fires took place in a funeral parlor
- **10%** of fires in religious and funeral properties were **intentionally set**



- **Cooking** is the leading cause of fires in these properties
- **Candles** caused 4% of fires in these properties

**Leading Areas of Origin in Religious or Funeral Property, Structure Fires
 2000-2004 Annual Averages**



- 22% of religious and funeral property fires began in the kitchen or cooking area
- 22% of the direct property damage occurred in fires that began in the attic, ceiling, or concealed space