



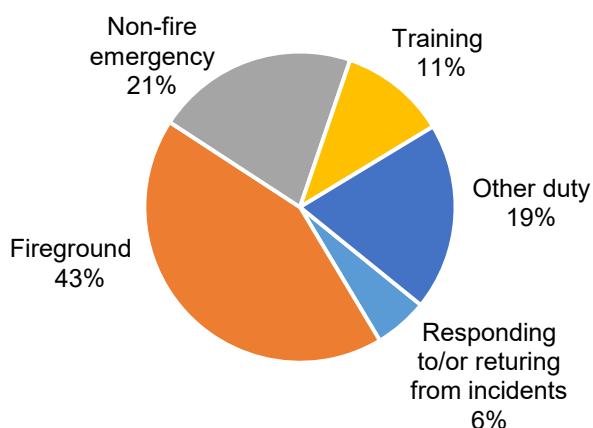
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U.S. Firefighter Injuries – 2015

68,085 firefighter injuries were reported in the U.S. during 2015.

- ▶ An increase of 7.5% from 2014.
- ▶ One firefighter injury occurred every 7 minutes 43 seconds.
- ▶ **29,130** (43%) of all firefighter injuries occurred in fireground operations.
- ▶ The leading causes of fireground injuries were **fall, slip, jump (27.2%)** and **overexertion, strain (27.2%)**.
- ▶ **13,275** (19%) occurred during other on duty activities.
- ▶ **3,800** (6%) occurred while responding or returning from an incident.
- ▶ **7,560** (11%) during training activities.
- ▶ **14,320** (21%) during non-fire emergency incidents.
- ▶ An estimated **11,500** injuries or 16.9% of all firefighter injuries resulted in lost time in 2015.

U.S. Firefighter Injuries by Type of Duty 2015



The ***Northeast** region reported a higher number of fireground injuries per 100 fires than the rest of the country (*excluding New York City).

There were **8,350** documented exposures to infectious diseases and **27,250** exposures to hazardous conditions reported.

There were **16,600** collisions involving fire department emergency vehicles, with **1,150** fire fighter injuries resulting from these collisions.

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