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**CAREER FIREFIGHTERS PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR ALL
CAREER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, 2013-2015**

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Table 1.
Career Firefighters per 1,000 Population for all Career Departments
by Region, Workweek and Population 2013-2015

Region	Work Week	Population Protected	
		250,000 or more	25,000 to 249,000
Northeast	40-45 Hour	1.77	2.06
	46-51 Hour	1.96	2.27
	52-60 Hour	*	1.69
Midwest	40-45 Hour	*	1.75
	46-51 Hour	1.73	1.41
	52-60 Hour	1.33	1.43
South	40-45 Hour	*	2.06
	46-51 Hour	1.28	1.59
	52-60 Hour	1.38	1.72
West	40-45 Hour	*	1.10
	46-51 Hour	*	1.49
	52-60 Hour	0.93	0.99

Source: NFPA Fire Service Survey, 2013-2015.

Note:

- i. Only public/municipal U.S. fire departments are included in this analysis. No federal, state, military or commercial fire brigades/services are included.
- ii. The rates listed above are based on data reported to the NFPA, and do not reflect recommended rates or some defined fire protection standard.
- iii. The rates of the a particular size of community may vary widely because departments face great variation in their specific circumstances and policies including structural conditions, type of service provided to the community, population density and other factors.
- iv. Career rates are shown only for communities over 25,000, where departments are comprised mostly of career firefighters.
- v. Only two stratum are presented due to the limitations of the data used in the analysis.

*Insufficient data.

As defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the four regions are:

