

Number of Firefighters in Canada, 2013-2015

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Table 1:
Number of Firefighters in Canada, 2013-2015.

Period	Aggregate		Career		Volunteer	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 Population	Number	Rate per 1,000 Population	Number	Rate per 1,000 Population
2013-15 ¹	169,800 ²	4.74	25,550	0.7	144,250	4.02

Source: NFPA Fire Service Survey of Canada (2013 to 2015).

¹ The NFPA Fire Service Survey of Canada is a three-year cycle survey which attempts to survey about one third of fire departments in Canada each year. In recent years the survey response rate has been about 21% from departments. NFPA has been collecting data on fire departments for 12 years. No adjustments were made for private fire brigades, such as industrial or military installations.

² Note these results are based on a sample survey, and as a result there is a 95% confidence interval associated with each estimate. Based on the data reported by fire departments responding to the 2013, 2014 and 2015 NFPA Fire Service Survey of Canada, the NFPA is confident that the actual total number of firefighters falls between 168,600 to 171,000; the number of actual career firefighters between 25,250 to 25,850 and the actual number of volunteer firefighters fall between 143,350 to 145,150.

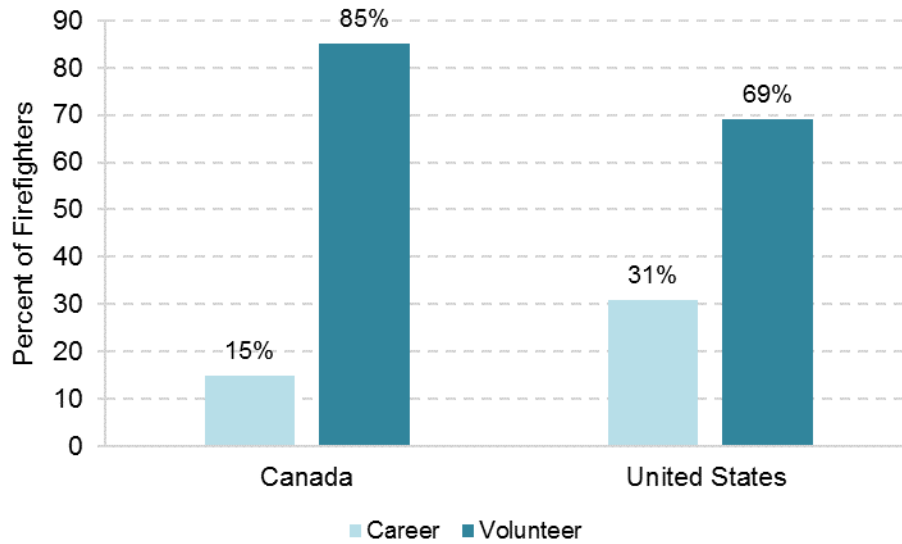


Figure 1: Percent of Career and Volunteer Firefighters by Country (United States and Canada)

Sources: NFPA Fire Service Survey of Canada (2013 to 2015).
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