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Canadian Fire Department Profile, 2014–2016

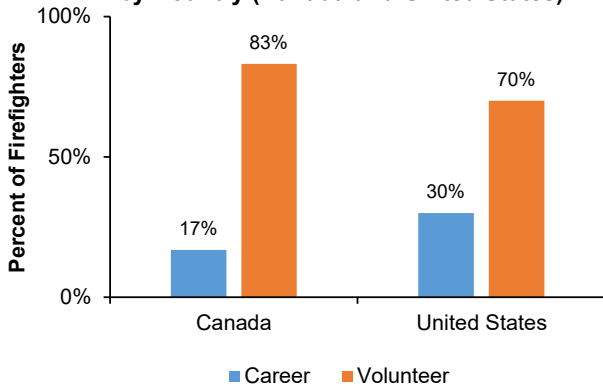
There were **152,650** local firefighters in Canada from 2014–2016.

- ▶ **17%** (26,000) were career firefighters.
- ▶ **83%** (126,650) were volunteer firefighters.
- ▶ Firefighters in smaller (less than 50,000 population) communities are more likely to be volunteers.

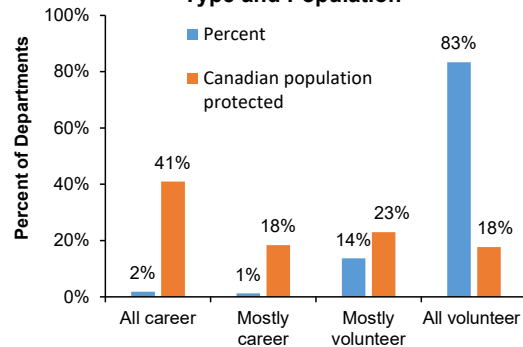
3,672 fire departments protected Canada from 2014–2016.

- ▶ All career 66
- ▶ Mostly career 44
- ▶ Mostly volunteer 501
- ▶ All volunteer 3,061

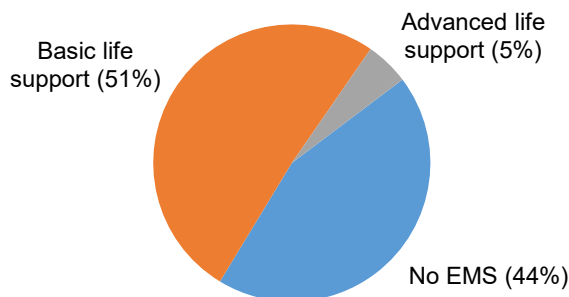
Percent of Career and Volunteer Firefighters by Country (Canada and United States)



Canadian Fire Departments by Type and Population



Canadian Fire Departments Providing Emergency Medical Service



Canadian fire departments generally protect larger land areas with less stations and apparatus than their United States equivalent.

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