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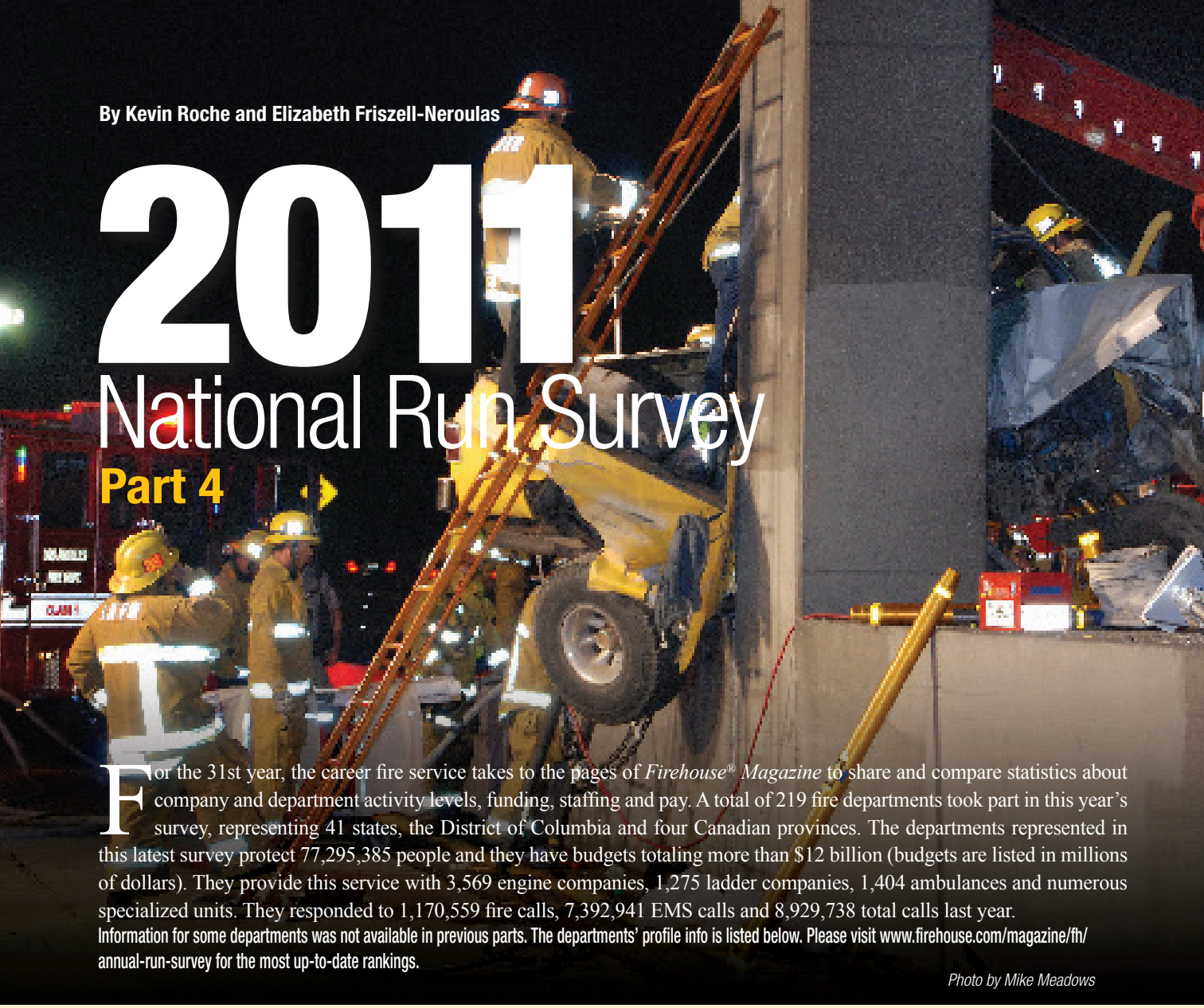
2011 National Run Survey

Part 4



For the 31st year, the career fire service takes to the pages of *Firehouse® Magazine* to share and compare statistics about company and department activity levels, funding, staffing and pay. A total of 219 fire departments took part in this year's survey, representing 41 states, the District of Columbia and four Canadian provinces. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 77,295,385 people and they have budgets totaling more than $12 billion (budgets are listed in millions of dollars). They provide this service with 3,569 engine companies, 1,275 ladder companies, 1,404 ambulances and numerous specialized units. They responded to 1,170,559 fire calls, 7,392,941 EMS calls and 8,929,738 total calls last year.

Information for some departments was not available in previous parts. The departments' profile info is listed below. Please visit www.firehouse.com/magazine/fh/annual-run-survey for the most up-to-date rankings.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PROFILES

DEPARTMENT	POPULATION	BUDGET (in millions)	NUMBER OF ENGINES	NUMBER OF LADDERS	NUMBER OF AMBULANCES	NUMBER OF MEDICS	NUMBER OF CHIEFS	TOTAL STRENGTH
Omaha, NE	408,958	70.7	24	8	15	48	8	624
Fort Lauderdale, FL	180,000	69.5	12	3	14	29	5	383

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY SCALES

DEPARTMENT	FF START	FF TOP	MEDIC START	MEDIC TOP	WORK HOURS	ENGINE CREW	LADDER CREW
Anchorage, AK	70,641	171,804	71,968	173,749	56	3.6	3.6
Dothan, AL	31,844	48,713	34,709	53,097	56	4	2
Florence, AL	27,717	36,893	NA	NA	56	4	4
El Mirage, AZ	38,491	54,161	44,315	59,985	56	4	NA
Glendale, AZ	42,043	62,117	49,093	69,167	54	4	4
Lake Havasu City, AZ	39,792	55,749	45,003	60,961	56	3	4
Mesa, AZ	43,846	59,114	50,382	65,649	56	4	4
Phoenix, AZ	46,312	65,532	59,300	72,221	52	4	4
Scottsdale, AZ	43,476	62,055	48,276	67,455	56	4	4
Surprise, AZ	47,899	63,032	54,888	70,021	56	4	4
Tucson, AZ	41,845	54,832	54,832	60,511	56	4	4
Yuma. AZ	39,694	55,571	44,494	60,371	56	3	3
Compton, CA	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	4	4

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El Dorado Hills, CA	65,772	79,956	71,700	87,156	56	3	4
Fresno, CA	57,852	73,872	NA	NA	56	3	3.5
Heartland Fire-Rescue, El Cajon, CA	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	3	3
Kern County, CA	49,480	63,494	NA	NA	56	3	3
Lincoln, CA	49,561	66,416	NA	NA	56	3	NA
Long Beach, CA	64,634	79,375	77,333	92,075	56	4	4
Los Angeles City, CA	53,766	78,530	59,046	87,529	56	4	5
Los Angeles County, CA	51,129	74,750	67,070	98,035	56	3	4
Merced, CA	50,484	61,356	NA	NA	56	3	3
Montebello, CA	46,080	58,860	52,992	67,680	56	4	4
Oakland, CA	83,000	92,000	92,000	101,000	52	4	5
Oceanside, CA	56,496	79,356	56,496	79,356	56	3	3
Orange County, CA	61,531	82,730	22,318	30,077	56	4	4
Palm Springs, CA	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	3	3
Redlands, CA	59,017	75,323	70,315	86,621	56	3.25	3
San Diego, CA	52,532	63,365	44,961	54,280	56	4	4
San Francisco, CA	77,012	107,848	81,380	124,618	49	4	5
San Manuel Bank of Mission Indians, CA	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	3	4
Santa Cruz City, CA	67,992	90,984	NA	NA	56	3	3
Santa Rosa, CA	72,839	87,511	80,123	96,262	56	3	4
Ventura, CA	58,782	78,774	NA	NA	45	3	4
Ventura County, CA	51,669	75,924	59,891	87,313	56	3	4
Centennial, South Metro, CO	48,147	69,910	52,767	76,619	56	3.5	4
Colorado Springs, CO	42,984	61,176	55,500	70,260	56	4	4
Denver, CO	46,711	157,000	NA	NA	48	4	4
Grand Junction, CO	48,360	58,632	53,388	64,752	56	3	4
Lafayette, CO	41,000	54,000	51,000	60,000	56	3	NA
Littleton, CO	46,626	68,854	72,393	75,302	56	3	3
East Hartford, CT	50,391	64,311	50,391	64,311	42	3	3
Washington, DC	44,301	78,682	46,857	83,998	42	4	5
Wilmington, DE	36,861	59,707	NA	NA	48	4	4
Clearwater, FL	36,206	53,798	43,448	64,558	53	3	4
Dunedin, FL	35,806	52,114	41,911	60,439	53	3	3
Estero, FL	50,740	68,052	59,710	77,022	56	3	3
Eustis, FL	31,395	NA	38,545	NA	56	2	2
Fort Lauderdale, FL	49,471	72,359	39,471	72,359	48	3	3
Gainesville, FL	40,171	56,239	44,188	61,863	52	3	4
Golden Gate, FL	38,000	64,000	38,000	64,000	52	3	2.5
Hollywood, FL	31,300	51,289	34,549	56,613	53	3	2
Jacksonville, FL	34,068	51,744	39,468	59,544	56	3	4
Lake County, FL	36,254	NA	NA	NA	53	2	3
Lauderhill, FL	52,398	NA	56,012	78,813	48	3	3
Marion County, FL	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	4	4
Melbourne, FL	35,255	51,063	35,785	51,830	56	4	3
Miami, FL	43,681	75,581	48,506	80,416	48	4	4
Miami-Dade County, FL	37,656	68,882	45,352	79,214	48	4	4
North Naples, FL	35,000	74,460	42,200	81,660	52	3	3
Ocala, FL	32,580	51,104	37,553	58,381	52	3	1
Orange County, FL	39,099	65,083	45,961	71,945	56	3.7	3
Orlando, FL	44,015	67,206	53,358	76,549	48	3.5	4
Osceola County, FL	36,266	54,388	43,767	61,888	48	3	3
Palm Bay, FL	36,882	55,787	41,882	60,787	53	4	4
Panama City, FL	28,104	36,735	NA	NA	56	3.5	3.5
St. Lucie County, FL	38,732	63,091	47,124	76,759	48	5	5
Sanford, FL	35,714	54,824	36,866	56,593	56	3	3

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY SCALES

DEPARTMENT	FF START	FF TOP	MEDIC START	MEDIC TOP	WORK HOURS	ENGINE CREW	LADDER CREW
Seminole County, FL	33,634	58,356	40,634	65,356	56	3	3
The Villages, FL	30,900	39,480	42,653	49,183	53	2	2
Atlanta, GA	35,255	50,532	36,308	52,332	53	4	3
Clayton County, GA	35,544	59,151	43,360	65,331	56	4	4
Cobb County, GA	38,355	63,149	40,273	65,602	56	3	3
Gwinnett County, GA	33,248	61,606	38,479	61,606	54	3	3
Hapeville, GA	34,294	48,012	38,641	54,098	60	2	1
Pooler, GA	28,219	42,329	NA	NA	56	2.5	2.5
Sandy Springs, GA	34,755	39,389	39,755	49,389	56	3	4
Cedar Rapids, IA	42,084	57,132	43,545	58,565	53	3	4
Johnston, IA	37,864	44,604	38,938	45,852	48	3	3
Muscatine, IA	37,601	53,056	37,681	53,056	56	3	2
Boise, ID	43,656	70,416	47,148	66,000	54.6	3	4
Coeur D'Alene, ID	47,000	66,000	54,850	73,850	56	3	4
Elgin, IL	58,214	77,590	62,054	81,430	50.1	3	3
Glendale, IL	57,000	91,430	NA	NA	56	3	0
Glenview, IL	61,188	81,995	64,356	86,249	51	3	3
Streamwood, IL	57,000	75,000	NA	NA	48	3	3
Bloomington, IN	42,497	61,188	NA	NA	56	4	4
Fort Wayne, IN	42,828	47,587	47,587	53,297	56	4	4
Greenfield, IN	36,793	45,526	40,293	49,526	56	3	2
Hammond, IN	43,035	56,287	43,035	56,287	53	3	3
Schererville, IN	41,814	52,084	43,650	43,920	53	4	2

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Derby, KS	35,000	45,000	NA	NA	56	2	3
Hays, KS	32,400	52,788	NA	NA	56	2	2
Lawrence, KS	37,764	54,697	43,996	63,722	56	4	NA
Danville, KY	26,500	NA	NA	NA	56	3	1
Florence, KY	42,942	52,857	50,218	59,410	56	3	2
Louisville, KY	41,970	48,136	NA	NA	56	4	4
Lyndon, KY	28,700	41,900	NA	NA	56	4	5
Nicholasville, KY	24,480	46,678	NA	NA	56	3	3
Baton Rouge, LA	29,226	42,920	NA	NA	56	4	4
New Orleans, LA	23,047	33,037	NA	NA	56	4	3
St. George FPD, LA	28,000	60,841	NA	NA	56	4	4
Boston, MA	56,900	83,577	NA	NA	42	4	4
Cambridge, MA	52,000	75,000	55,000	78,000	42	4	4
Fall River, MA	40,500	48,300	39,100	45,000	42	4	4
Sudbury, MA	47,168	52,485	NA	NA	42	2	2
Anne Arundel County, MD	36,073	78,504	42,769	86,627	42	3	3
Baltimore City, MD	34,146	54,567	40,437	61,116	48	4	4
Prince George's County, MD	40,848	86,778	40,848	99,804	42	3.25	3
Grand Rapids, MI	39,417	60,221	NA	NA	50	3	4
Muskegon Heights, MI	30,600	39,500	NA	NA	56	2	2
Royal Oak, MI	43,314	61,872	46,778	66,820	53.1	2.5	2
Minneapolis, MN	49,426	63,908	NA	NA	54.6	3	4
Richfield, MN	55,465	68,549	NA	NA	56	2	NA
St. Paul, MN	47,419	79,501	59,458	93,737	56	4	4
Jefferson City, MO	35,000	70,000	NA	NA	56	3	2
Kansas City, MO	39,072	70,632	40,956	58,728	49.5	4	4
Lee's Summit, MO	37,144	49,795	37,144	54,775	56	3	3
St. Charles, MO	NA	NA	55,700	73,437	53	3	3
St. Joseph, MO	31,233	44,412	NA	NA	56	3	3
Springfield, MO	32,323	49,483	NA	NA	56	3.3	3.7
Gulfport, MS	29,181	34,299	29,181	34,299	56	3	2
Louisville, MS	28,000	40,000	NA	NA	48	2	NA
Helena, MT	45,938	74,415	NA	NA	47	NA	NA
Asheville, NC	28,500	33,332	NA	NA	56	4	3
Concord, NC	31,590	55,598	NA	NA	56	3	4
Fayetteville, NC	29,506	49,931	NA	NA	56	4	3
High Point, NC	32,059	55,214	NA	NA	56	3.5	3.5
Kannapolis, NC	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	3	4
Kernersville, NC	30,254	47,015	NA	NA	56	3	4
Morehead City, NC	27,400	39,700	32,500	46,000	56	3	3
Raleigh, NC	32,673	52,515	NA	NA	56	3	4
Swansboro, NC	28,610	32,417	NA	NA	42	3	3
Wake Forest, NC	31,510	46,738	NA	NA	72	3	3
Weaverville, NC	30,510	47,292	NA	NA	53	4	3
Wilmington, NC	28,081	43,507	NA	NA	56	4	4
Fargo, ND	43,098	56,027	NA	NA	56	3.5	2.5
Omaha, NE	43,068	61,501	51,219	67,652	56	4	4
Bedford, NH	38,267	52,974	41,413	54,467	42	4	3
Gilford, NH	34,840	48,315	37,960	52,787	42	3	NA
Laconia, NH	35,817	46,737	37,608	49,030	42	2	1
Manchester, NH	40,839	60,265	NA	NA	42	4	3
Salem, NH	39,600	56,135	42,643	60,414	42	3	3
Bayonne, NJ	40,337	88,693	NA	NA	42	4	4
Clifton, NJ	37,683	93,347	37,683	95,641	42	3	3
Hackensack, NJ	29,313	101,432	NA	NA	42	3	3

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Albuquerque, NM	46,592	46,592	55,415	60,832	56	4	4
Las Cruces, NM	36,027	54,193	37,828	56,903	56	3.7	4
Clark County, NV	48,980	72,742	48,980	72,742	56	4	4
Reno, NV	47,803	64,885	51,149	69,427	56	4	4
Albany, NY	38,451	59,155	39,709	61,093	40	4	4
Glens Falls, NY	30,752	60,884	30,752	60,884	40	3	1
Montrose Veteran's Hospital, NY	47,452	61,684	NA	NA	56	4	NA
New York, NY	39,370	76,488	45,265	60,654	40	5.2	6
Newburgh, NY	45,400	61,600	NA	NA	48	3	3
Ridge Road Fire District, Rochester, NY	36,720	67,773	NA	NA	42	3	2
Cincinnati, OH	49,871	62,404	53,471	66,004	48	4	4
Columbus, OH	43,306	66,373	46,770	71,683	48	3.5	3.5
Dayton, OH	29,993	58,115	37,564	50,710	48	4	4
East Cleveland, OH	25,213	42,091	NA	NA	48	4	3
Fostoria, OH	31,554	45,802	33,762	49,008	51	4	NA
Harrison, OH	NA	NA	49,000	55,000	48	4	3
Newark, OH	32,314	50,726	32,315	50,726	48	3	3
Parma Heights, OH	43,235	59,547	43,235	59,547	48	4	2
Toledo, OH	38,879	58,431	44,158	61,938	48	4.6	3
Whitehall, OH	49,029	70,498	44,029	70,498	53	4	NA
Oklahoma City, OK	31,821	58,923	44,720	62,823	54	5	4
Tulsa, OK	34,747	55,508	35,647	56,408	52	3	3
Portland, OR	39,838	71,971	47,846	79,979	56	4	4

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Salem, OR	48,106	67,995	53,558	73,441	56	3	3
Greenville, PA	26,348	37,641	NA	NA	56	2	1
Philadelphia, PA	40,036	55,603	40,036	61,163	42	4	5
Reading, PA	39,980	57,114	39,980	57,114	42	2	2
Cranston, RI	49,500	55,000	NA	NA	42	3.5	2
Conway, SC	26,864	40,296	NA	NA	53	3	3
Greer, SC	26,423	47,215	NA	NA	53	3	2
Horry County, SC	31,835	47,754	39,335	47,754	52	2	2
Myrtle Beach, SC	30,861	52,603	38,005	59,288	56	3	3
Bristol, TN	30,575	NA	33,676	NA	53	3.5	2.5
Collierville, TN	31,389	50,705	37,029	59,816	56	4	4
Johnson City, TN	28,826	49,085	NA	NA	56	2.6	2
Knoxville, TN	31,226	48,227	32,726	49,727	56	3	3
Memphis, TN	31,122	49,332	45,929	53,771	56	4	4
Nashville, TN	34,208	54,729	42,102	60,454	53	3.4	3.3
Springfield, TN	30,139	41,184	NA	NA	53	2.5	0
Union City, TN	29,964	42,195	29,964	42,195	56	3.5	1
Arlington, TX	44,773	63,052	NA	NA	56	3	4
Austin, TX	47,755	82,366	NA	NA	53	4	3.76
Azle, TX	39,702	54,788	39,702	54,788	60	3	NA
Corpus Christi, TX	45,672	54,324	54,324	56,100	54	3.6	3.6
Dallas, TX	41,690	67,884	44,090	69,484	56	4	4
Fort Worth, TX	49,446	63,132	49,446	63,132	56	4	4
Gun Barrel City, TX	30,900	37,500	NA	NA	NA	3	2
Houston, TX	42,252	59,431	49,451	66,630	46.7	4	4
Lubbock, TX	44,185	58,285	NA	NA	56	4	4
Plano, TX	57,283	67,553	57,283	67,553	56	4	4
Richmond, TX	39,428	50,159	NA	NA	56	3	NA
Round Rock, TX	41,276	63,252	44,876	66,852	56	3	3
Saginaw, TX	48,000	59,000	NA	NA	54	3	4
San Antonio, TX	47,736	56,184	58,092	64,776	53	4	4
Spring, TX	34,600	42,500	NA	NA	52	2	2
Texarkana, TX	33,974	42,125	NA	NA	56	3	1
The Colony, TX	48,587	56,341	48,587	56,341	56	3	3
Waco, TX	41,755	54,662	NA	NA	56	3	3
Waxahachie, TX	44,375	NA	NA	NA	56	3	2
Alexandria, VA	43,617	79,313	45,802	79,313	56	3	3
Chesapeake, VA	39,182	57,540	45,919	67,434	56	3.5	3
Chesterfield County, VA	39,000	67,831	39,000	67,831	56	3	3
Fairfax County, VA	48,878	79,618	53,887	84,506	56	4	3
Newport News, VA	38,000	63,577	38,000	65,984	56	3	3
Richmond, VA	36,500	80,824	NA	NA	56	4	NA
Virginia Beach, VA	37,921	54,985	43,976	63,765	56	3.35	3
Renton, WA	54,624	73,272	NA	NA	46.6	3.33	3
Spokane, WA	37,724	87,085	42,628	97,025	46	3	4
Tacoma, WA	54,416	79,060	82,428	91,166	46.1	3	3
DePere, WI	45,381	59,488	48,207	62,314	56	3	1.7
Madison, WI	44,000	69,500	48,400	75,300	48	4	4
Milwaukee, WI	39,685	66,048	39,685	66,048	49.8	4	4
Waukesha, WI	40,536	64,289	42,157	66,861	52.6	3.4	3.1
CANADA							
Edmonton, AB	51,314	87,967	X	X	42	4.5	4
Vancouver, BC	56,325	82,096	NA	NA	42	4	4
Toronto, ON	52,756	78,741	NA	NA	42	5	5
Montreal, QC	40,023	69,606	NA	NA	42	4	3