

2011

National Run Survey

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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.

Part 1 of the National Run Survey, printed in the June 2012 issue, did not include Ocala, FL. The department's profile is listed below.

DEPARTMENT	POPULATION	BUDGET IN MILLIONS	NUMBER OF ENGINES	NUMBER OF LADDERS	NUMBER OF AMBULANCES	NUMBER OF MEDICS	NUMBER OF CHIEFS	TOTAL STRENGTH
Ocala, FL.....	57,089.....	13.....	6.....	1.....	0.....	10.....	2.....	147

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL CALLS	FIRE CALLS	EMS CALLS	FALSE ALARMS
1. New York, NY.....	1,297,656.....	41,109.....	1,256,547.....	24,027
2. Los Angeles City, CA.....	381,551.....	40,404.....	316,866.....	20,713
3. Dallas, TX.....	334,283.....	159,443.....	174,840.....	19,452
4. Los Angeles County, CA.....	300,763.....	7,549.....	216,576.....	34,049
5. Baltimore City, MD.....	279,434.....	121,556.....	157,878.....	NA
6. Philadelphia, PA.....	277,635.....	47,926.....	229,709.....	23,186
7. Houston, TX.....	276,805.....	46,200.....	230,805.....	19,452
8. Miami-Dade County, FL.....	235,629.....	21,951.....	198,497.....	12,968
9. San Antonio, TX.....	166,252.....	3,844.....	127,583.....	8,662
10. Washington, DC.....	161,795.....	31,527.....	130,268.....	NA
11. Columbus, OH.....	161,693.....	23,715.....	137,442.....	5,021
12. Phoenix, AZ.....	160,003.....	13,768.....	140,293.....	NA
13. Prince George's County, MD.....	129,562.....	23,049.....	100,855.....	NA
14. Clark County, NV.....	127,947.....	2,851.....	115,172.....	1,800
15. Memphis, TN.....	124,203.....	23,176.....	101,148.....	10,887

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL CALLS

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16. San Francisco, CA	120,938	4,440	69,079	14,526
17. San Diego, CA	118,264	2,559	100,460	6,810
18. Jacksonville, FL	117,776	18,259	95,282	5,443
19. Nashville, TN	116,894	25,536	85,546	5,812
20. Kansas City, MO	112,517	9,241	58,610	6,461
21. Austin, TX	101,178	6,888	71,115	6,368
22. Miami, FL	90,672	7,525	72,723	3,122
23. Fairfax County, VA	89,412	18,251	64,066	1,251
24. Denver, CO	89,211	4,140	60,074	8,955
25. Oklahoma City, OK	88,168	9,043	66,739	3,819
26. Orange County, CA	87,978	1,458	61,147	3,777
27. Fort Worth, TX	87,829	12,096	65,595	3,877
28. Orange County, FL	85,406	2,105	67,213	6,402
29. Atlanta, GA	85,268	34,257	44,900	3,329
30. Tucson, AZ	82,089	8,826	73,263	1,960
31. Milwaukee, WI	81,514	13,140	56,085	4,105
32. Albuquerque, NM	78,508	1,681	58,879	2,932
33. Anne Arundel County, MD	74,716	10,873	56,842	2,874
34. Cincinnati, OH	73,531	10,050	54,403	2,168
35. Boston, MA	72,535	5,600	32,795	12,868
36. Long Beach, CA	67,588	4,857	41,868	5,474
37. Portland, OR	67,191	1,673	47,945	5,208
38. Gwinnett County, GA	64,450	5,276	46,993	4,725
39. Marion County, FL	62,144	15,782	46,362	1,448
40. Mesa, AZ	54,831	995	41,657	1,421
41. Tulsa, OK	54,395	2,550	33,183	4,102
42. Toledo, OH	54,286	5,063	47,012	2,211
43. Colorado Springs, CO	53,138	802	34,995	2,090
44. Oakland, CA	50,335	2,381	41,007	905
45. Cobb County, GA	47,339	1,322	26,505	3,557
46. Orlando, FL	45,765	909	33,499	3,510
47. Horry County, SC	45,688	6,209	39,479	1,078
48. Corpus Christi, TX	41,268	1,313	32,089	1,581
49. Kern County, CA	40,125	3,301	22,839	1,592
50. St. Lucie County, FL	38,652	4,476	34,176	2,239
51. Tacoma, WA	38,239	1,086	27,092	1,761
52. Reno, NV	38,120	1,423	29,620	1,852
53. Knoxville, TN	37,967	18,917	14,458	4,592
54. Raleigh, NC	37,781	13,224	24,557	NA
55. Minneapolis, MN	35,204	1,367	22,247	4,312
56. Fresno, CA	35,183	2,403	21,587	3,001
57. St. Paul, MN	34,948	1,260	26,436	2,061
58. Arlington, TX	34,672	1,218	16,057	2,325
59. Chesterfield County, VA	34,314	7,792	26,143	379
60. Richmond, VA	33,596	8,688	20,211	371
61. Ventura County, CA	33,564	1,274	23,596	1,545
62. Louisville, KY	32,841	8,451	20,417	3,973
63. Virginia Beach, VA	32,578	1,182	17,738	3,341
64. Dayton, OH	32,481	5,083	25,301	81
65. Clayton County, GA	30,439	1,019	22,417	1,325
66. Newport News, VA	30,392	4,495	24,479	1,418
67. Seminole County, FL	29,918	649	20,642	1,864
68. Baton Rouge, LA	29,869	726	13,586	1,583
69. Spokane, WA	29,081	1,981	25,027	1,684
70. New Orleans, LA	28,013	2,014	14,659	5,629
71. Anchorage, AK	27,938	764	17,904	2,957

FIRE DEPARTMENT **TOTAL CALLS**

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72. Scottsdale, AZ	27,787	539	17,522	827
73. Hollywood, FL	27,092	391	21,845	1,520
74. Clearwater, FL	25,405	5,159	19,599	647
75. Fayetteville, NC	25,223	339	18,392	2,068
76. Madison, WI	25,198	479	19,698	2,422
77. Chesapeake, VA	25,134	664	18,976	1,637
78. Lubbock, TX	23,811	1,117	17,759	1,646
79. Osceola County, FL	22,709	719	13,707	1,280
80. Albany, NY	21,894	409	16,299	2,450
81. Grand Rapids, MI	21,453	648	13,672	1,670
82. Plano, TX	20,890	448	12,882	1,917
83. Manchester, NH	20,267	381	14,402	2,036
84. Santa Rosa, CA	20,203	513	13,589	974
85. Reading, PA	19,064	3,633	15,431	1,235
86. Wilmington, DE	18,662	2,141	15,277	1,244
87. Heartland Fire-Rescue, El Cajon, CA	18,608	375	16,560	NA
88. Fort Wayne, IN	18,556	919	6,794	1,378
89. Fall River, MA	18,408	4,784	13,624	1,240
90. Alexandria, VA	18,124	4,365	11,940	1,819
91. Lake County, FL	17,468	734	12,316	683
92. Salem, OR	16,909	391	13,077	1,050
93. Boise, ID	16,643	487	11,121	1,178
94. Las Cruces, NM	16,131	326	11,709	1,105
95. Oceanside, CA	15,959	718	13,864	484

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96. Gainesville, FL	15,873	1,189	12,388	1,589
97. Centennial, South Metro, CO	15,758	371	9,104	2,401
98. Ocala, FL	15,660	1,594	12,334	1,792
99. Cranston, RI	14,930	3,510	10,748	166
100. Melbourne, FL	14,501	225	12,331	634
101. Clifton, NJ	14,321	6,670	7,651	1,102
102. Asheville, NC	14,083	488	NA	1,349
103. Newark, OH	13,887	6,129	7,758	347
104. Cambridge, MA	13,395	7,156	5,992	247
105. Hammond, IN	13,234	285	10,054	154
106. Springfield, MO	13,099	985	7,396	1,114
107. Littleton, CO	12,884	225	8,851	1,153
108. Renton, WA	12,752	312	9,895	860
109. Lauderdale, FL	12,558	168	8,962	749
110. Grand Junction, CO	12,453	267	9,957	490
111. Surprise, AZ	12,108	250	8,807	542
112. Yuma, AZ	12,067	306	10,116	635
113. Ventura, CA	11,721	399	8,909	NA
114. Palm Bay, FL	11,644	335	6,307	334
115. North Naples, FL	11,531	282	7,572	1,269
116. High Point, NC	11,148	451	7,983	1,314
117. Elgin, IL	11,086	285	8,486	1,067
118. Sandy Springs, GA	10,769	269	5,515	1,126
119. East Hartford, CT	10,694	2,167	7,843	684

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120. Dothan, AL	10,643	3,398	7,245	743
121. The Villages, FL	10,543	102	7,260	428
122. Myrtle Beach, SC	10,532	292	6,773	1,553
123. Wilmington, NC	10,205	554	5,443	1,311
124. Compton, CA	10,166	4,113	9,620	NA
125. Cedar Rapids, IA	9,886	3,575	5,427	884
126. Lawrence, KS	9,866	1,958	7,743	25
127. Gulfport, MS	9,786	533	7,385	345
128. Waco, TX	9,214	800	5,051	901
129. Lee's Summit, MO	9,147	2,007	6,500	640
130. Sanford, FL	8,791	194	5,851	549
131. Johnson City, TN	8,779	319	6,734	1,458
132. St. Joseph, MO	8,557	547	5,327	1,740
133. Redlands, CA	8,411	309	5,753	538
134. St. Charles, MO	8,246	1,829	5,889	530
135. Florence, KY	8,242	2,229	6,013	405
136. Round Rock, TX	8,211	339	4,851	620
137. Ridge Road Fire District, Rochester, NY	8,006	2,828	5,178	52
138. Concord, NC	7,920	402	4,659	859
139. Palm Springs, CA	7,860	227	5,598	3,219
140. Lake Havasu City, AZ	7,571	152	5,156	297
141. St. George FPD, LA	7,429	319	4,019	647
142. Glenview, IL	7,307	2,359	4,948	1,075
143. Dunedin, FL	7,219	109	5,059	298
144. Whitehall, OH	6,996	927	6,017	NA
145. Bayonne, NJ	6,351	4,723	1,628	850
146. Merced, CA	6,266	335	3,520	330
147. Santa Cruz City, CA	6,109	160	3,642	282
148. Kannapolis, NC	6,107	1,287	4,820	NA
149. Waukesha, WI	5,931	108	4,938	438
150. Hackensack, NJ	5,699	3,140	2,559	1,367
151. Royal Oak, MI	5,678	100	3,833	271
152. East Cleveland, OH	5,655	144	4,897	263
153. Bristol, TN	5,501	161	4,159	263
154. Golden Gate, FL	5,249	363	2,758	338
155. Montebello, CA	4,870	685	3,930	393
156. Fargo, ND	4,785	247	1,746	1,309
157. Salem, NH	4,678	917	3,072	689
158. Jefferson City, MO	4,412	137	2,740	163
159. Florence, AL	4,278	197	3,178	532
160. Muscatine, IA	3,916	210	3,594	112
161. Richfield, MN	3,915	109	2,967	162
162. Coeur D'Alene, ID	3,785	1,100	5,383	302
163. Eustis, FL	3,753	1,109	2,644	181
164. Parma Heights, OH	3,621	448	2,542	116
165. Estero, FL	3,590	726	2,416	212
166. Laconia, NH	3,563	825	2,482	256
167. Newburgh, NY	3,493	137	0	421
168. El Mirage, AZ	3,428	489	2,895	169
169. Streamwood, IL	3,419	72	2,123	410
170. Waxahachie, TX	3,360	490	1,949	384
171. Bloomington, IN	3,353	2,130	1,223	917
172. Greer, SC	3,340	124	2,517	216
173. Helena, MT	3,285	67	2,371	294
174. Wake Forest, NC	3,208	6,358	1,681	80
175. Richmond, TX	3,204	213	1,613	651

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176. Lincoln, CA	3,162	108	2,121	126
177. Morehead City, NC	3,073	721	2,390	151
178. Greenfield, IN	2,980	144	2,348	137
179. Azle, TX	2,976	1,192	1,784	71
180. Texarkana, TX	2,900	295	1,482	458
181. Collierville, TN	2,774	100	1,853	414
182. Kernersville, NC	2,729	90	1,897	242
183. Conway, SC	2,678	126	1,541	252
184. The Colony, TX	2,661	729	1,932	207
185. Glens Falls, NY	2,629	55	1,737	243
186. Schererville, IN	2,572	631	1,941	NA
187. Springfield, TN	2,461	106	1,841	168
188. Pooler, GA	2,382	191	1,585	145
189. Bedford, NH	2,314	494	1,455	365
190. Spring, TX	2,297	871	1,279	147
191. Sudbury, MA	2,286	2,286	989	389
192. El Dorado Hills, CA	2,284	93	1,408	121
193. Harrison, OH	2,273	375	1,846	95
194. Lyndon, KY	2,176	1,083	1,093	201
195. Saginaw, TX	2,168	359	1,477	143
196. Glendale, IL	2,084	2,084	449	691
197. Derby, KS	2,069	46	1,317	65
198. DePere, WI	2,057	385	1,765	120

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199. Fostoria, OH	1,896	388	1,508	29
200. San Manuel Bank of Mission Indians, CA	1,890	139	1,257	32
201. Muskegon Heights, MI	1,876	109	1,100	159
202. Panama City, FL	1,756	1,756	NA	490
203. LaFayette, CO	1,732	390	1,186	156
204. Weaverville, NC	1,666	415	788	76
205. Union City, TN	1,468	79	1,072	108
206. Hapeville, GA	1,427	349	1,066	67
207. Gilford, NH	1,415	260	928	170
208. Johnston, IA	1,170	259	728	183
209. Nicholasville, KY	1,150	90	339	197
210. Gun Barrel City, TX	1,008	90	621	33
211. Greenville, PA	988	130	566	118
212. Danville, KY	765	66	53	116
213. Montrose Veteran's Hospital, NY	680	296	384	84
214. Swansboro, NC	275	275	0	18
215. Louisville, MS	227	28	0	39

CANADA

1. Toronto, ON	145,344	10,248	86,380	25,044
2. Montreal, QC	119,787	23,550	73,166	7,514
3. Vancouver, BC	45,848	1,404	28,365	7,295
4. Edmonton, AB	36,383	3,185	23,731	5,919