



U.S. Office Property Structure Fires

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of **3,810** structure fires in office properties in 2000-2004. Excluding the events of September 11, 2001, these fires caused annual averages of

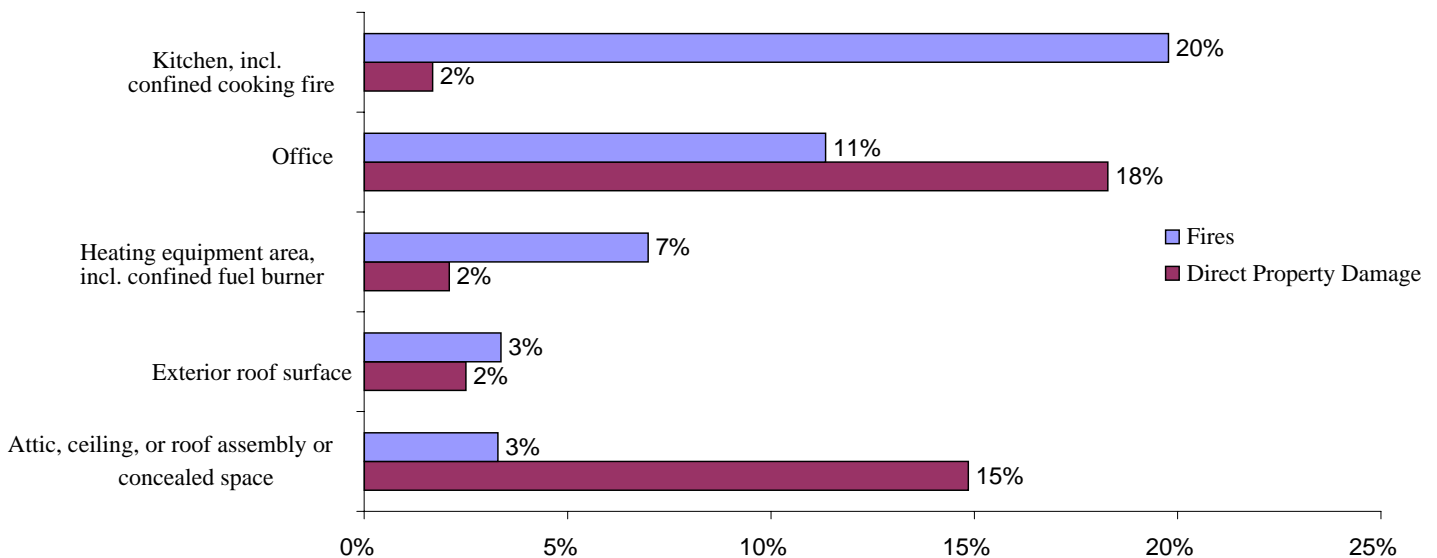


- **1** civilian death.
- **33** civilian injuries.
- **\$118** million in direct property damage.

These estimates are derived from the U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 and NFPA's annual fire department experience survey.

- **41%** of fires reported in office properties occurred in **single-story buildings**. Most (**71%**) of the reported fires in office properties **began on the first floor**, regardless of the number of stories within the building.
- Cooking equipment was involved with **19%** of fires reported in these properties.
- Intentional fires caused **16%** of the direct property damage.

Leading Areas of Origin in Office Property Structure Fires 2000-2004 Annual Averages



- **Average loss** per fire was **60% lower** when automatic suppression systems were present.
- **38%** of total office fires were **structure fires** and **49%** were **outside** and other fires, with the other 13% being vehicle fires.