

**DEC New York State Wildland Fire Reporting Database  
Data Dictionary**

<b>Data Label</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Data Description</b>
Fire Number	Text	Unique index for wildland fires reported by NYS DEC Forest Rangers for national reporting.
Incident Name	Text	Short narrative description of wildland fire that is unique for the current calendar year.
Fire Start Date	Date	Calendar day when the fire is believed to have started.
Initial Report Date	Date	Calendar day when the fire was reported to DEC Forest Rangers.
Fire Out Date	Date	Calendar day when the fire was declared out by reporting forest ranger.
Region	Numeric	Location of fire start by DEC administrative regions (1-
Zone	Text	Location of fire start by DEC Forest Ranger administrative zone. The first digit represent the DEC region location.
County	Text	Location of fire start with the geo-political county.
Municipality	Text	Location of fire start within the geo-political town, city or village within the reported county location.
Cause	Text	One of twelve nationally recognized cause classifications that initiated the wildfire. Prescribed fire
NFFL Fuel Model	Text	One of 13 nationally recognized wildland fuels categories in which most of the fire has burned.
Complex Type	Numeric	Incident command system classification of complexity of the incident. "1" is a very large incident, "5" is a small incident.
Acreage	Numeric	Total size of the fire in acres. Smallest fire is 0.1 acre and all fires are limited to one tenth acre reporting.
Latitude	Numeric	Global positioning of location of fire start using NAS1983 in degrees, decimal degrees to five decimals
Longitude	Numeric	Global positioning of location of fire start using NAS1983 in degrees, decimal degrees to five
Ownership	Text	Defined category of land ownership with the most burned acres.
State Land Unit Name	Text	Agency-assigned name of state property referred to in "Ownership".
Total	Currency	Total amount of non-personnel expenses associated with the control and extinguishment of this fire.
Fatalities	Numeric	Number of people who were killed or died on the fire incident
Injuries	Numeric	Number of people injured on the fire incident.
Homes Lost	Numeric	Number of residential units that became uninhabitable by the fire

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Homes Threatened	Numeric	Number of residential units damaged or in threat of damage if fire suppression was not effective.
Other Structures Lost	Numeric	Number of non-residential buildings severely damaged or destroyed by the fire.
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Reporting Ranger	Text	Name of forest ranger completing the report. This is usually the ranger that has been most involved in extinguishing the fire.
Fire Report Method	Text	Defined Category of what source the fire was reported to forest rangers.
Railroad Name	Text	Corporate name of the owner of the railroad property when the fire cause is classified "Railroad".