

# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

MAY 2006 – APRIL 2007

Twelve month analysis of  
£250,000-plus fires

Number of fires for which reports were received: 119  
Total estimated loss in these fires: £118,620,940

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service



Arson was believed to be the cause of this sports centre fire

## APRIL 2007

Total estimated fire damage reported by insurers caused  
by the following fires costing £250,000-plus: £14.6m

1	House, <i>Burton on Trent, Staffordshire</i>	79 000
5	Flat/maisonette, <i>Glossop, Derbyshire</i>	5 000 000
5	Retail warehouse, <i>Norwich, Norfolk</i>	271 000
5	Flat/maisonette, <i>London</i>	250 000
13	Warehouse, <i>Blackburn, Lancashire</i>	991 500
16	House, <i>Bromley, Kent</i>	700 000
17	Manufacturer, <i>Preston, Lancashire</i>	290 000
18	Manufacturer, <i>Tipton, West Midlands</i>	1 170 000
21	College, <i>Bristol, Avon</i>	2 035 000
22	Textile manufacturer, <i>Torrington, Devon</i>	256 000
27	Supermarket, <i>Twickenham, Middlesex</i>	280 000
28	Industrial manufacturer, <i>Shaw, Lancashire</i>	2 835 000
30	Warehouse, <i>Manchester</i>	450 000

Where the £250,000-plus fires occurred	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Dwelling	21	11 072 000
Retail	17	12 206 583
Factory	15	32 718 500
Warehouse	13	11 582 570
Education	11	29 175 000
Food and drink industry	7	3 910 000
Motor trade	7	2 363 692
Sport and recreation	5	2 196 154
Waste and recycling	4	3 260 000
Local/national government	4	3 246 000
House of multiple occupancy	3	1 010 000
Engineering industry	2	580 000
Place of worship	2	421 941
Hotel	1	1 816 000
Care home	1	1 000 000
Office	1	400 000
Textile and clothing industry	1	256 000
Caravan/camp site	1	6 500
Unknown	3	1 400 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>118 620 940</b>

How the £250,000-plus fires started	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Deliberate	37	49 742 053
Electrical	18	13 427 000
Smoking materials	8	2 193 500
Matches	4	2 550 000
Cooking	3	11 056 000
Engine, fuel line or pump	3	1 516 000
Kiln, furnace, oven	2	9 850 000
Blow lamp	2	3 030 000
Liquids	2	2 920 000
Candles	2	415 000
Welding	1	2 300 000
Fridge freezer	1	455 000
Gardening equipment	1	387 000
Other known	7	1 907 692
Unknown	28	16 871 695
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>118 620 940</b>