

# 2017 Calif. wildfires – staggering losses

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2017 will go down as one of the worst in California wildfire history, the latest state fire statistics show.

Large wildfires destroyed or damaged more than 10,000 structures in California last year, a higher tally than the last nine years combined. Large wildfires had killed 43 people – 41 civilians and two firefighters. That's higher than the last 10 years combined, state figures show.

Several fires were among the worst ever recorded in the state.

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