

Freedom of Information request reference number: 6466.1

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Request:

Please provide for your service:

1. *How many deliberate fires have been recorded for the years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?*
2. *How many fires have been flagged as a result of anti-social behaviour for the years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?*
3. *How many fires have been flagged as a result of anti-social behaviour for the years for the last four years broken down by quarter?*

Response:

The LFB do not record if a fire is '*flagged as a result of anti-social behaviour*'. Deliberate fire motives are recorded as one of the three following three categories:

Deliberate - others property
Deliberate - own property
Deliberate - unknown owner

Our Data team have provided the table below which shows the total amount of deliberate fires recorded between 01 April 2018 and 31 March 2022, broken down by motive and quarter:

Number of fires by		Financial Year			
Motive	Financial Quarter	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Motive: Deliberate - others property	Q1 (Apr - Jun)	174	166	133	118
	Q2 (Jul - Sep)	173	188	136	111
	Q3 (Oct - Dec)	181	165	119	130
	Q4 (Jan - Mar)	150	158	89	105
Motive: Deliberate - others property Total		678	677	477	464
Motive: Deliberate - own property	Q1 (Apr - Jun)	48	45	74	61
	Q2 (Jul - Sep)	44	65	45	37
	Q3 (Oct - Dec)	56	47	56	65
	Q4 (Jan - Mar)	62	57	43	57
Motive: Deliberate - own property Total		210	214	218	220
Motive: Deliberate - unknown owner	Q1 (Apr - Jun)	170	178	136	85
	Q2 (Jul - Sep)	189	163	139	118
	Q3 (Oct - Dec)	179	156	97	124
	Q4 (Jan - Mar)	154	137	78	100
Motive: Deliberate - unknown owner Total		692	634	450	427
Grand Total		1,580	1,525	1,145	1,111

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>