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Request:

1. *How many grassfires/wildfires have there been in July and August 2022?*
2. *How many of those were started by people (either accidentally or intentionally)?*

Response:

Please note that some incidents are yet to be completed, therefore certain fields such as 'motive', 'property type and 'caused by' cannot yet be populated.

The table below shows all fires recorded from 1 July up to 23 August 2022 that were labelled as 'outdoor' by their motive description.

| Motive | Property Category | Parent Property Type | Total |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Accidental | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | 1,827 |
| | | Other outdoors (including land) | 548 |
| | Outdoor Total | | 2,375 |
| Deliberate | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | 202 |

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| | Other outdoors (including land) | 118 |
| | Outdoor Total | 320 |
| Grand Total | | 2,695 |

The table below further expands the data into 'caused by' fields, where possible. The field 'caused by' is collected in primary fire incidents only, with the majority of outdoor fires being secondary fire incidents, therefore most results for 'caused by' will show as 'not applicable' ('N/A').

| Fire Type | Motive | Property Category | Parent Property Type | Caused by | Total |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Primary Fire | Accidental | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | Adult (18 - 64) | 9 |
| | | | | Cause not known | 92 |
| | | | | Other | 10 |
| | | | | Person - age not known | 8 |
| | | | | Youth (10 - 17) | 4 |
| | | | Grassland, woodland and crops total | 123 | |
| | | | Other outdoors (including land) | | 9 |
| | | Outdoor Total | | | 132 |
| | Deliberate | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | Adult (18 - 64) | 2 |
| | | | | Person - age not known | 12 |

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| | | | | Youth (10 - 17) | 9 |
| | | | Grassland, woodland and crops total | | 23 |
| | | | Other outdoors (including land) | | 3 |
| | | Outdoor Total | | | 26 |
| Primary Fire Total | | | | | 158 |
| Secondary Fire | Accidental | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | N/A | 1,704 |
| | | | Other outdoors (including land) | N/A | 539 |
| | | Outdoor Total | | | 2,243 |
| | Deliberate | Outdoor | Grassland, woodland and crops | N/A | 179 |
| | | | Other outdoors (including land) | N/A | 115 |
| | | Outdoor Total | | | 294 |
| Secondary Fire Total | | | | | 2,537 |
| Grand Total | | | | | 2,695 |

Further information about all incidents attended by the London Fire Brigade (LFB) is published online via the [London DataStore](#) and can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>. This dataset is updated monthly and contains details of:

- The type of incident (i.e. fire, false alarm, special service);
- The date/time the incident occurred;
- The property type where incident took place (such as dwelling, commercial, car);
- The location of the incident (borough, fire station ground, postcode, USRN, latitude/longitude);
- How long it took first and second fire engine (pump) to arrive at incident;
- Where the fire engine(s) were deployed from;
- The number of fire engines that attended the incident;
- The length of time the fire engines stayed at the incident;
- The notional cost of the LFB attending the incident.

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/>