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**Request:**

Can I please request, in the form of a spreadsheet such as Excel or CSV file, information on wildfires attended by the fire and rescue service.

1. I would like the total number of wildfires recorded by the fire and rescue service, broken down by month, for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (to date).

2. In a separate tab I would like details of each wildfire incident. Please include:

Date of incident  
Time of day incident reported  
Incident duration (minutes)  
Location (please include longitude and latitude and local authority if available)  
Cause of wildfire (if available)  
Size of area damaged by wildfire (square meters if available)  
Total number of buildings affected  
Total number of dwellings affected  
Total number of firefighters injured, seriously injured or killed.

If this request cannot be met within the cost limits for Freedom of Information requests, please can you provide me with advice and assistance on how I may refine my request.

**Response:**

Q1- I would like the total number of wildfires recorded by the fire and rescue service, broken down by month, for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (to date). [Wildfire from 2017-2023 have been provided in the table below.](#)

Q2 - In a separate tab I would like details of each wildfire incident. Please include:

Date of incident  
Time of day incident reported  
Incident duration (minutes)  
Location (please include longitude and latitude and local authority if available)  
Cause of wildfire (if available)  
Size of area damaged by wildfire (square meters if available)  
Total number of buildings affected  
Total number of dwellings affected  
Total number of firefighters injured, seriously injured or killed.

[The Data team have created a spreadsheet with each of those tabs included. Please see the data below.](#)

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](#).

**1. Total number of wildfires broken down by calendar month and year between 2017 and 2023 (to date)**

No data means that month/year had zero wildfires

<b>Year/Month</b>	<b>Wildfires</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>10</b>
June	2
July	6
August	2
<b>2019</b>	<b>4</b>
July	2
August	1
October	1
<b>2020</b>	<b>2</b>
August	2
<b>2022</b>	<b>21</b>
July	14
August	7
<b>2023</b>	<b>2</b>
June	1
August	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

**2. Details of each Wildfire Incident including Date, Time, incident duration (minutes), longitude, latitude, borough, cause of fire, fire size, FF injuries**

Date	Time	OutdoorDamageArea	Year	Borough	Duration	FFInjuries	MonthName	Longitude	Latitude	Main Cause	Ignition Source
30/06/2018	14:07:51	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	2018	Croydon	533	0	June	-0.080155	51.3522656	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
27/07/2018	13:52:27	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	2018	Redbridge	634	0	July	0.02183564	51.5703376	Overheating, unknown cause	Not known
14/07/2018	16:01:16	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	2018	Hounslow	1055	0	July	-0.4224782	51.459218	Heat source and combustibles brought	Matches
23/07/2018	12:50:42	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	2018	Croydon	378	0	July	-0.0617271	51.3611997	Natural occurrence	Cigarette
24/06/2018	13:55:33	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	2018	Havering	1678	0	June	0.19517737	51.4949259	Accumulation of flammable material	Spread from secondary fire

23/07/2018	15:51:08	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	Greenwic h	1444	0	July	0.05514485	51.4767512	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
05/08/2018	18:04:18	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	Hounslow	943	0	August	-0.3851277	51.4523671	Playing with fire (or heat source)	Matches
08/08/2018	17:34:42	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	Hillingdon	879	0	August	-0.4213887	51.4921159	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Not known
07/07/2018	15:35:46	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	Barking & Dagenha m	396	0	July	0.16850976	51.5443028	NULL	NULL
15/07/2018	16:06:15	Over 10,000 - 2018 Specify in Hectares	Redbridge	5725	1	July	0.02449286	51.5594477	Cause not determined (FI use only)	Other
25/07/2019	15:53:12	Over 10,000 - 2019 Specify in Hectares	Ealing	382	0	July	-0.3704746	51.5514819	Bonfire going out of control	Matches
07/10/2019	08:20:19	Over 10,000 - 2019 Specify in Hectares	Havering	701	0	October	0.22458992	51.5124555	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence

05/07/2019	13:18:46	Over 10,000 - 2019 Specify in Hectares	Havering	14497	0	July	0.22268404	51.5161486	Pending FIT findings	Not known
26/08/2019	10:46:43	Over 10,000 - 2019 Specify in Hectares	Kingston Upon Thames	631	0	August	-0.2764533	51.3707279	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
11/08/2020	02:28:35	Over 10,000 - 2020 Specify in Hectares	Havering	801	0	August	0.220163	51.5140332	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
04/08/2020	00:30:13	Over 10,000 - 2020 Specify in Hectares	Havering	1281	0	August	0.22008675	51.5150021	Accumulation of flammable material	Not known
14/07/2022	15:32:37	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Barking & Dagenha m	401	0	July	0.1682865	51.5326715	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
23/07/2022	15:06:43	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Enfield	841	0	July	-0.0181774	51.6704361	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
24/07/2022	11:35:15	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Enfield	2696	0	July	-0.016284	51.6743755	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
24/07/2022	15:58:11	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Greenwic h	1725	0	July	0.08781664	51.5040762	Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	Matches

24/07/2022	14:57:14	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Hillingdon	1192	0	July	-0.4165515	51.488229	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
01/08/2022	14:53:41	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Hounslow	1285	0	August	-0.4265433	51.4594911	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
10/08/2022	18:11:09	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Hounslow	1051	0	August	-0.3850017	51.4546809	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
19/07/2022	11:23:29	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Havering	715	0	July	0.27643421	51.5418941	Cause not determined (FI use only)	Not known
19/07/2022	18:33:55	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Bexley	2817	0	July	0.20851613	51.4723841	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Not known

19/07/2022	14:39:56	Over 10,000 - 2022 Hillingdon Specify in Hectares	5343	0	July	-0.4202211	51.5467743	Natural occurrence	Not known
29/08/2022	16:49:20	Over 10,000 - 2022 Havering Specify in Hectares	915	0	August	0.20607483	51.5356739	Natural occurrence	Not known
13/07/2022	21:30:52	Over 10,000 - 2022 Hillingdon Specify in Hectares	662	0	July	-0.4261527	51.4874823	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	Matches
09/08/2022	19:05:17	Over 10,000 - 2022 Ealing Specify in Hectares	1042	0	August	-0.3526116	51.504984	Overheating, unknown cause	Natural occurrence
16/07/2022	16:33:43	Over 10,000 - 2022 Hillingdon Specify in Hectares	1090	0	July	-0.4174748	51.490455	Natural occurrence	Cigarette
18/07/2022	18:30:09	Over 10,000 - 2022 Hillingdon Specify in Hectares	707	0	July	-0.4179397	51.4851404	Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	Not known



19/07/2022	14:15:46	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Barking & Dagenha m	4101	7	July	0.16152787	51.5326507	Cause not determined (FI use only)	Not known
19/07/2022	13:06:18	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Havering	7229	1	July	0.21961968	51.5052376	Cause not determined (FI use only)	Not known
19/07/2022	11:30:41	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Barnet	1208	0	July	-0.2285934	51.5967082	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	Matches
12/08/2022	13:49:24	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Redbridge	567	0	August	0.01578267	51.5770137	Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	Not known

13/08/2022	12:59:34	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Enfield	2079	0	August	-0.030547	51.6443715	Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	Not known
14/08/2022	13:08:59	Over 10,000 - 2022 Specify in Hectares	Enfield	401	0	August	-0.0559746	51.6707564	Natural occurrence	Natural occurrence
25/06/2023	12:43:56	Over 10,000 - 2023 Specify in Hectares	Enfield	1182	0	June	-0.0148014	51.6757491	Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	Cigarette
30/08/2023	09:04:21	Over 10,000 - 2023 Specify in Hectares	Havering	3340	0	August	0.22049923	51.5125261	Overheating, unknown cause	Not known