



# 2026 FIRE SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

AS OF AUGUST 18, 2026



  
**879**  
WILDFIRES

805 at this time in 2025  
968 at this time in 2024

  
**1,238**  
RESPONSES

Including fires,  
smoke reports &  
false alarms

  
**91%**  
INITIAL ATTACK  
SUCCESS

Caught at 10 acres  
or less

  
**436** (49%)  
HUMAN-CAUSED  
IGNITIONS

(National average  
85–90%)

  
**537,977**  
TOTAL ACRES BURNED  
  
**215,821**  
HUMAN-CAUSED  
ACRES BURNED

  
**JANUARY 4**  
FIRST IGNITION  
  
Pole Fire  
Uintah County  
Human-Caused

| YEAR-OVER-YEAR COMPARISON |              |              |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| METRIC                    | 2024         | 2025         | 2026         |
| WILDFIRES                 | 968          | 805          | 879          |
| HUMAN-CAUSED              | 568<br>(58%) | 597<br>(74%) | 436<br>(49%) |
| INITIAL ATTACK<br>SUCCESS | 93%          | 92%          | 91%          |



AN ESTIMATED  
**200+**

structures have been  
lost to wildfires across  
Utah this year, including  
primary residences and  
secondary structures.

ESTIMATED COSTS AS OF 8/18/26



ESTIMATED STATE FIRE COSTS:  
**\$44.9 MILLION**



ESTIMATED POTENTIAL  
FMAG REIMBURSEMENT:  
**\$18.2 MILLION**

 FMAG REIMBURSEMENT IS ESTIMATED AT 75%  
OF ELIGIBLE STATE COSTS; FINAL ELIGIBILITY  
AND REIMBURSEMENT HAVE NOT YET BEEN  
DETERMINED.

5 FMAGS GRANTED:  
Cottonwood • Iron • Cherry  
Wide Mouth 2 • Rocky Canyon

| 2026 TOP 5 LARGEST WILDFIRES                                                                            |                              |           |         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| FIRE NAME                                                                                               | LOCATION                     | CAUSE     | ACRES   | CONTAINMENT |
|  Wide Mouth 2 Fire | Millard County               | Lightning | 129,741 | 93%         |
|  Babylon Fire      | San Juan County              | Lightning | 107,188 | 97%         |
|  Cottonwood Fire   | Beaver/Piute<br>Counties     | Human     | 97,463  | 95%         |
|  Iron Fire         | Juab/Utah/Tooele<br>Counties | Human     | 41,481  | 100%        |
|  Cherry Fire       | Juab/Tooele<br>Counties      | Lightning | 34,221  | 100%        |