

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00945

Date of request: 10th August

Request:

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request concerns wildfires and response times.

For each question I am seeking information for each of the following time periods:

i) 2020/21

ii) 2021/22

iii) 2022/23

iv) 2023/24

v) 2024/25

vi) 2025/26 (to date)

1. How many wildfire incidents your service responded to
2. The average response time to any incident
3. The average response time to a wildfire
4. The average number of vehicles required for wildfire incidents

Response:

I refer to your request for information, received on 10 August 2026, which has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please find below the information held by the London Fire Brigade (LFB) in response to your request.

LFB's definition of a wildfire is based on the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) definition. For reporting purposes, we classify an outdoor fire as a wildfire where it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- It involves a geographical area of at least one hectare (10,000 square metres)
- It requires the commitment of at least four fire and rescue service appliances or resources
- It requires resources to be committed for a period of at least six hours
- It presents a serious threat to life, the environment, property, or infrastructure

Please see the table below for the information requested.

Financial Year	Wildfires	Average 1st Pump Attendance to Any LFB Incident	Average 1st Pump Attendance to Wildfire	Average *Resources at Wildfire
2020-21	75	04:59	06:02	7
2021-22	54	05:12	05:30	7
2022-23	214	05:18	08:26	14
2023-24	50	05:20	05:06	6
2024-25	96	05:22	07:15	8
2025-26	138	05:31	07:14	8
2026-27 (to 20 th Aug)	170	05:43	09:24	7
Grand Total	797	05:20	07:39	9

*Resources is any mobilisation that wasn't an officer

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/>