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Request:

Please provide statistics for the number of primary fires in dwellings, with a breakdown by cause - that is, by the categories of accidental or deliberate - for each London borough and for the City of London, for each calendar year, from 2020 to 2026 (to date).

Please give the 'accidental or deliberate' split by percentage as well as by number, in each case.

Please also give GLA totals and percentages for each year, and borough and City of London numbers and percentages as totals for the whole period 2020-2026.

Response:

Further to your request, the data for the number of primary dwellings in fires including cause is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA – Information accessible to applicants by other means.

As we routinely get asked for information about the number of primary fires in dwellings, we have published this data on the London Datastore to assist those who require it.

The data is provided up until September 2026 and is updated monthly. A range of information is supplied for each incident including some location information including borough and ward as well as the dates and times.

The information is accessible via the following link: https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records-em8xy. You can also find details of incident records here and an incidents attended summary report here.

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/