

PROVINCIAL WILDFIRE COORDINATION CENTRE

Annual Wildfire Statistics

2025

Wildfire season | March 15 to October 31, 2025

Department of Natural Resources

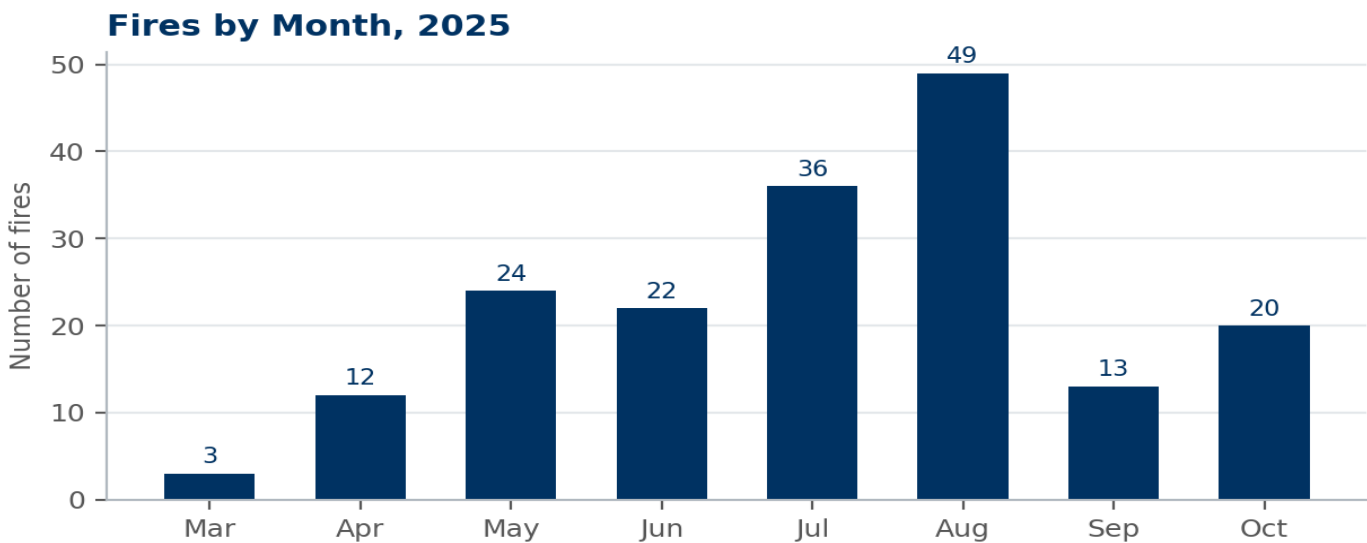
Province of Nova Scotia

2025 Wildfire Season

The Provincial Wildfire Coordination Centre, located in Shubenacadie, is responsible for the coordination of wildfire management, the acquisition, distribution and maintenance of fire control equipment, the delivery of fire-related training courses to district staff, and daily fire weather and burn restriction readings.

The 2025 wildfire season ran from March 15 to October 31. In 2025, **179 wildfires** burned **8,408.41 hectares** across Nova Scotia. 1 of these fires occurred outside the season dates. The largest fire (06-007-2025, Long Lake, West Dalhousie, Annapolis County) burned 8,019.51 ha. For comparison, the 10-year average (2016–2025) is 170 fires and 3,944 ha per year.

179	8,408	8,020	95%
WILDFIRES	HECTARES BURNED	LARGEST FIRE (HA)	HUMAN-CAUSED



Ten-Year Comparison

Year	Fire Numbers	Hectares Burned
2025	179	8,408.41
2024	86	77.55
2023	212	24,770.15
2022	153	3,390.41
2021	113	197.17
2020	176	710.70
2019	143	154.50
2018	190	251.03
2017	175	728.44
2016	274	754.97
10-year average (2016–2025)	170	3,944
5-year average (2021–2025)	149	7,369

Fires and Area Burned by County, 2025

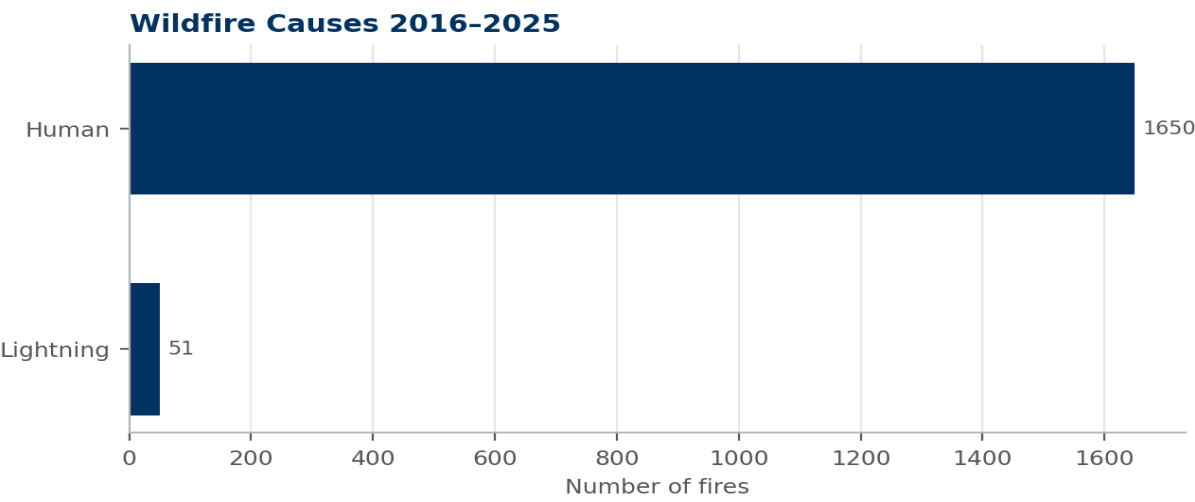
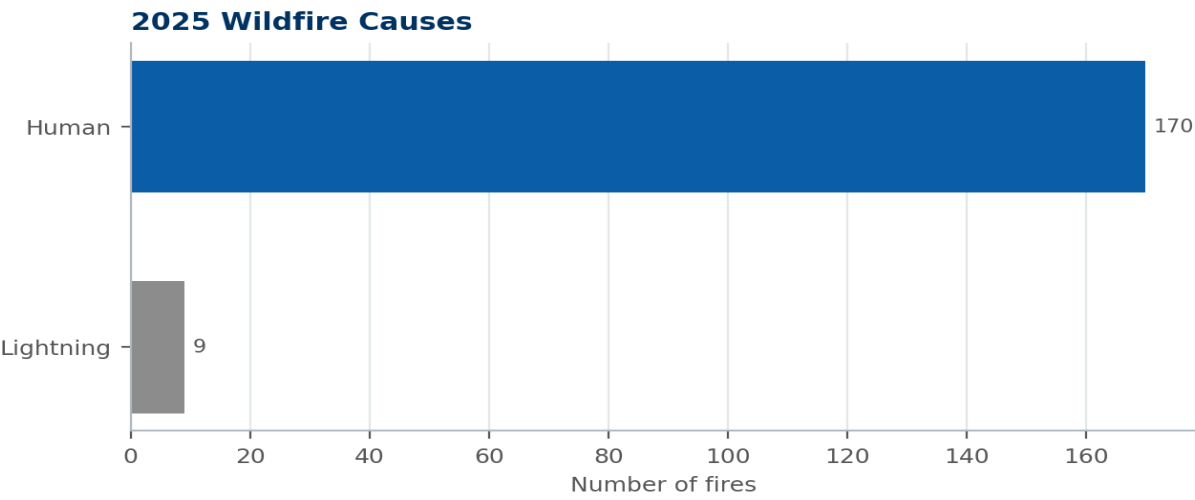
Region	County	MAR		APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		OCT		TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL HA
		#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA		
Western	Yarmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	0	0	1	0.05	0	0	2	0.04	4	0.39
	Shelburne	0	0	3	0.19	0	0	2	2.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.06	7	2.36
	Digby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.01	1	0.1	0	0	4	2.11
	Annapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.6	5	8,020.86	2	0.38	2	0.2	13	8,022.04
	Lunenburg	1	0.5	2	0.06	2	0.02	0	0	5	1	2	0.03	1	0.01	0	0	13	1.62
	Kings	0	0	1	3.8	0	0	4	0.41	2	0.76	8	4.63	3	291.48	3	0.22	21	301.3
	Queens	2	0.51	0	0	0	0	2	0.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.11	5	0.73
Central	Hants	0	0	1	0.1	3	1.56	2	0.92	4	0.44	3	0.31	1	0.01	1	0.01	15	3.35
	Halifax	0	0	2	0.93	3	0.44	5	7.06	6	1.62	4	15.62	1	0.01	1	0.01	22	25.69
	Colchester	0	0	0	0	2	3.08	1	0.01	5	0.27	2	0.02	1	1	2	0.02	13	4.4
	Cumberland	0	0	1	0.5	6	5.43	1	1	4	0.57	12	6.5	0	0	2	0.23	26	14.23
	Pictou	0	0	1	2.8	3	2.9	0	0	0	0	2	0.71	0	0	0	0	6	6.41
Eastern	Guysborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.15	1	0.02	3	1.41	0	0	3	0.12	8	1.7
	Antigonish	0	0	0	0	1	0.03	0	0	2	0.07	1	0.01	0	0	1	0.01	5	0.12
	Inverness	0	0	1	0.03	2	0.31	1	0.2	2	0.91	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.45
	Richmond	0	0	0	0	2	17.79	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.01	0	0	3	17.8
	Cape Breton	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.34	1	2.1	3	0.21	0	0	0	0	6	2.65
	Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.06	0	0	2	0.06
TOTAL		3	1.01	12	8.41	24	31.56	22	12.61	36	8.36	49	8,052.37	13	293.06	20	1.03	179	8,408.41

Shading in HA columns scales with area burned.

Fire Causes

In 2025, **170 wildfires** (95%) were human-caused and **9 wildfires** (5%) were caused by lightning.

General Cause	Number of Fires	Total Area Burned (Hectares)
Human	170	379.09
Lightning	9	8,029.32
Total	179	8,408.41



Land Ownership

In 2025, approximately **6,425.96 ha** of Crown land, **1,982.45 ha** of private land and **0.00 ha** of federal land burned.

