

PROVINCIAL WILDFIRE COORDINATION CENTRE

Annual Wildfire Statistics

2026

Wildfire season | March 15 to October 15, 2026

Department of Natural Resources

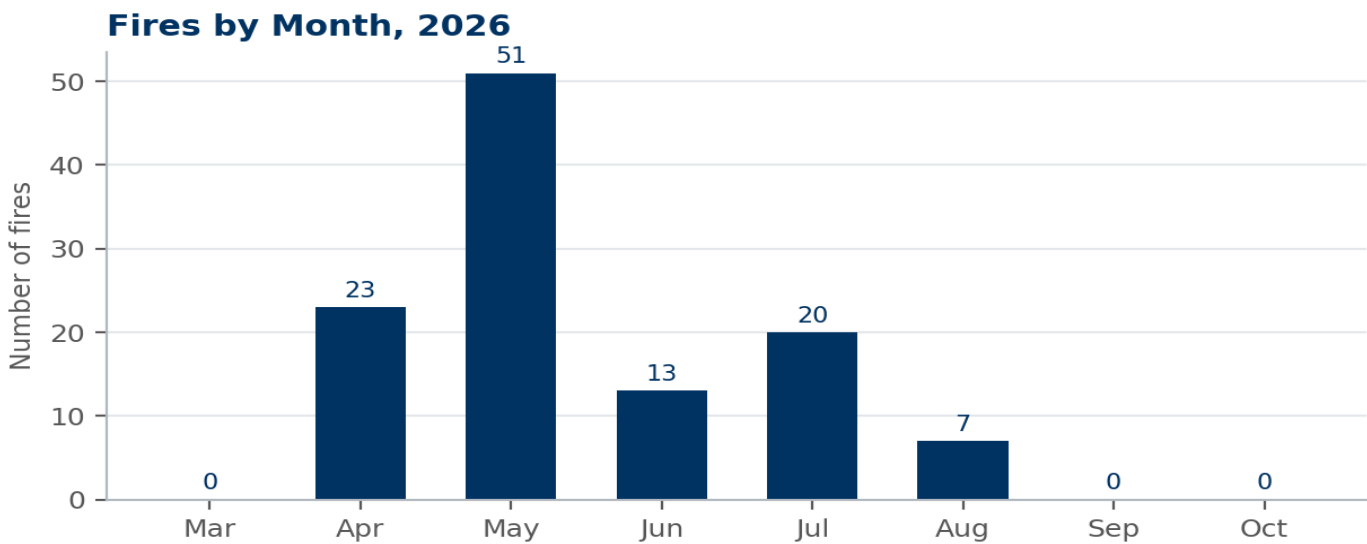
Province of Nova Scotia

2026 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 2026 wildfire season ran from March 15 to October 15. In 2026, **114 wildfires** burned **1,520.59 hectares** across Nova Scotia. The largest fire (09-013-2026, Mooseland Rd, Halifax County) burned 1,443.54 ha. For comparison, the 10-year average (2017–2026) is 154 fires and 4,021 ha per year.

114	1,521	1,444	93%
WILDFIRES	HECTARES BURNED	LARGEST FIRE (HA)	HUMAN-CAUSED



Ten-Year Comparison

Year	Fire Numbers	Hectares Burned
2026	114	1,520.59
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
10-year average (2017–2026)	154	4,021
5-year average (2022–2026)	149	7,633

Fires and Area Burned by County, 2026

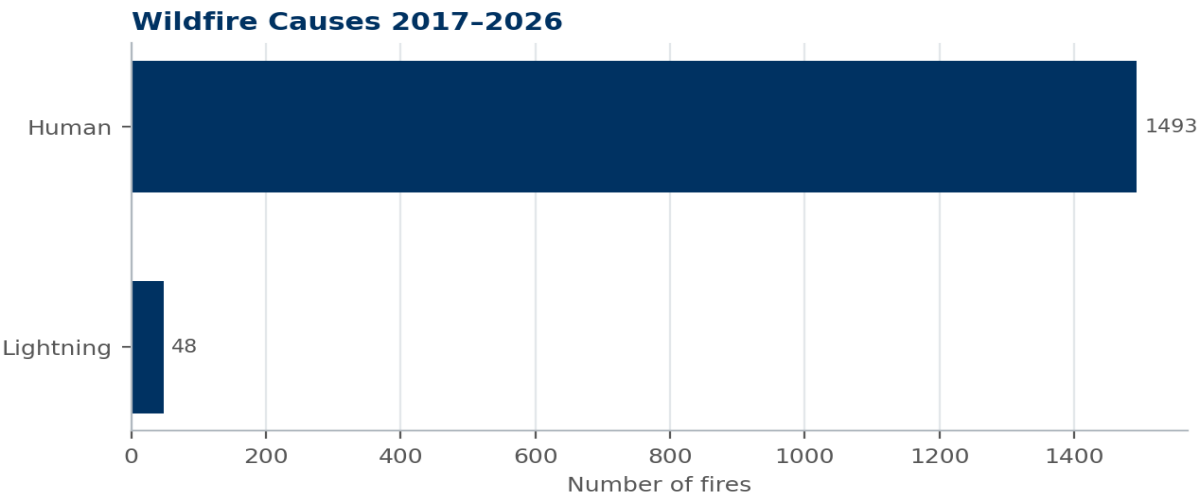
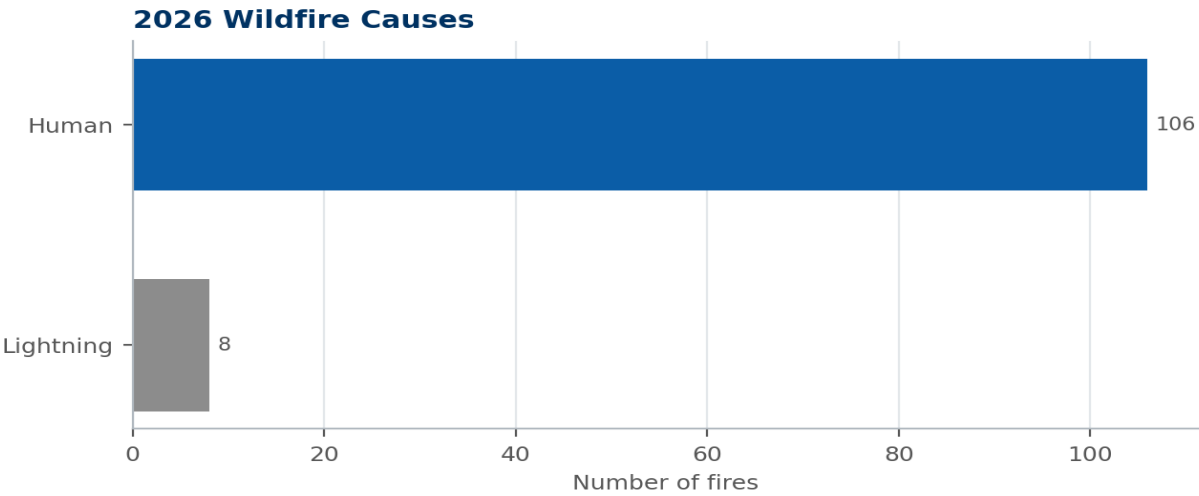
Region	County	MAR		APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		OCT		TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL HA
		#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA	#	HA		
Western	Yarmouth	0	0	2	1.98	1	0.4	3	0.03	1	0.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.52
	Shelburne	0	0	1	2.9	1	1.22	0	0	3	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4.18
	Digby	0	0	1	4.2	2	0.24	0	0	2	0.2	2	0.31	0	0	0	0	7	4.95
	Annapolis	0	0	3	0.8	4	1.49	2	0.11	4	6.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	8.41
	Lunenburg	0	0	2	1.44	6	1.63	3	0.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3.12
	Kings	0	0	1	0.01	9	1.11	0	0	1	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1.14
	Queens	0	0	1	2	1	7.55	0	0	1	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9.56
Central	Hants	0	0	0	0	7	0.18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.18
	Halifax	0	0	1	0.01	4	1.06	1	0.2	6	1,444.26	2	0.11	0	0	0	0	14	1,445.64
	Colchester	0	0	1	0.08	3	1.02	1	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.11
	Cumberland	0	0	2	1.33	2	6.67	1	2	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10.2
	Pictou	0	0	1	3.5	3	4.73	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	5	8.33
Eastern	Guysborough	0	0	3	0.47	0	0	1	0.26	1	0.25	1	0.01	0	0	0	0	6	0.99
	Antigonish	0	0	0	0	4	1.85	0	0	0	0	1	0.01	0	0	0	0	5	1.86
	Inverness	0	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Richmond	0	0	0	0	1	0.89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.89
	Cape Breton	0	0	3	3.21	2	13.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	16.81
	Victoria	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.6
TOTAL		0	0	23	22.03	51	43.74	13	3.16	20	1,451.12	7	0.54	0	0	0	0	114	1,520.59

Shading in HA columns scales with area burned.

Fire Causes

In 2026, **106 wildfires** (93%) were human-caused and **8 wildfires** (7%) were caused by lightning.

General Cause	Number of Fires	Total Area Burned (Hectares)
Human	106	1,514.18
Lightning	8	6.41
Total	114	1,520.59



Land Ownership

In 2026, approximately **1,161.98 ha** of Crown land, **358.51 ha** of private land and **0.10 ha** of federal land burned.

