

## 19.—Fire Losses, by Type of Property, 1955-57

Type of Property	1955		1956		1957	
	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Residential.....	56,217	21,246,775	60,771	26,127,326	61,099	30,667,492
Mercantile.....	7,562	29,873,923	7,760	33,119,000	7,937	43,902,473
Farm.....	5,166	8,680,817	5,292	8,585,457	5,099	9,445,788
Manufacturing.....	1,773	23,942,323	1,292	13,604,843	1,345	16,355,401
Institutional and assembly.....	914	6,640,949	925	5,674,618	1,042	7,863,917
Miscellaneous.....	4,464	12,382,989	4,706	19,660,909	5,566	25,257,206
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>76,096</b>	<b>102,767,776</b>	<b>80,746</b>	<b>106,772,153</b>	<b>82,088</b>	<b>133,492,277</b>

## 20.—Value of Property Loss, by Reported Cause of Fire, 1955-57

Reported Cause	1955		1956		1957	
	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss	Fires Reported	Property Loss
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Smokers' carelessness.....	29,202	4,583,118	30,974	5,150,175	31,425	6,022,515
Stoves, furnaces, boilers and smoke pipes.....	7,408	6,541,011	5,401	5,452,350	6,570	6,486,429
Electrical wiring and appliances.....	6,563	10,825,587	6,955	12,897,828	7,461	16,224,484
Matches.....	2,236	1,147,372	2,295	1,543,228	2,307	2,174,771
Defective and overheated chimneys and flues.....	2,937	2,222,319	4,632	3,179,316	3,633	2,628,501
Hot ashes, coals and open fires.....	2,099	1,426,240	1,986	1,477,492	2,014	2,058,806
Petroleum and its products.....	1,985	3,403,713	1,805	5,332,913	1,638	3,140,335
Lights, other than electric.....	1,434	1,298,240	1,480	1,989,111	2,183	6,647,458
Lightning.....	2,076	1,513,405	2,186	2,765,426	2,096	1,407,691
Sparks on roofs.....	476	474,312	475	558,156	553	641,494
Exposure fires.....	555	1,557,258	600	1,640,376	565	1,511,870
Spontaneous ignition.....	327	2,434,512	339	1,128,670	338	1,656,533
Incendiarism.....	307	1,910,512	317	2,011,835	454	2,019,602
Miscellaneous known causes (explosions, fireworks, friction, hot grease or metal, steam or hot water pipes, etc.).....	7,863	8,060,188	10,448	6,229,181	8,022	8,881,661
Unknown.....	10,628	55,369,989	10,853	55,416,096	12,829	71,990,127
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>76,096</b>	<b>102,767,776</b>	<b>80,746</b>	<b>106,772,153</b>	<b>82,088</b>	<b>133,492,277</b>