

FOI:	428 03 25
Request Theme:	Residential and Commercial Fires in Hereford
Reporting Period:	01 January 2020 – 31 December 2024

The figures provided are from the Incident Recording System (IRS) which is a national data collection system administered by the Home Office. In the IRS, property types are split into nine categories: Dwelling, Other Residential, Non-residential Buildings, Road Vehicle, Rail Vehicle, Aircraft, Boat, Outdoor, and Outdoor Structures.

For your request:

- **Fires around the Hereford Area** includes fires within Hereford's Station Ground (including chimney fires and derelict property fires).
- **Residential Setting** includes the IRS categories of Dwelling and Other Residential (e.g., hotels and nursing/residential homes).
- **Commercial Setting** includes the IRS category of Non-Residential Buildings. After excluding private garden sheds and private garages with the view that these are not *commercial settings*, the property types included were:
 - Car Parks
 - Education
 - Entertainment and culture
 - Food and Drink
 - Hospitals and medical care
 - Industrial Manufacturing
 - Industrial Processing
 - Offices and call centres
 - Other buildings/use not known
 - Other private non-residential building
 - Permanent Agricultural
 - Public admin, security and safety
 - Public Utilities
 - Retail
 - Sporting venues
 - Vehicle Repair
 - Warehouses and bulk storage.

Question	Response		
<p>Could I please have information regarding the number of fires in the last 5 years around the Hereford area.</p> <p>We would need both commercial and residential statistics.</p>	Calendar Year	Property Category	Number of fire incidents
	2020	Commercial Setting	26
		Residential Setting	57
	2021	Commercial Setting	16
		Residential Setting	52
	2022	Commercial Setting	19
		Residential Setting	33
	2023	Commercial Setting	13
		Residential Setting	45
	2024	Commercial Setting	30
		Residential Setting	51