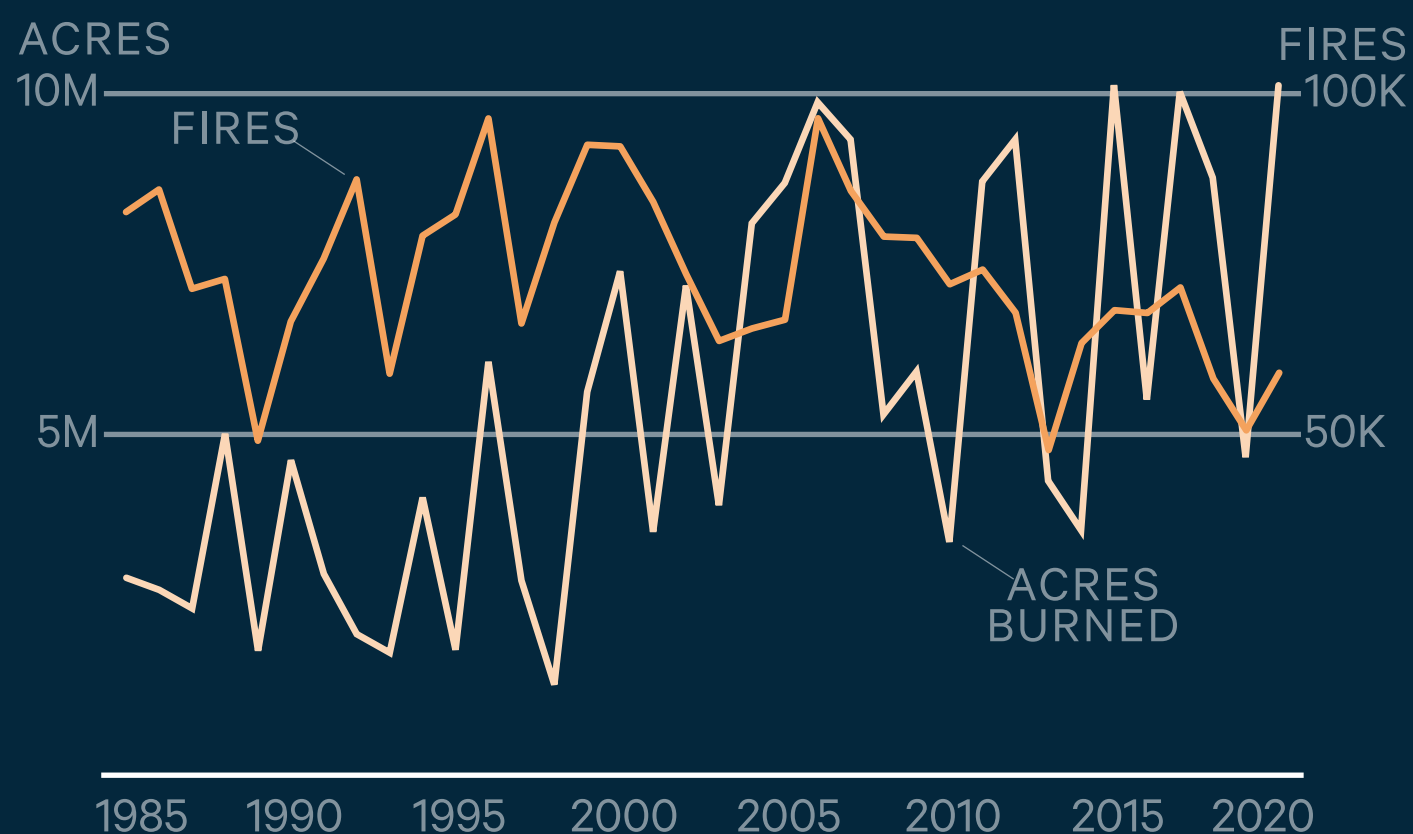


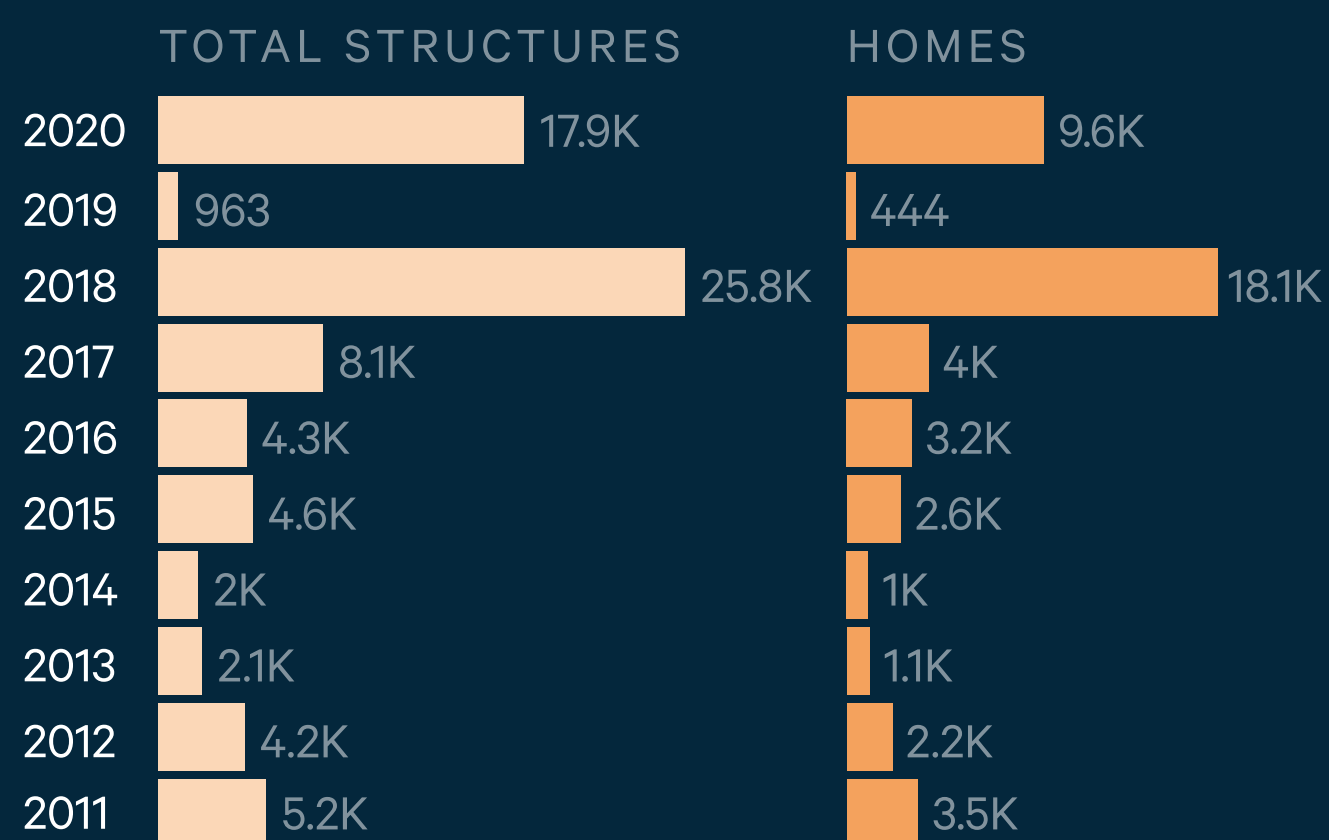
Wildfires pose an increasing threat throughout the United States due to climate change, forest management, and an expanding wildland-urban interface, among other factors. The rising impacts of wildfires are illustrated by trends in wildfire activity, costs, and damage since 1985.

Number of Wildfires and Acres Burned



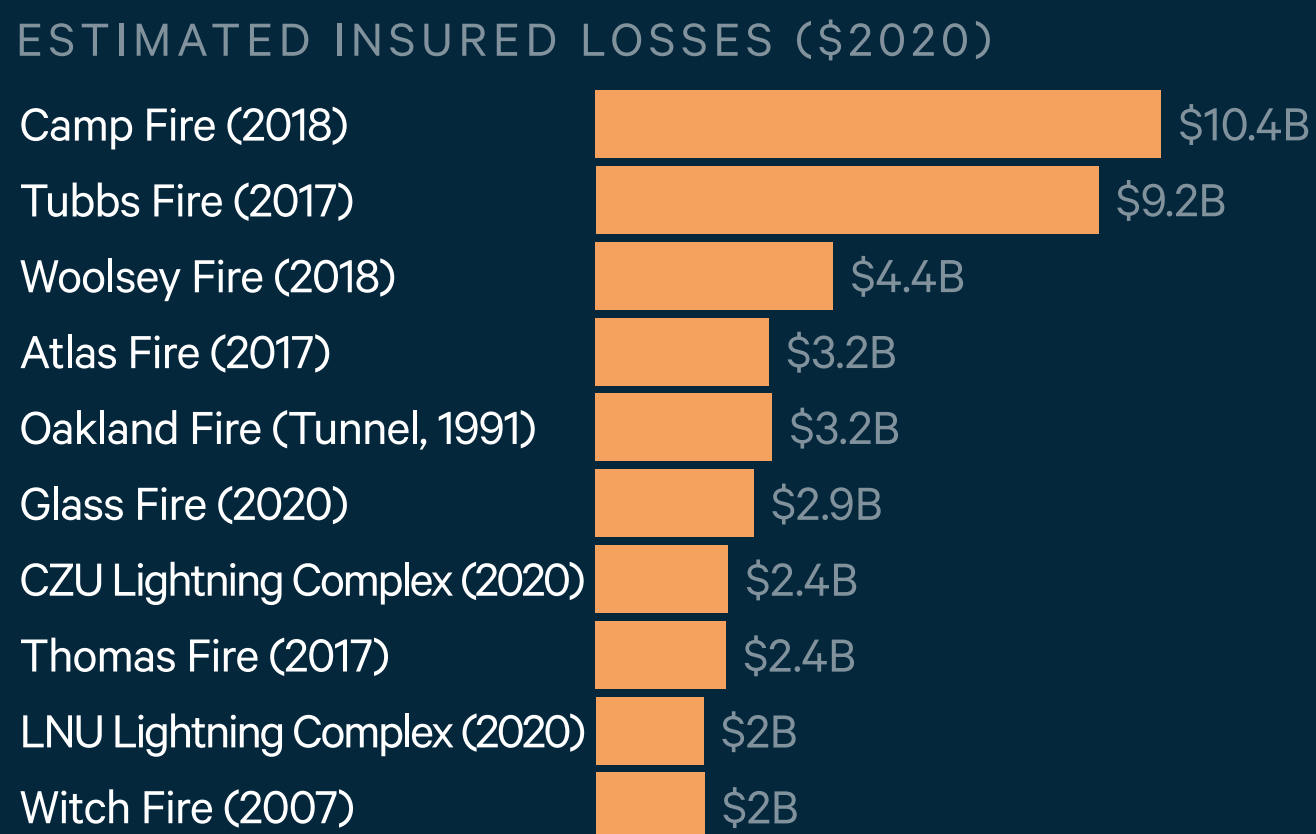
While the number of fires in the United States has not increased, the number of acres burned has trended upward. Each fire burns more land on average now than in 1985.

Structures Destroyed by Wildfires



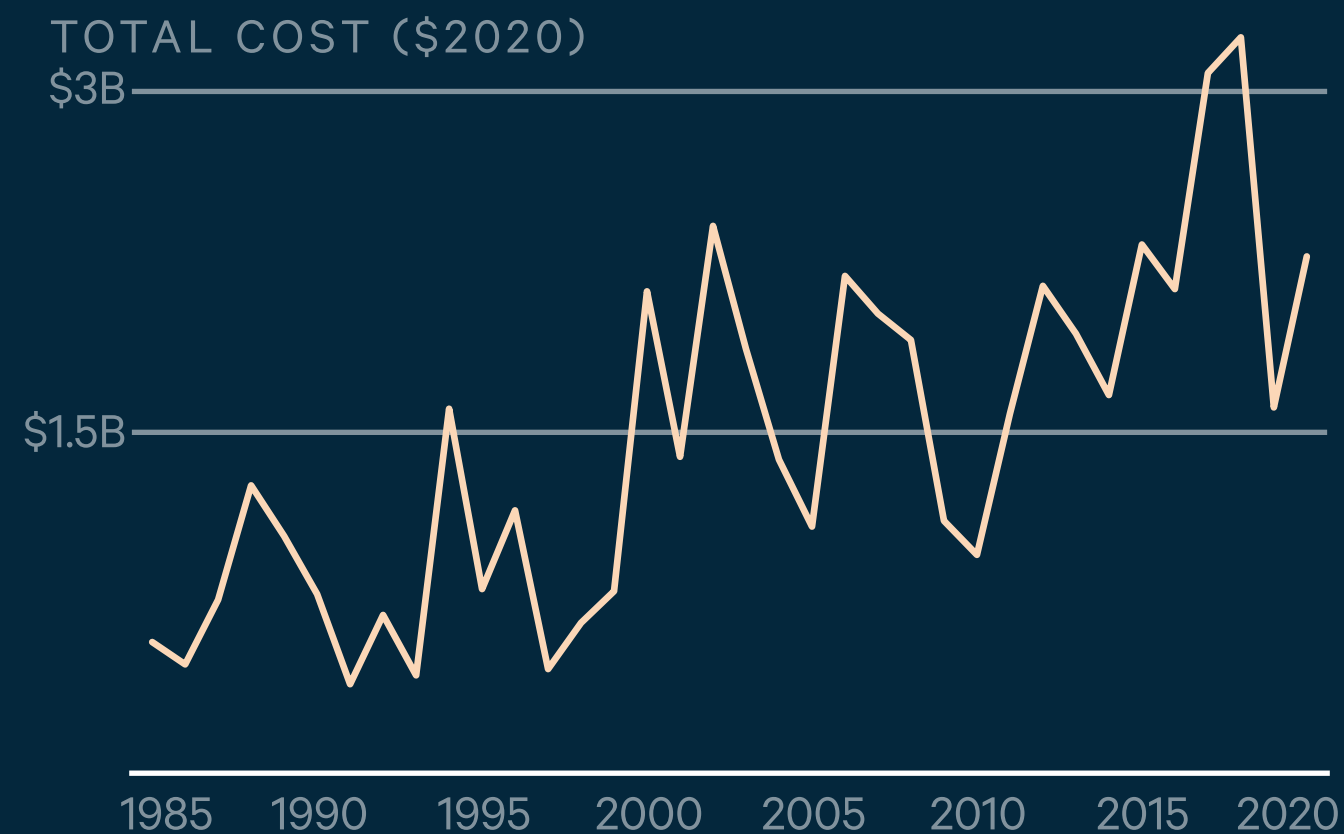
The majority of structures destroyed by fire in the past ten years were lost in just two recent years: 2018 and 2020.

Most Destructive Fires by Financial Losses



Of the ten most financially destructive fires ever to occur in the United States, eight occurred in the past five years. All ten occurred in California.

Federal Wildfire Suppression Costs



Wildfire suppression costs have risen in recent years. Annual federal suppression spending far exceeds federal spending on fire prevention and hazard mitigation.