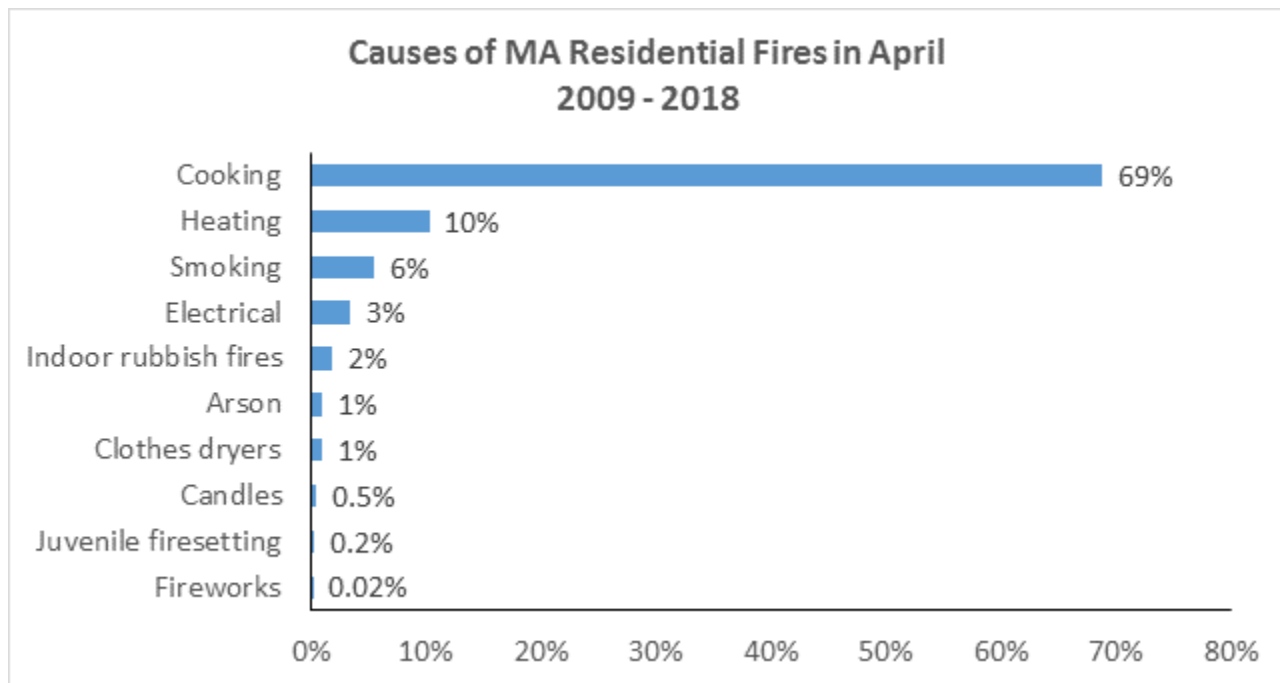


What's the Fire Risk in April?

Fire Data Based on MFIRS Reporting, April 2009 – 2018

- 8% of all fires throughout the year
- Average of 30 civilian injuries
 - 9% of annual civilian injuries
- Average of 45 fire service injuries
- Average of 4 civilian deaths
 - 8% of annual civilian fire deaths
- Average of \$22.5 million in dollars lost



Educational Opportunities

Mulch Fires

[Mulch](#) is combustible and can catch fire easily when smoking materials are discarded in it. Hundreds of fires start this way each year. Visit the DFS website to review resources and information for landlords.



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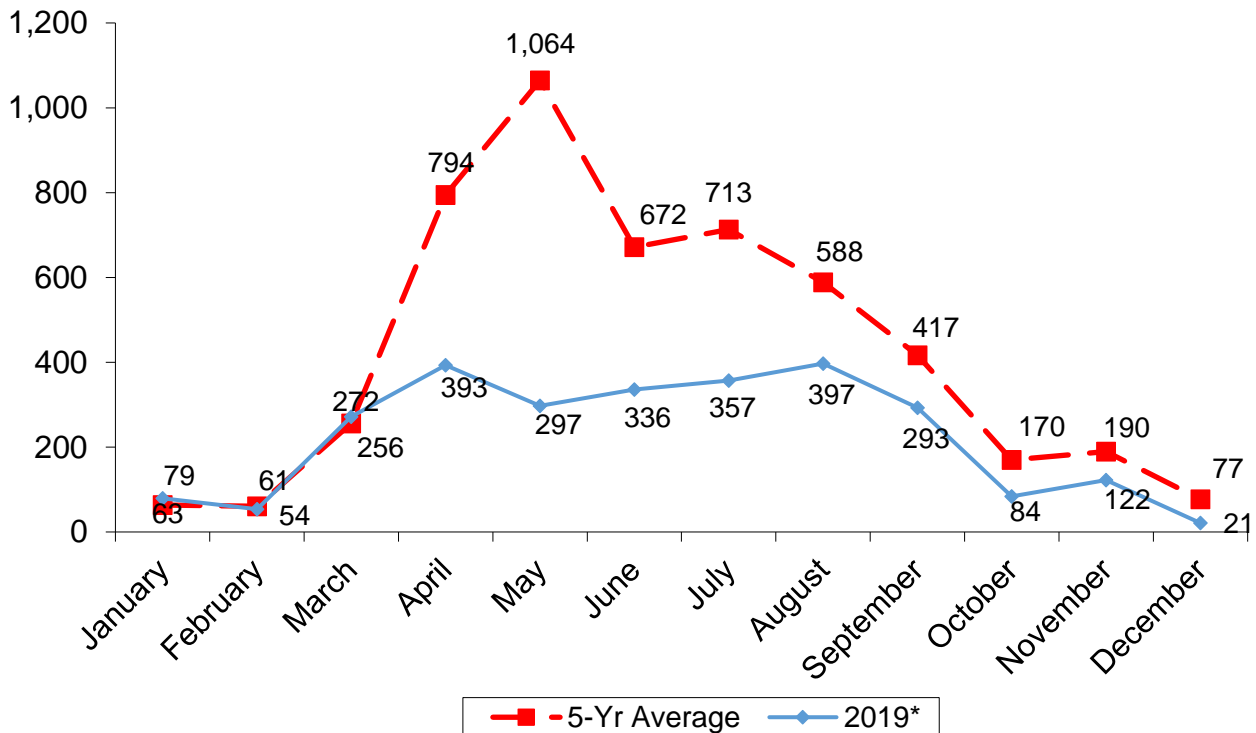
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Open Burning

The number of yearly [brush fires](#) can increase or decrease depending on winter/spring weather. For example, in 2015, brush fires occurred later due to the record breaking amount of snow we had during that winter season. In 2019, we had the second lowest number of brush fires on record. In 2019, we had a rainy spring, which reduced the overall brush fire totals for that year.

The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and local fire departments limit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Visit the DFS website for resources including rules and restrictions regarding safety and conditions for open burning.

Average # of MA Brush Fires by Month 2015 - 2019*



Smoke and CO Alarms

Every home is required to have working smoke alarms and most are also required to have carbon monoxide alarms. Visit the DFS [smoke and carbon monoxide alarm tool kit webpage](#) to find out information about developing a campaign. Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are essential fire safety tools to have in your home. They are the best way to prevent fire fatalities.

