

South Carolina Fire Fatalities for January - December 1996

Deaths by County

Abbeville	0
Aiken	4
Allendale	1
Anderson	7
Bamberg	0
Barnwell	1
Beaufort	1
Berkeley	3
Calhoun	0
Charleston	6
Cherokee	0
Chester	1
Chesterfield	2
Clarendon	2
Colleton	7
Darlington	5
Dillon	4
Dorchester	0
Edgefield	3
Fairfield	1
Florence	4
Georgetown	6
Greenville	10
Greenwood	6
Hampton	1
Horry	9
Jasper	0
Kershaw	0
Lancaster	3
Laurens	3

Deaths Per Month

January	25
February	16
March	15
April	8
May	6
June	12
July	8
August	6
September	15
October	9
November	8
December	9
Total	137

Cause of Death

Arson/Murder	6
Auto Related	11
Business/Industrial	0
Candles	3
Children Playing	7
Christmas Tree	0
Cooking	17
Electrical	8
Fireplace	0
Fireworks	0
Flammable Liquid	6
Heating	21
Lightning	0
Smoking	15
Suicide	2

Smoke Detector

Was smoke detector present?

No.....61

**Yes.....33

N/A (open area, auto, etc.).....20

Unknown/ Under Investigation.....23

**** If present, was it working?**

No.....12

Yes.....14

Unknown/ Under Investigation.....7

Where Deaths Occurred

Single-Family Dwelling	69
Mobile Home	30
Apartment	7
Duplex	2
Business/Church	1
Shed	0
Open Area	5
Recreational Vehicle	5
Automobile	11
Unknown/Other	7

Lee	1
Lexington	1
Marion	2
Marlboro	3
McCormick	0
Newberry	0
Oconee	1
Orangeburg	3
Pickens	1
Richland	13
Saluda	0
Spartanburg	6
Sumter	5
Union	1
Williamsburg	3
York	7

Too Near Open Flame	2
Other/Unknown/Under Investigation	39
* 28 fire fatalities involved alcohol or drugs. Of those 28, four were caused by heating, nine by smoking, three by cooking, two auto related, two by arson, one by candle, one by suicide and six unknown.	

Deaths by Age

0-10	31
11-20	5
21-30	7
31-40	26
41-50	18
51-60	14
61-70	14
71-80	11
81-90	6
91+	2
Unknown	3