

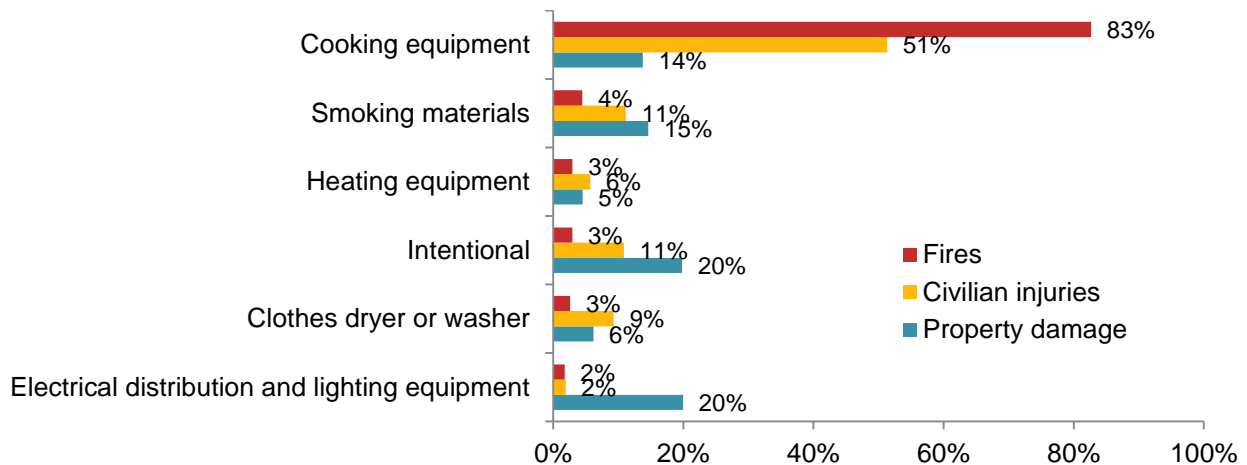


## STRUCTURE FIRES IN RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES FACT SHEET

During 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 1,830 structure fires in residential board and care facilities or similar properties per year. These fires caused annual averages of:

- 6 civilian deaths
- 46 civilian injuries
- \$8.4 million in property damage

**Structure fires in residential board and care facilities  
by leading cause 2009- 2013**



- Cooking equipment was involved in 83% of the fires in these properties, including three-quarters (77%) of board and care fires coded as cooking fires confined to the object of origin.
- Overall, 88% of fires in these properties didn't spread beyond the object of origin
- Fires in residential board and care facilities are more common during the afternoon and early evening.
- NFPA's 2013 report, [U.S. Experience with Sprinklers](#), shows that in 2007-2011, sprinklers were present in 46% of reported fires in these properties. The death rate per thousand reported fires was 88% lower and direct property damage was 57% lower in properties with wet pipe sprinklers than in facilities with no automatic extinguishing systems.

*Definitions of board and care facilities vary by state and organization. In the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), this category includes assisted living and halfway houses. Nursing homes are NOT included.*

Source: NFPA, Fire Analysis & Research Division, [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)