

F a c t s h e e t

Fire, road rescue and ambulance (Fire events) (Chapter 9)

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FIRE EVENTS (CHAPTER 9)

- Reporting in the Fire, road rescue and ambulance chapter focuses on emergency management services provided for fire, road rescue and ambulance events. Fire events are the focus of this factsheet.
- A fire event is an incident that is reported to a fire service organisation and requires a response. Fire events include (but are not limited to): structure fires (that is, fires inside a building or structure), regardless of whether there is damage to the structure; landscape fires, including bushfires and grass fires, regardless of the size of the area burnt; and other fires, including vehicle and other mobile property fires, and outside rubbish fires. Nationally, fire service organisations attended more than 90 thousand fire incidents in 2010-11 **(p. 9.11)**.
- Performance reporting for fire events includes information on fire service organisations as the primary agencies involved in providing emergency management services for fire events. Recurrent expenditure across Australia was more than \$3.1 billion (or approximately \$141 per person) in 2010-11 **(p. 9.21)**. Nationally, there were 17 545 full time equivalent paid personnel and 216 765 volunteers in fire service organisations in 2010-11 **(p. 9.6)**.

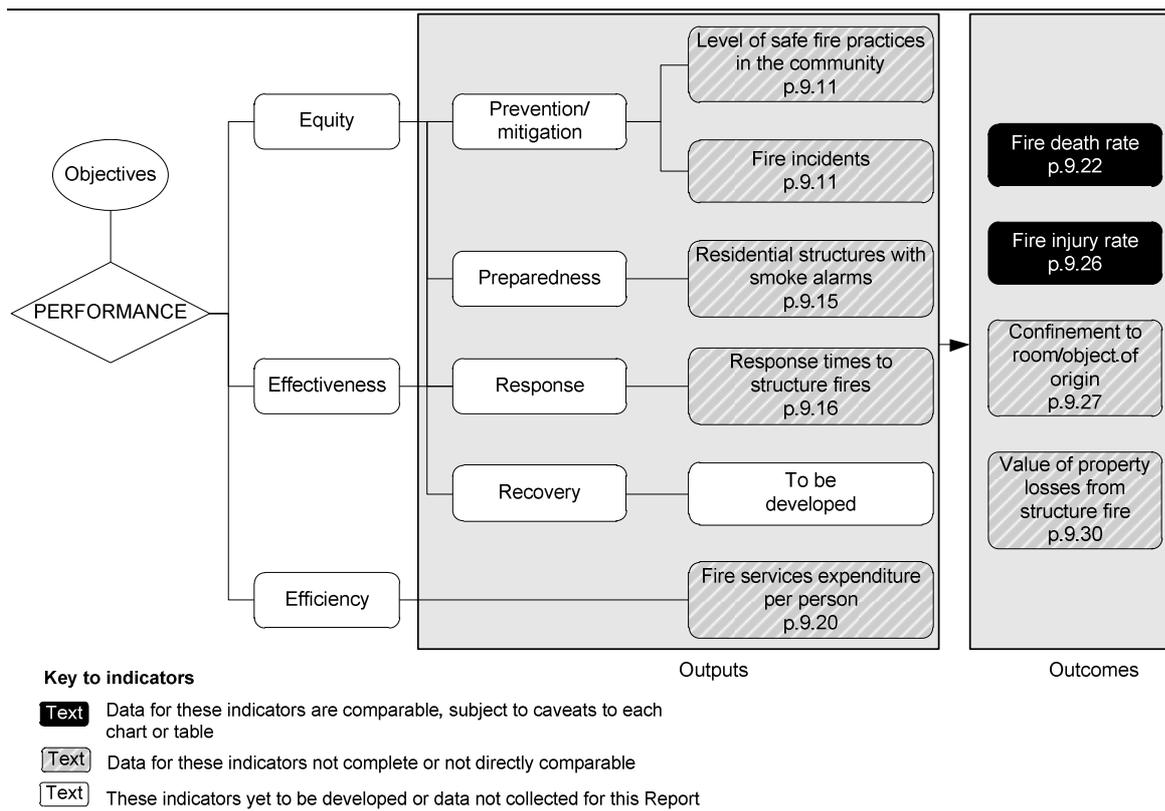
Objectives for emergency services for fire events

Emergency services for fire events aim to build fire resilient communities that work together to understand and manage the fire risks that they confront. Emergency management services provide highly effective, efficient and accessible services that:

- reduce the adverse effects of fire events on the community (including people, property, infrastructure, economy and environment)
- contribute to the management of fire risks to the community
- enhance public safety **(p. 9.9)**.

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Fire events performance indicator framework (figure 9.3, p. 9.9)



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