

## Numbers of firefighters by country and category

Most countries have a number of different categories of firefighter with the main two groups consisting of professional firefighters in the public sector and voluntary firefighters. Other smaller categories include military firefighters and private sector firefighters.

The latest numbers are given in the table below, concentrating on public sector professional and voluntary firefighters. Further details and a breakdown of the "other" category are given in the notes below the table.

<b>  Country   Professional   Voluntary   Other  </b>
Belgium   5250   16690
Croatia   2400   60000   1745
Czech Republic   10797   350000   2828
Denmark   1217   2952   4469
Estonia   1600   100
Finland   2940   19400   690
France   42000   200000   2000
Italy   26000   7000
Netherlands   4000   21000   1500
Slovakia   4296   10000   1546
Spain   19886   3437   3745

### **Notes**

**Croatia** - 60000 voluntary firefighter members but only 5000 operational. The other firefighters consist of military (170), seasonal (1000), industrial (500) and state (75)

**Czech Republic** - others includes 483 military firefighters + 2345 company firefighters

**Denmark** - 1217 public firefighters include 172 in ambulances; 2952 voluntary public sector include 1159 without pay and 1793 with low payment; others = military (694); employed by Falck co. (3221) and non-public sector voluntary without pay 1554

**Finland** - others include military (50); airports (400) and between 200 and 300 in nuclear plants and docks

**France** - others = military

**Netherlands** - 1500 others include 500 military

**Slovakia** - others = private

**Spain** - others: 2260 for seasonal fires; 1390 in airports; 95 military

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