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FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 64: U.S. FIRE LOSSES 1875-1907

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Annual fire losses in the United States for thirty-three years, 1875-1907.

[Compiled by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.]

Year.	Loss.	Year.	Loss.	Year.	Loss.
1875	\$78,102,285	1886	\$104,924,750	1897	\$116,354,575
1876	64,630,600	1887	120,283,055	1898	130,593,905
1877	68,265,800	1888	110,885,665	1899	153,597,830
1878	64,315,900	1889	123,046,833	1900	160,929,805
1879	77,703,700	1890	108,993,792	1901	165,817,810
1880	74,643,400	1891	143,764,967	1902	161,078,040
1881	81,280,900	1892	151,516,098	1903	145,302,155
1882	84,505,024	1893	167,544,370	1904	229,198,050
1883	100,149,228	1894	140,006,484	1905	165,221,650
1884	110,008,611	1895	142,110,233	1906	518,611,800
1885	102,818,796	1896	118,737,420	1907	199,383,300

Total Fire Loss (1875-1907): \$4,484,000,000 (\$4.484 billion)

Note: \$1 (1913) = \$22.87 (2011)

Source: "The Fire Tax and Waste of Structural Materials in the United States (Bulletin 418)," Herbert M. Wilson and John L. Cochrane, United States Geological Survey, 1910.

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