TOP STATES FOR HIRING FIREFIGHTERS

WASHINGTON
399 fire departments statewide

CALIFORNIA
872 fire departments statewide

TEXAS
1,528 fire departments statewide

FLORIDA
477 fire departments statewide

ARIZONA
249 fire departments statewide

HOTTEST CITIES FOR HIRING

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
- Average salary: $75,570
- 6 registered fire departments in King County

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
- Average salary: $82,830
- 5 registered fire departments in Los Angeles County

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
- Average salary: $47,120
- 4 registered fire departments in Maricopa County

DALLAS-FORT WORTH METRO, TEXAS
- Average salary: $50,390
- 4 registered fire departments in Dallas County

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
- Average salary: $46,960
- 2 registered fire departments in Pinellas County

EXPERT TIPS

- Increase your odds of landing the job by becoming an EMT or paramedic.
- Many fire departments offer preferred hiring status to military veterans.
- Join a volunteer fire department to complete basic certifications and get on-the-job training.
- Think outside the box. Municipal fire departments aren't the only ones hiring. These employers hire firefighters frequently:

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Military

Airports

Private industry