

# West Virginia: Smoke Alarms at a Glance

Report Period: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007



## Residential Smoke Alarm Presence

	Number of Res. Fires**	Percentage of Res. Fires
Detectors present	721	28%
No detector present	911	35%
Undetermined	986	37%

## Residential Smoke Alarm Operation

	Number of Res. Fires	Percentage of Res. Fires
Operated	443	61%
Failed to operate	95	13%
Fire too small to detect	76	11%
Undetermined	107	15%

**\*\* The actual number of reported residential fires for this period is 2,702.** However, due to incomplete data submitted by fire departments using the old NFIRS 4.1 (paper), the total of the smoke alarm presence numbers if added would show 2,618.

*All data is based on NFIRS statistics as submitted by the state's 449 fire departments to the WV State Fire Marshal's Office/Public Education Division. The State of West Virginia utilizes the NFIRS Version 5.0, Federal Client Tool to collect and coordinate fire and non-fire data.*

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