

Middlesbrough District Performance Summary Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun) 2026/27



Middlesbrough lies in the centre of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 20 local wards. It is the most densely populated and urbanised authority in Cleveland. Middlesbrough is bound by the River Tees, North Yorkshire Moors National Park and two other local authorities. The current population of this area is 156,161 living in 66,497 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A19, A66, A174, Teesside Park, James Cook University Hospital, Riverside Stadium, Teesside University and Middlesbrough town centre.

Indicator	Quarter 1 25/26	Quarter 1 26/27	Direction of travel 25/26 - 26/27	% Change
Total Fires	615	391	Decreased	-36%
Total Deliberate Fires	520	332	Decreased	-36%
Deliberate Primary Fires	49	40	Decreased	-18%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	471	292	Decreased	-38%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	18	14	Decreased	-22%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	0	-	-
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	2	Increased	+50%

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The below shows how many incidents per 100,000 population have occurred in Middlesbrough District. There is also a comparison included to the latest available National rates and the final rate for Cleveland for the 2025/26 Financial year.

Performance Indicator	England 2024/25	Brigade 2025/26	Middlesbrough 2026/27
Total Incidents per 100,000 population	1058	1906	1829
Primary Fires per 100,000 population	108	170	182
Secondary Fires per 100,000 population	138	856	820
Dwelling Fires per 100,000 population	44	50	56
Accidental Dwelling Fires per 100,000 population	40	37	36
Deliberate Fires per 100,000 population	108	850	850
Deliberate Primary Fires per 100,000 population	27	92	102
Deliberate Secondary Fires per 100,000 population	81	758	748

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Hotspot Data - Middlesbrough District

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between 01 April 26 - 30 June 26 cumulatively accounted for 59% (232) fires across the District area.
- Berwick Hills and Pallister had the highest level of fire incidents with 73, 68 (93%) of which were deemed as deliberate.

Ward Name	Number of Fires
Berwick Hills and Pallister	73
Central	45
Longlands and Beechwood	43
Brambles and Thorntree	38
Hemlington	33

SERVICE INFORMATION

Safer Homes

We offer Safer Homes Visits for people who may be at increased risk from fire. During a visit, our trained staff can provide practical fire safety advice, carry out smoke alarm checks, and install free smoke alarms where appropriate.

The quickest way to access this support is by completing our free [Online Home Fire Safety Check](#). This helps us understand your circumstances and provide tailored advice or arrange a Safer Homes Visit if required.

Partner agencies, professionals and carers can refer individuals for a Safer Homes Visit using Cleveland Fire Brigade's [Safer Homes Visit Referral Form](#).

For further information, please call 03067 990038.

Advocates

Our team of advocates provides specialist support to vulnerable adults across our communities, helping to reduce risk and improve safety and wellbeing. To find out more, email advocates@clevelandfire.gov.uk

Fire Education

Our Fire Education Team works with children, young people and their families to raise awareness of the dangers of fire and the consequences of fire-setting behaviour. Through education and intervention, the team aims to promote safer choices and reduce fire-related incidents. To find out more, email fsi@clevelandfire.gov.uk

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