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California Wildfires 2025: One-Month Report

RESPONSE AT A GLANCE



More than **154,500** meals and snacks served with partners



More than **18,000** overnight shelter and hotel stays provided with partners



More than **21,500** households provided with relief items



Reached an estimated **87,800** people with disaster relief and recovery services

*Cumulative figures in response to wildfires in California in 2025, as of February 7, 2025.

Bringing Vital Aid to Heartbroken Residents and Fire-Ravaged Communities

Multiple catastrophic wildfires swept through Los Angeles County in January, destroying or severely damaging more than 17,000 homes and forcing tens of thousands to evacuate just ahead of the flames. Today, thousands of people who lived and worked in fire-ravaged communities like Altadena and Pacific Palisades are coping with unimaginable destruction and an uncertain future.

Since the first wildfire ignited, dedicated American Red Cross volunteers and employees have been there for hard-hit residents. With our response partners, they helped open shelters for individuals and families who had nowhere else to go. These points of refuge also served as hubs for aid and information, where wildfire survivors could stop by to get a warm meal, charge their phones and learn about available support. Our Reunification teams also supported 960 requests from people hoping to reconnect with missing loved ones.

To help with urgent needs, the Red Cross has provided immediate financial assistance for severely affected families. In addition, our teams have offered nourishing food, relief items, and health and mental health services to wildfire survivors, helping to ensure that no one faces this crisis alone. As people return to their homes to salvage what they can, we have also distributed essential personal protective equipment to help them stay safe from toxic smoke and ash.

Our response to aid the tens of thousands of people impacted by this January's wildfires is still in its early stages. Powered by the generosity of our donors, we will continue to work with local officials, government agencies and nonprofit partners in the months ahead to coordinate relief and recovery efforts for these and any future wildfires this year, helping survivors get back on their feet and rebuild their lives.

▶ To learn more about our response and the people we've helped, please visit our [California Wildfires 2025 Story Map \(redcross.org/california-wildfires-2025\)](https://redcross.org/california-wildfires-2025).

Above: Alice Galica is comforted by volunteer Kim Mailes at a Red Cross shelter in Pasadena, California. Alice lost her home and all its contents to the wildfire that roared through her Altadena, California, neighborhood. Photo by Scott Dalton/American Red Cross

California Wildfires of 2025 Relief and Recovery: Estimated Budget

Thanks to generous donors, the Red Cross has raised \$132.6 million — including the value of critical donated goods and services — designated for our response to help people impacted by wildfires in California this year.

California Wildfires 2025 Estimated Budget ^{1,2} (in millions) as of February 7, 2025						
Expense Categories	Food, Shelter and Relief Items	Health and Emotional Support	Financial Assistance	Community Recovery & Resilience	Total	Expense %
Financial assistance, food and other relief items	\$2.2	\$0.1	\$12.9	\$12.4	\$27.6	44%
Long-term recovery programs to help unmet needs	–	–	\$19.8	–	\$19.8	32%
Deployment of volunteers and staff (includes airfare, lodging, meals and vehicles)	\$3.0	–	\$0.7	–	\$3.7	6%
Kitchen, shelter and other logistics that enable service delivery	\$1.3	–	\$0.3	–	\$1.6	3%
Full-time Red Cross employees	\$1.0	\$0.1	\$0.3	–	\$1.4	2%
IT, communications and call centers	\$0.4	–	\$0.5	–	\$0.9	2%
Temporary disaster hires	\$0.3	\$0.2	\$0.1	–	\$0.6	1%
Freight, postage and warehousing	\$0.2	–	–	–	\$0.2	0%
Equipment, maintenance and fueling of Red Cross emergency vehicles and rented trucks	\$0.2	–	–	–	\$0.2	0%
Budgeted Program Expenses	\$8.6	\$0.4	\$34.6	\$12.4	\$56.0	90%
Management, general and fundraising ³					\$6.2	10%
Total Budgeted Expenses					\$62.2	100%
Program dollars remaining to be budgeted					\$63.4	
Management, general and fundraising remaining to be applied					\$7.0	
Total Estimated Budget					\$132.6	

¹Budget figures are estimates. Actual expenses may differ due to the unpredictable nature of disasters and service delivery needs.

²Dollar figures are rounded to the nearest \$100,000; therefore, expenses \$49,999 and below are represented as zero.

³Management, general and fundraising expenses support our work at its core and are indispensable to running the organization and helping people in need. They include the people and systems to maintain our enterprise-wide computer and telecommunications, HR and payroll systems to support nearly 18,000 employees and more than 300,000 volunteers, fundraising and communications functions, and other support services across all program lines. Ninety cents of every dollar spent for California Wildfires of 2025 will support delivering care and comfort to help people affected by these disasters.

Thank you!



American Red Cross

The Red Cross must be ready for every disaster, big or small, and we respond to an average of nearly 65,000 disasters each year — including home fires, severe weather, floods and wildfires. Those in need turn to the Red Cross in their darkest hours because they know they can depend on us right after the disaster and throughout their recovery. Your donation helps us fulfill this promise. We are grateful for your trust.