

# Bushfires in Australia 2019-2020

*How a lack of rainfall may have affected bushfire intensity.*

## Deadly Bushfire Season

During the 2019–2020 bushfire season in Australia, large and intense fires burned all over the continent. The bushfires burned more than 46 million acres of land. At least 3,500 homes and thousands of other buildings were lost and 34 people died. The majority of deaths and destruction were in New South Wales. However, the devastating fires were often overlooked in the news and other media due to concern over the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Is Drought to Blame?

2019 was Australia's driest year on record. Many blame droughts and lack of rainfall for these devastating fires, and it is agreed that the cause of these fires relate to climate change. This map shows a possible correlation between rainfall and bushfires in Australia.

