



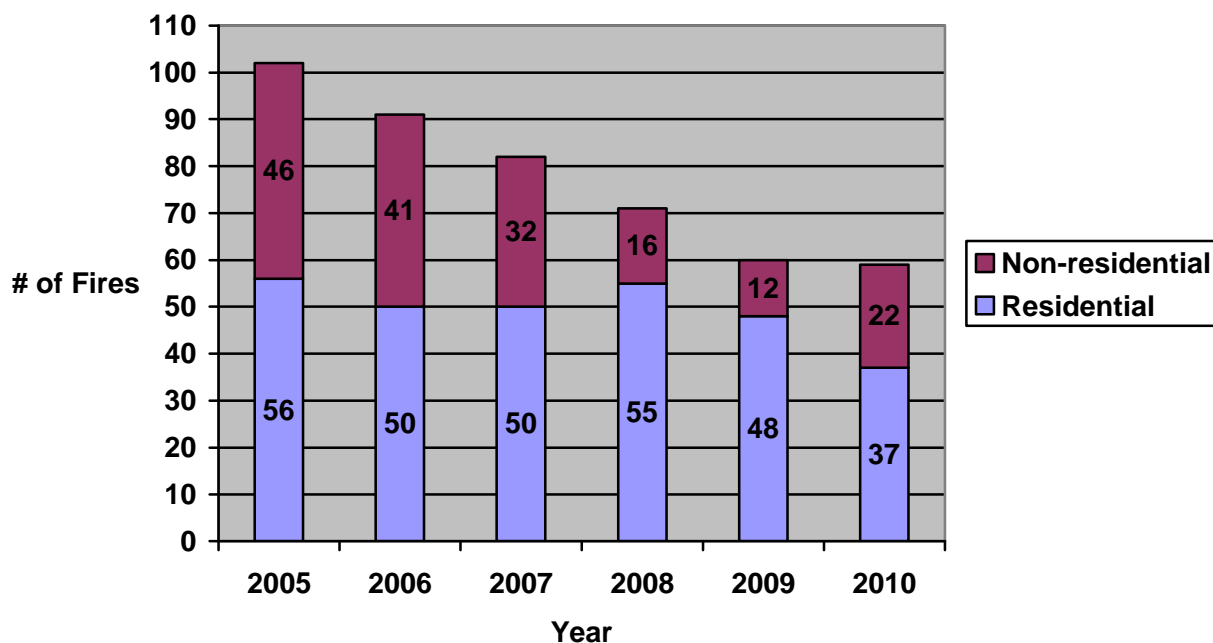
Whitby Fire and Emergency Services Fire Investigations

Whitby Fire investigates fires to determine cause. This information is then used to help focus our Public Education and Fire Prevention efforts.

Between 2005 and 2009 the average number of fires investigated by Whitby Fire Prevention Division was 20.75 per year. In 2010 this number dropped to 16. Typically, Fire Investigators are only called out to investigate fires where loss exceeds \$100,000. Therefore, the number of large loss fires decreased during 2010.

Not surprisingly we have also seen a reduction in the total number of structure fires since 2005 as shown in the following chart. In 2010, Whitby experienced a dramatic drop in the number of residential fires to a five year low of 37.

Structure Fires 2005 - 2009



The leading cause of fires in Whitby continues to be unattended cooking, accounting for approximately 1 out of every 4 residential fires.