

2010 Flash Flood / River Flood Fatalities

In 2010, flash and river floods claimed 103 lives, up from 56 in 2009. The 2010 flood casualty total is well above the 10-year average of 71 deaths and 30-year average of 92 fatalities. Of the 103 deaths, 45 (44%) were caught in a vehicle other than a boat, 22 (21%) died while in water, and 21 (20%) died while camping. Arkansas and Tennessee tragically both numbered 22 victims. Flash floods caused 67 deaths, up from 33 in 2009; river floods, 36, up from 23 in 2009. Flood deaths were heaviest in the 50-59 age range with 15 (15%), followed by the 30-39 age range with 14 (14%). Males accounted for 63 deaths (61%) and females, 40 (39%).

2010 Flood Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	CA	IW	MH	OT	PH	VE	Total
AR (Arkansas)	0	0	20	1	0	0	0	1	22
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CA (California)	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
IA (Iowa)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	6
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
MS (Mississippi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
NE (Nebraska)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NM (New Mexico)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NY (New York)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	5
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
PA (Pennsylvania)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
PR (Puerto Rico)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	4	2	4	4	8	22
TX (Texas)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	12	14
VA (Virginia)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV (West Virginia)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Total	1	0	21	22	3	6	5	45	103
Percent	0.97	0.00	20.39	21.36	2.91	5.83	4.85	43.69	

Legend

- BO - Boating
- BU - Business
- CA - Camping
- IW - In Water
- MH - Mobile/Trailer Home
- OT - Other
- PH - Permanent Home
- VE - Vehicle/Towed Trailer

2010 Flood Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	4	9	0	13	12.62
10 to 19	4	6	0	10	9.71
20 to 29	5	6	0	11	10.68
30 to 39	1	13	0	14	13.59
40 to 49	5	7	0	12	11.65
50 to 59	8	7	0	15	14.56
60 to 69	6	6	0	12	11.65
70 to 79	3	5	0	8	7.77
80 to 89	3	3	0	6	5.83
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	1	1	0	2	1.94
Total	40	63	0	103	
Percent	38.83	61.17	0.00		