

2008 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities

Tropical Storms and hurricanes claimed 12 lives in 2008, up from just 1 in 2007. The 12 fatalities included 7 men and 5 women. Young adults, aged 20-29 were the hardest hit category with 3 (25%) deaths, followed by adults in the 30-49 year age ranges and seniors 70-79, each with 2 victims. The hardest hit states for tropical storms fatalities were Louisiana (5) and Florida (3). The most dangerous place to be in 2008 was a permanent home, in which 5 people were killed. There were 17 named tropical storms in the Atlantic Basin in 2008, of which 8 had wind speeds that measured hurricane force, matching 2007, which also number 17 names storms, only 5 of which became hurricanes. The Pacific Basin was slightly more active than the Atlantic with 18 named storms: 7 Hurricanes and 11 Tropical Storms, up from 15 in 2007.

2008 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	IW	LS	MH	OT	OU	PH	SC	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AR (Arkansas)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
FL (Florida)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	5
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	12
Percent	8.33	0.00	16.67	0.00	16.67	0.00	16.67	41.67	0.00	0.00	

2008 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	0	0	0	0.00
10 to 19	0	1	0	1	8.33
20 to 29	1	2	0	3	25.00
30 to 39	1	1	0	2	16.67
40 to 49	1	1	0	2	16.67
50 to 59	0	0	0	0	0.00
60 to 69	0	0	0	0	0.00
70 to 79	1	1	0	2	16.67
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	1	1	0	2	16.67
Total	5	7	0	12	
Percent	41.67	58.33	0.00		

Legend

BO -	Boating
BU -	Business
IW -	In Water
LS -	Long Span Roof
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
PH -	Permanent Home
SC -	School
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer