

2006 Tornado Fatalities

During 2006, tornadoes in the United States caused 66 deaths. This number is up 29 from the 2005 total of 38 and over the 10-year average of 62. Tornado deaths in 2006 also topped the 30-year average of 54 per year. In a switch from typical years, the most dangerous place to be during a tornado was in a permanent home, which accounted for 29 (44%) of 66 deaths. Mobile homes were a close second with 28 (42%) victims, trailed by 7 victims (11%) caught in a vehicle. Tornado fatalities were spread fairly evenly between the sexes with slightly more males victims, 36, than female, 31. Victims spanned the age ranges, but were most heavily impacted in the 40-69 year old categories with 35 deaths (54%).

2006 TORNADO FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

| <u>STATE</u> | <u>BU</u> | <u>LS</u> | <u>MH</u> | <u>OT</u> | <u>OU</u> | <u>PH</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>VE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| AL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| IA | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| IL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| LA | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| MO | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 13 |
| NC | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| PA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TN | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 34 |
| TX | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 7 | 66 |
| PERCENT | 3 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 11 | 100 |

2006 TORNADO FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

| | <u>FEMALE</u> | <u>MALE</u> | <u>UNKNOWN</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0 TO 9 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| 10 TO 19 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| 20 TO 29 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 13 |
| 30 TO 39 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| 40 TO 49 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 18 |
| 50 TO 59 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 18 |
| 60 TO 69 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 16 |
| 70 TO 79 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 80 TO 89 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 10 |
| 90 TO -- | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| UNKNOWN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 31 | 36 | 0 | 67 | 99* |
| PERCENT | 46 | 54 | 0 | 100 | |

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BU - Business
LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
SC - School
VE - Vehicle