

2008 Tornado Fatalities

Tornadoes caused 124 deaths in the United States in 2008. This number is up 43 from the 2007 total of 81 and significantly over the 10-year average of 62. Tornado deaths in 2008 also topped the 30-year average of 54 per year. As in most years, the most dangerous place to be during a tornado was in a mobile home, which accounted for 54 (44%) of deaths. Permanent homes were the next most fatal location with 43 (35%) of fatalities, trailed by 14 victims (10%) struck while in a vehicle. Tornado fatalities were spread fairly evenly between the sexes with 65 men and 58 women killed. Victims spanned the age ranges, but were most heavily impacted in the 40-59 year old categories with 27 deaths (33%).

2008 Tornado Fatalities by State and Location									
State	BU	LS	MH	OT	OU	PH	SC	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	6
AR (Arkansas)	1	0	11	1	0	8	0	0	21
CO (Colorado)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FL (Florida)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
GA (Georgia)	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	5
IA (Iowa)	0	0	0	4	0	9	0	0	13
IN (Indiana)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MO (Missouri)	0	0	9	1	0	3	0	6	19
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
NH (New Hampshire)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	16	4	0	10	0	1	31
Total	1	0	54	10	2	43	0	14	124
Percent	0.81	0.00	43.55	8.06	1.61	34.68	0.00	11.29	

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

2008 Tornado Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	2	2	0	4	3.23
10 to 19	3	9	0	12	9.68
20 to 29	3	7	0	10	8.06
30 to 39	3	5	0	8	6.45
40 to 49	8	8	0	16	12.90
50 to 59	12	13	0	25	20.16
60 to 69	8	3	0	11	8.87
70 to 79	8	9	0	17	13.71
80 to 89	9	3	0	12	9.68
90 to --	0	2	0	2	1.61
Unknown	2	4	1	7	5.65
Total	58	65	1	124	
Percent	46.77	52.42	0.81		