

## 2008 Wind Related Fatalities

There were 70 wind related deaths in 2008, more than doubling the 2007 total of 34. This number is well above the 10-year of 47 victims. Indiana claimed the highest death toll with 8, followed closely by Ohio with 7 and New Jersey with 6. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2008 was in a vehicle (33%), followed closely by those in unspecified locations, 22, (31%) or simply outside, 13 (19%). Adults between 20 and 59 were the hardest hit, however 6 victims were 10-19 and 4 were under 9 years old. More than twice as many males, 47 (67%) as females, 21 (30%) were killed by wind, with 2 (3%) unknown.

### 2008 Wind Related Fatalities by State and Location

| State               | BO   | CA   | LS   | MH   | OT    | OU    | PH   | SC   | VE    | Total |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| AL (Alabama)        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 2     |
| AM (Atlantic South) | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| AN (Atlantic North) | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 3     |
| AR (Arkansas)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0     | 0     | 1    | 0    | 1     | 3     |
| CA (California)     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| GA (Georgia)        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 4     |
| GM (Gulf of Mexico) | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| IA (Iowa)           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 2     |
| IL (Illinois)       | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 3     |
| IN (Indiana)        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5     | 2     | 1    | 0    | 0     | 8     |
| KY (Kentucky)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| LA (Louisiana)      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| LS (Lake Superior)  | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| MA (Massachusetts)  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| MD (Maryland)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 1     |
| MI (Michigan)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 2     |
| MT (Montana)        | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 2     |
| NC (North Carolina) | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 2     |
| NJ (New Jersey)     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 3     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 6     |
| NY (New York)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 3     |
| OH (Ohio)           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2     | 3     | 1    | 0    | 1     | 7     |
| OR (Oregon)         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 1     |
| PA (Pennsylvania)   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 3     |
| PZ (East Pacific)   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 2     |
| SC (South Carolina) | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 2     |
| TN (Tennessee)      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 2     |
| TX (Texas)          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     |
| VA (Virginia)       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 2     | 2     |
| WA (Washington)     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 1     | 2     |
| <b>Total</b>        | 4    | 2    | 0    | 3    | 22    | 13    | 3    | 0    | 23    | 70    |
| <b>Percent</b>      | 5.71 | 2.86 | 0.00 | 4.29 | 31.43 | 18.57 | 4.29 | 0.00 | 32.86 |       |

### 2008 Wind Related Fatalities by Age and Gender

|                | Female | Male  | Unknown | Total | Percent |
|----------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| 0 to 9         | 2      | 2     | 0       | 4     | 5.71    |
| 10 to 19       | 2      | 4     | 0       | 6     | 8.57    |
| 20 to 29       | 3      | 6     | 0       | 9     | 12.86   |
| 30 to 39       | 3      | 5     | 0       | 8     | 11.43   |
| 40 to 49       | 2      | 10    | 0       | 12    | 17.14   |
| 50 to 59       | 3      | 6     | 0       | 9     | 12.86   |
| 60 to 69       | 1      | 5     | 0       | 6     | 8.57    |
| 70 to 79       | 2      | 3     | 0       | 5     | 7.14    |
| 80 to 89       | 1      | 0     | 0       | 1     | 1.43    |
| 90 to --       | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0.00    |
| Unknown        | 2      | 6     | 2       | 10    | 14.29   |
| <b>Total</b>   | 21     | 47    | 2       | 70    |         |
| <b>Percent</b> | 30.00  | 67.14 | 2.86    |       |         |

### Legend

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| BO - | Boating               |
| CA - | Camping               |
| LS - | Long Span Roof        |
| MH - | Mobile/Trailer Home   |
| OT - | Other                 |
| OU - | Outside/Open Areas    |
| PH - | Permanent Home        |
| SC - | School                |
| VE - | Vehicle/Towed Trailer |

### 2008 High Wind and Thunderstorm Wind Fatalities by State

| State               | Thunderstorm Wind | High Wind | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| AL (Alabama)        | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| AM (Atlantic South) | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| AN (Atlantic North) | 1                 | 1         | 2     |
| AR (Arkansas)       | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| CA (California)     | 0                 | 1         | 1     |
| GA (Georgia)        | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| IA (Iowa)           | 2                 | 0         | 2     |
| IL (Illinois)       | 2                 | 0         | 2     |
| IN (Indiana)        | 3                 | 5         | 8     |
| KY (Kentucky)       | 0                 | 1         | 1     |
| LA (Louisiana)      | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| MA (Massachusetts)  | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| MD (Maryland)       | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| MI (Michigan)       | 2                 | 0         | 2     |
| MT (Montana)        | 2                 | 0         | 2     |
| NJ (New Jersey)     | 3                 | 0         | 3     |
| NY (New York)       | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| OH (Ohio)           | 1                 | 6         | 7     |
| OR (Oregon)         | 0                 | 1         | 1     |
| PA (Pennsylvania)   | 1                 | 1         | 2     |
| TX (Texas)          | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| VA (Virginia)       | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| WA (Washington)     | 1                 | 0         | 1     |
| <b>Total</b>        | 28                | 16        | 44    |
| <b>Percent</b>      | 63.64             | 36.36     |       |

### 2008 High Wind and Thunderstorm Wind Fatalities by Gender

|                | Thunderstorm Wind | High Wind | Total | Percent |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Female         | 6                 | 5         | 11    | 25.00   |
| Male           | 20                | 11        | 31    | 70.45   |
| Unknown        | 2                 | 0         | 2     | 4.55    |
| <b>Total</b>   | 28                | 16        | 44    |         |
| <b>Percent</b> | 63.64             | 36.36     |       |         |