

2007 Flash Flood / River Flood Fatalities

In 2007, flash floods, river floods, and urban/small stream floods claimed 89 lives, up from 76 in 2006. The 2007 flood casualty total is well above the 10-year average of 74 deaths but below the 30 year average of 99 fatalities. Of the 89 deaths, 51 (57%) were caught in a vehicle other than a boat and 22 (25%) were swept away by flood waters. Texas had by far the most victims, 46, distantly followed by Minnesota with 8 deaths and Arizona and Oklahoma with 6. Flash floods caused 71 deaths; river floods, 18. Flood deaths were spread evenly through the age ranges with 20-29 and 70-79 hit most heavily with 14 (16%) of victims. Males accounted for 52 (58%) of deaths and females, 34 (38%).

2007 Flood Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	CA	IW	MH	OT	PH	VE	Total
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ME (Maine)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	8
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
NJ (New Jersey)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
NY (New York)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
OR (Oregon)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
TX (Texas)	1	0	0	12	0	3	0	30	46
WA (Washington)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV (West Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	1	0	0	22	1	11	3	51	89
Percent	1.12	0.00	0.00	24.72	1.12	12.36	3.37	57.30	

2007 Flood Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	4	3	0	7	7.87
10 to 19	5	3	0	8	8.99
20 to 29	4	10	0	14	15.73
30 to 39	4	2	0	6	6.74
40 to 49	1	5	1	7	7.87
50 to 59	3	8	0	11	12.36
60 to 69	4	5	0	9	10.11
70 to 79	6	8	0	14	15.73
80 to 89	1	6	0	7	7.87
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	2	2	2	6	6.74
Total	34	52	3	89	
Percent	38.20	58.43	3.37		

Legend

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