

2008 Flash Flood / River Flood Fatalities

In 2008, flash and river floods claimed 82 lives, down from 89 in 2007. The 2008 flood casualty total is above the 10-year average of 74 deaths but below the 30 year average of 99 fatalities. Of the 82 deaths, 39 (48%) were caught in a vehicle other than a boat and 23 (28%) were swept away by flood waters. Missouri and Indiana had the most victims with 11 deaths each. Flash floods caused 58 deaths; river floods, 24. Flood deaths were heaviest in the 50-59 age range with 15 (18%), followed by the 40-49 age range 12 (18%) and 20-29 with 11 (13%). Males accounted for 59 (72%) deaths and females, 18 (22%) with 5 death (6%) were unknown.

2008 Flood Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	CA	IW	MH	OT	PH	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
AR (Arkansas)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
CA (California)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
CT (Connecticut)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
IA (Iowa)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	5
IN (Indiana)	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	11
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MI (Michigan)	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	4	11
MS (Mississippi)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
NH (New Hampshire)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NM (New Mexico)	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
PR (Puerto Rico)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
UT (Utah)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WY (Wyoming)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	3	0	0	23	0	16	1	39	82
Percent	3.66	0.00	0.00	28.05	0.00	19.51	1.22	47.56	

2008 Flood Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	4	2	0	6	7.32
10 to 19	0	7	0	7	8.54
20 to 29	4	7	0	11	13.41
30 to 39	1	2	0	3	3.66
40 to 49	2	10	0	12	14.63
50 to 59	4	11	0	15	18.29
60 to 69	2	8	0	10	12.20
70 to 79	1	5	0	6	7.32
80 to 89	0	4	0	4	4.88
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	3	5	8	9.76
Total	18	59	5	82	
Percent	21.95	71.95	6.10		

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