

2009 Tornado Fatalities

Tornadoes caused 21 deaths in the United States in 2009. Down significantly from 126 in 2008 and below the 10-year average of 56. As in most years, the most dangerous place to be during a tornado was in a mobile home, which accounted for 12 (57%) of deaths. Permanent homes were the next most fatal location with 5 (24%) of fatalities, trailed by 2 victims (10%) struck while outside. Tornado fatalities were one of few areas where more females were victims than males: 12 women and 9 men. Victims spanned the age ranges, but were most heavily impacted in the 30-69 year old categories with 17 deaths (81%).

2009 Tornado Fatalities by State and Location									
State	BU	LS	MH	OT	OU	PH	SC	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
AR (Arkansas)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
GA (Georgia)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
MO (Missouri)	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
MS (Mississippi)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	1	8
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total	0	0	12	1	2	5	0	1	21
Percent	0.00	0.00	57.14	4.76	9.52	23.81	0.00	4.76	

2009 Tornado Fatalities by Age and Gender					
	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	1	0	0	1	4.76
10 to 19	0	0	0	0	0.00
20 to 29	1	0	0	1	4.76
30 to 39	1	4	0	5	23.81
40 to 49	1	2	0	3	14.29
50 to 59	5	0	0	5	23.81
60 to 69	2	2	0	4	19.05
70 to 79	0	1	0	1	4.76
80 to 89	1	0	0	1	4.76
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	12	9	0	21	
Percent	57.14	42.86	0.00		

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