

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 23 (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
Total	4	2	0	3	22	13	3	0	23	70
Percent	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	Legend
0 to 9	2	2	0	4	5.71	BO - Boating
10 to 19	2	4	0	6	8.57	CA - Camping
20 to 29	3	6	0	9	12.86	LS - Long Span Roof
30 to 39	3	5	0	8	11.43	MH - Mobile/Trailer Home
40 to 49	2	10	0	12	17.14	OT - Other
50 to 59	3	6	0	9	12.86	OU - Outside/Open Areas
60 to 69	1	5	0	6	8.57	PH - Permanent Home
70 to 79	2	3	0	5	7.14	SC - School
80 to 89	1	0	0	1	1.43	VE - Vehicle/Towed Trailer
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00	
Unknown	2	6	2	10	14.29	
Total	21	47	2	70		
Percent	30.00	67.14	2.86			

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
Total	28	16	44
Percent	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
Total	28	16	44	
Percent	63.64	36.36		