

2006 Winter Weather Related Fatalities

There were 17 winter storm deaths in 2006, down from 34 in 2005. This number is well below the 10-year average of 41. Arizona claimed the highest death toll with 8, followed by California with 4. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2006 was in a vehicle, which accounted for 11 (65%) of the winter weather victims, followed by people caught outside who accounted for 5 deaths (29%). In 2006, victims were mostly younger people. The 10-19 age range and 40-49 range each numbered 3 victims; 20-29 and 30-39 age ranges numbered 2 deaths each. There were no ice related deaths in 2006, but avalanches accounted for 11 fatalities, matching the 2005 number. More males were victims (9) than females (6).

2006 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

| <u>STATE</u> | <u>LS</u> | <u>MH</u> | <u>OT</u> | <u>OU</u> | <u>PH</u> | <u>VE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| AK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| AZ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| CA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| NV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| PA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| UT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 17 |
| PERCENT | 0 | 0 | 6 | 29 | 0 | 65 | 100 |

2006 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

| | <u>FEMALE</u> | <u>MALE</u> | <u>UNKNOWN</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0 TO 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 TO 19 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| 20 TO 29 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| 30 TO 39 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| 40 TO 49 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| 50 TO 59 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| 60 TO 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 70 TO 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 80 TO 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90 TO -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UNKNOWN | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 35 |
| TOTAL | 6 | 9 | 2 | 17 | 101* |
| PERCENT | 35 | 53 | 12 | 100 | |

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle