

1998 Winter Weather Related Fatalities

In 1998, winter weather caused 77 fatalities; 64 from winter weather, 4 from ice, and 9 from an avalanche. This number is down 18% from the 1997 total of 94. The most severe storms include a January 11 cold front that moved across much of Utah generating heavy snowfall and strong, gusty winds (107 mph at Mt. Ogden). A February storm off the central coast of North Carolina caused a 68-foot fishing vessel to sink, killing all four crewmen aboard. Of the 68 fatalities from winter storms and ice, 36 were in vehicles and 15 others were out in the open. Nearly two and a half times as many males (47) as females (20) died of winter storms and ice. The 40- to 50-year-old age group suffered the highest number of fatalities with 16.

1998 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>
AL	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CA	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
CO	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
IA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
KS	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
KY	0	1	3	0	1	0	5
LA	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MA	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
ME	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
MT	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	4	0	0	2	6
NE	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
NV	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NY	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OR	0	0	0	4	0	3	7
TN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TX	0	0	0	4	0	2	6
UT	0	0	2	0	0	6	8
VA	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
WA	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
WV	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
WY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	1	1	10	15	5	36	68
PERCENT	1	1	15	22	7	53	99*

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

1998 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	2	0	2	3
10 TO 19	1	5	0	6	9
20 TO 29	4	3	0	7	10
30 TO 39	2	6	0	8	12
40 TO 49	3	13	0	16	24
50 TO 59	2	6	0	8	12
60 TO 69	1	2	0	3	4
70 TO 79	4	1	0	5	7
80 TO 89	3	1	0	4	6
90 TO --	0	1	0	1	1
UNKNOWN	0	7	1	8	12
TOTALS	20	47	1	68	100
PERCENT	29	69	1	100	

LEGEND

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