

2008 Tornado Fatalities

Tornadoes caused 126 deaths in the United States in 2008. This number is up 45 from the 2007 total of 81 and significantly over the 10-year average of 62. Tornado deaths in 2008 also topped the 30-year average of 54 per year. As in most years, the most dangerous place to be during a tornado was in a mobile home, which accounted for 55 (44%) of deaths. Permanent homes were the next most fatal location with 43 (34%) of fatalities, trailed by 14 victims (11%) struck while in a vehicle. Tornado fatalities were spread fairly evenly between the sexes with 66 men and 59 women killed. Victims spanned the age ranges, but were most heavily impacted in the 50-59 year old categories with 25 deaths (20%).

2008 Tornado Fatalities by State and Location

State	BU	LS	MH	OT	OU	PH	SC	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	6
AR (Arkansas)	1	0	11	1	0	8	0	0	21
CO (Colorado)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FL (Florida)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
GA (Georgia)	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	5
IA (Iowa)	0	0	0	4	0	9	0	0	13
IN (Indiana)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
KS (Kansas)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	4
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MO (Missouri)	0	0	9	1	0	3	0	6	19
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
NH (New Hampshire)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	16	4	0	10	0	1	31
Total	1	0	55	10	3	43	0	14	126
Percent	0.79	0.00	43.65	7.94	2.38	34.13	0.00	11.11	

2008 Tornado Fatalities by Age and Gender

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

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	2	2	0	4	3.17
10 to 19	3	9	0	12	9.52
20 to 29	4	7	0	11	8.73
30 to 39	3	5	0	8	6.35
40 to 49	8	8	0	16	12.70
50 to 59	12	13	0	25	19.84
60 to 69	8	4	0	12	9.52
70 to 79	8	9	0	17	13.49
80 to 89	9	3	0	12	9.52
90 to --	0	2	0	2	1.59
Unknown	2	4	1	7	5.56
Total	59	66	1	126	
Percent	46.83	52.38	0.79		