

This data is for the state of North Dakota

year	number of individual tornadoes	total number of counties touched by those tornadoes
1950	2	2
1951	2	2
1952	11	12
1953	10	10
1954	4	4
1955	12	12
1956	14	15
1957	13	13
1958	9	9
1959	11	11
1960	16	17
1961	2	2
1962	9	9
1963	5	5
1964	11	11
1965	43	43
1966	29	29
1967	16	16
1968	7	7
1969	7	7
1970	12	12
1971	16	16
1972	9	9
1973	10	10
1974	26	26
1975	17	17
1976	52	52
1977	33	33
1978	35	35
1979	25	25
1980	31	31
1981	15	15
1982	19	19
1983	26	26
1984	15	15
1985	32	32
1986	30	30
1987	22	22
1988	28	28
1989	12	12
1990	25	25
1991	17	17
1992	16	16

1993	38	40
1994	25	25
1995	13	13
1996	25	25
1997	31	31
1998	28	28
1999	61	65
2000	33	36
2001	48	50
2002	18	18
2003	31	32
2004	46	50
2005	48	57
2006	21	25
2007	38	45
2008	32	35
2009	30	31
2010	60	66
2011	59	62
2012	9	9
2013	16	16
2014	14	15
2015	31	32
2016	22	23
2017	32	33
2018	28	29
2019	15	15
2020	22	23
2021	13	15
2022	16	16
2023	7	7
2024	14	14
total	1680	1740
average	22.5	

The number of counties can exceed 53, the total number of counties in ND. We count a county every time it is touched by a tornado. If the same county has 5 tornadoes in a year it is counted 5 times. In this way the number of counties touched must be equal to or exceed the number of tornadoes. That number must match each county's tornado total when all 53 numbers are added.

Tornado deaths 27. Tornado injuries 388. (1950 through 2024).

Earliest tornado (calendar year) March 26, 2003 Stutsman County.

Latest tornado (calendar year) November 1, 2000 Bismarck/Mandan area.

Most tornadoes in a year is 61 in 1999. Least tornadoes in a year is 2 in 1950, 1951, and 1961.

Most tornadoes in a calendar day is 24 on June 11, 1976.

Most tornadoes in any 24 hour period is 29 on June 11-12, 1976. There were 30 tornadoes, 24 on June 11 and 6 on June 12. One occurred outside the 24 hour window.

NCEI (formally NCDC) web site is missing June 1993 (11 tornadoes in 12 counties) and July 1993 (22 tornadoes in 23 counties) data. There were 5 tornadoes in 5 counties in August for a total of 38 in 40 for the year.

NCEI web site is missing 3 tornadoes in Kidder County, 07-01-1952, 06-17-1956, and 07-04-1960.

They are listed for Burleigh County and based on LAT/LON most likely crossed into Kidder County.

This data was compiled from several sources and contains the best information available. Due to difficulties inherent in the collection of weather data it may not be all inclusive.

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