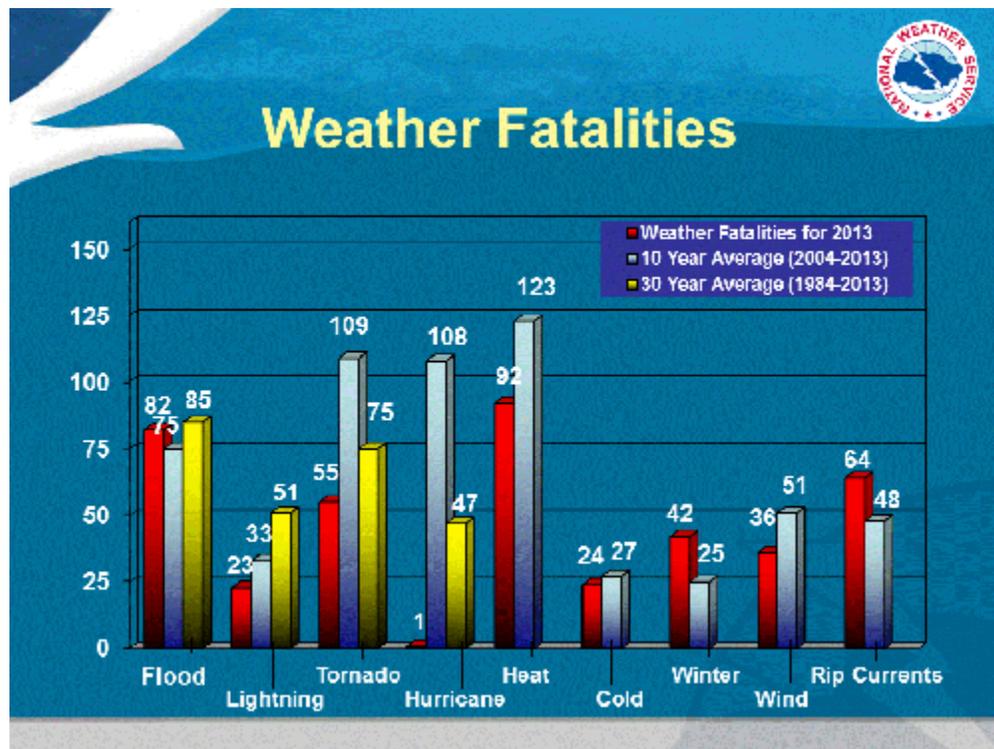




Summer Weather Safety

Two of the biggest weather hazards that affect the United States typically occur during the summer months: Lightning and Excessive Heat. The following chart illustrates that pretty well.

United States Average Deaths



The U.S. Natural Hazard Statistics provide statistical information on fatalities, injuries and damages caused by weather related hazards. These statistics are compiled by the Office of Services and the National Climatic Data Center from information contained in *Storm Data*, a report comprising data from NWS forecast offices in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Missouri Heat Related Deaths*

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Deaths		14	52	52	26	11	10	34	25	25	3	17

Missouri Heat Related Deaths: 1980 - 2013: 1076

* [Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services \(DHSS\)](#)

[More Hyperthermia statistics for Missouri](#)

[DHSS article on heat related deaths in Missouri for 2007](#)

Missouri Lightning Deaths

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Deaths		1	0	3	1*	2	1	2	0*	2	0	0

The 3 Deaths in Missouri in 2011 tied with Utah for most in the United States in 2011

The above covers reports received by the National Weather Service in Missouri. Historically, deaths and injuries from lightning have been very under reported.

[United States Lightning Deaths: 2014](#)

[United States Lightning Deaths: Thus far in 2015](#)