

1996 Winter Storm Fatalities

Winter Storms ranked as the second deadliest weather, accounting for 86 deaths in 1996—nearly eight times the 1995 total of 11. (The 1996 winter statistics include ice related deaths but not avalanche.) The "Blizzard of 1996" was the biggest killer. Vehicle accidents accounted for 37 deaths; exposure to the elements caused another 34. Many of the exposure deaths were people who became disoriented in blizzard conditions and died of hypothermia. Pennsylvania and South Dakota experienced the highest number of winter related fatalities with 9 each; North Carolina followed with 7; Washington, 6; and numerous other states had fewer than 6 fatalities each. Male deaths outnumbered female deaths by more than 3:2 with the 30- to 59-year-old age group being the most susceptible to the dangers of winter weather. There were also 677 injuries reported, second only to tornadoes with 705.

1996 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	2	0	0	2
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CA	0	0	1	2	0	1	4
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
IA	0	0	0	2	0	3	5
IL	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MD	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MI	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
MN	0	0	0	3	0	1	4
MT	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
NC	0	3	0	2	1	1	7
ND	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NE	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
NH	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
NM	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NY	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
OH	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
OR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PA	0	0	0	8	0	1	9
SD	0	0	0	0	1	8	9
TX	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
UT	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
VA	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
VT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WA	0	1	2	0	1	2	6
WI	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	4	6	34	5	37	86
PERCENT	0	5	7	40	6	43	100*

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

1996 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	1	1	0	2	2
10 TO 19	3	4	0	7	8
20 TO 29	3	5	0	8	9
30 TO 39	5	9	0	14	16
40 TO 49	6	9	0	15	17
50 TO 59	1	10	0	11	13
60 TO 69	4	4	0	8	9
70 TO 79	0	6	0	6	7
80 TO 89	4	3	0	7	8
90 TO --	1	0	0	1	1
UNKNOWN	4	3	0	7	8
TOTALS	32	54	0	86	98*
PERCENT	37	63	0	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