

Arkansas Weather Statistics for 2026

Tornadoes

(9 tornadoes, 0 fatalities, 1 injury)

Note: Roughly 37 tornadoes occur annually (based on a thirty year average from 1991 to 2020). Tornadoes rated EFU (where “U” is unknown) indicate unknown damage because there was no damage to survey.

1. 2 miles W of Willisville to 3 miles NNW of Willisville (Nevada Co.), March 7, 537 AM-An EF2 tornado had a path length of 2.7 miles. **(1 injury)**
2. 2 miles SSE of Gillham to 2 miles SSE of Gillham (Sevier Co.), March 11, 112 AM-An EF1 tornado had a path length of 0.5 miles.
3. 3 miles E of Thornton (Calhoun Co.) to 4 miles ENE of Kingsland (Cleveland Co.), March 11, 657 AM-An EF1 tornado had a path length of 14.7 miles.
4. 3 miles WSW of Minturn to 2 miles WNW of Sedgwick (Lawrence Co.), March 15, 543 PM-An EF1 tornado had a path length of 10.5 miles.
5. 4 miles N of Fontaine to 5 miles NW of Walcott (Greene Co.), March 15, 558 PM-An EF0 tornado had a path length of 4.48 miles.
6. 4 miles E of Humphrey to 5 miles SSW of Stuttgart (Arkansas Co.), March 15, 602 PM-An EFU tornado had a path length of 2.4 miles.
7. 1 mile NNW of Beech Grove to 2 miles ENE of Beech Grove (Greene Co.), March 15, 607 PM-An EF0 tornado had a path length of 2.19 miles.
8. 1 mile SW of Lafe to 1 mile SSW of Lafe (Greene Co.), March 15, 623 PM-An EF1 tornado had a path length of 0.88 miles.
9. 4 miles WNW of Rector to 2 miles NW of Rector (Clay Co.), March 15, 624 PM-An EF1 tornado had a path length of 2.04 miles.

Thunderstorm (Straight-Line) Winds

(0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

90 to 100 mph

80 to 90 mph

A line of storms moved across Independence County during the morning hours of March 7. An area of severe wind gusts between 80-90 mph occurred along Highway 25 in the Charlotte community around 737 AM. Numerous trees were knocked down with some damage to a few structures as well.

A line of storms moved across Saline County during the morning hours of March 7. An area of severe wind gusts between 80-90 mph occurred between Highways 5/7 south of the Kentucky community around 805 AM. More than 150 trees were knocked down.

75 to 80 mph

Wind damage occurred near Piggott (Clay Co.) and Rector (Clay Co.) during the evening of March 15th. Estimated peak wind speeds were near 80 mph.

An observed wind gust of 75 mph occurred at the Jonesboro (Craighead Co.) ASOS (KJBR) at 618 PM, March 15.

An observed wind gust of 77 mph occurred at a Union Pacific RR weather station in Minturn (Lawrence Co.) at 550 PM, March 15.

Non-Thunderstorm Winds (0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

Hail (0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

4.00 inches

3.00 inches

2.75 inches

2.50 inches

2.00 inches

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Floods and Flash Floods (0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

Lightning (0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

Records of Note

Notes:

Severe weather events shown above have likely been certified for publication in *Storm Data* (published by the National Centers for Environmental Information) if they occurred more than 60 days prior to the first day of the current month. So, reports in February would be published by May 1st. These entries are still subject to change if additional information is received or errors are found.

Severe weather events will be added as soon as possible after they occur. However, because it often takes several days to survey tornado tracks after a large severe weather outbreak, it may be a week or more before tornadoes can be added to the list.

Beginning and ending points of a tornado are determined by a laptop and a GPS device used during storm surveys. Initially, the points are represented by latitudes and longitudes.

At the conclusion of the surveys, nearby towns are used to reference these points. Some of the towns in the database are quite small, and it may be necessary to use commercial map plotting software to locate these communities.