

Table 370. Tornadoes, Floods, Tropical Storms, and Lightning: 1995 to 2006

Weather type	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Tornadoes: ¹										
Number	1,235	1,424	1,343	1,071	1,216	941	1,376	1,819	1,264	1,032
Lives lost	30	130	94	41	40	55	54	35	38	67
Injuries	650	1,868	1,842	882	743	968	1,087	396	537	990
Property loss (mil. dol.) . .	411	1,714	1,990	424	630	801	1,263	537	422	752
Floods and flash floods:										
Lives lost	80	136	68	38	48	49	85	82	43	76
Injuries	57	6,440	301	47	277	88	65	128	38	23
Property loss (mil. dol.) . .	1,251	2,325	1,421	1,255	1,220	655	2,541	1,696	1,538	3,768
North Atlantic tropical storms and hurricanes ²										
Direct deaths on U.S. mainland	19	14	12	15	15	12	21	16	27	10
Property loss in U.S. (bil.dol.)	17	9	19	–	24	51	14	34	1,016	–
	5.9	3.5	4.2	8.1	5.2	1.1	1.9	18.9	93.0	2.4
Lightning:										
Deaths	85	44	46	51	44	51	44	32	38	48
Injuries	433	283	243	364	371	256	237	280	309	246

– Represents zero. ¹ Source: U.S. National Weather Service, Internet site <<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/climo/torn/monthlytomstats.html>>.

A violent, rotating column of air descending from a cumulonimbus cloud in the form of a tubular- or funnel-shaped cloud, usually characterized by movements along a narrow path and wind speeds from 100 to over 300 miles per hour. Also known as a “twister” or “waterspout.” ² Source: National Hurricane Center (NHC), Coral Gables, FL, unpublished data. For data on individual hurricanes, see the NHC Internet site at <<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>>.

Source: Except as noted, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service (NWS), *Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services, Natural Hazard Statistics*, monthly. See also NOAA Web site at <<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hazstats.shtml>>.