

Table 374. Tornadoes, Floods, Tropical Storms, and Lightning: 1995 to 2007

Weather type	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Tornadoes: ¹										
Number	1,235	1,343	1,071	1,216	941	1,376	1,819	1,264	1,103	1,098
Lives lost	30	94	41	40	55	54	35	38	67	81
Injuries	650	1,842	882	743	968	1,087	396	537	990	659
Property loss (mil. dol.) . .	411	1,990	424	630	801	1,263	537	422	752	1,408
Floods and flash floods:										
Lives lost	80	68	38	48	49	85	82	43	76	70
Injuries	57	301	47	277	88	65	128	38	23	51
Property loss (mil. dol.) . .	1,251	1,421	1,255	1,220	655	2,541	1,696	1,538	3,768	1,278
North Atlantic tropical storms and hurricanes ²	19	12	15	15	12	21	16	27	10	15
Direct deaths on U.S. mainland	17	19	–	24	51	14	34	1,016	–	1
Property loss in U.S. (bil.dol.)	5.9	4.2	8.1	5.2	1.1	1.9	18.9	93.0	2.4	38.8
Lightning:										
Deaths	85	46	51	44	51	44	32	38	48	45
Injuries	433	243	364	371	256	237	280	309	246	138

– Represents zero. ¹ Source: U.S. National Weather Service, <<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/climo/torn/monthlytornstats.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 ² Source: National Hurricane Center (NHC), Coral Gables, FL, unpublished data.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 Web 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>>.