United States Tornadoes of 2011*

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*2011 data subject to revision.

Comparisons are made for the period 1950-2011. This is the official NOAA/NWS period of record for tornado events in the United States. Annual and single tornado fatality records (for the purposes of comparison with 2011) are extended back to the greatest known fatality outbreak in U.S. history, the Tri-State Tornado Outbreak of March 1925. **Notable records established in 2011 are highlighted in bold font.**

First Tornado (Earliest on Record).....12:03 AM CST, 1-Jan-2011 (EF3-MS)
Last Tornado.....6:18 PM CST, 22-Dec-2011 (EF0-GA)
2011 Tornado Days.....179
50-Year Annual Average.....177 (1961-2010)
Record Tornado Days in Any Year.....211 in 2000

2011 States Reporting Tornadoes.....48 (**Ranked 1st**, tied with 1989)
50-Year Annual Average # of States.....43

2011 Total Tornadoes.....1690 (**Ranked 2nd**)
Annual Record.....1817 in 2004

Greatest 2011 Monthly Total.....758 in April (**Ranked 1st**)
Previous Greatest Monthly Total.....542 in May 2004

Greatest Daily Total (Mid-Mid CST).....200 on 27-Apr-2011 (**Ranked 1st**)
Previous Greatest Daily Total.....128 on 3-Apr-1974

2011 Tornado Deaths.....550 (**Ranked 4th**)
Year with Most Tornado Deaths.....1925 (Tri-State, ~700 deaths)
Most Recent Year with 500+ Deaths.....1953 with 519 fatalities

2011 Tornado Injuries.....5400 (**Ranked 2nd**)
Greatest Annual Number of Injuries.....6000 in 1974

2011 Longest Track.....132 miles (AL-TN, 27-Apr)
Record Longest Track.....235 miles (LA-MS, 22-Mar-1953)

2011 Deadliest Tornado.....Joplin, MO, 158, 22-May (**7th**)
Record Single Deadliest Tornado.....Tri-State, ~700, 18-Mar-1925
Previous Single Deadliest Tornado.....Woodward, OK, 181, 9-Apr-1947

2011 Tornadoes Rated (E)F4-5.....22 (**Ranked 4th**, tied with 1953)
Record Annual Number.....36 in 1974

2011 Tornadoes Rated (E)F5 (200+mph).....6 (**Ranked 2nd**)
Record Annual Number of (E)F5 Tornadoes.....7 in 1974

2011 Estimated Property and Crop Losses.....~ $10 billion USD (**Ranked 1st**)
Greatest Losses from Single Tornado.....~ $2.8 billion USD (Joplin, MO)

This information has been compiled by the NOAA/NWS Storm Prediction Center from official records entered by NWS offices nationwide. For more information, please refer to the Storm Prediction Center website at http://www.spc.noaa.gov/ or contact Gregory.Carbin@noaa.gov.