

Kansas Tornado Statistics

Kansas ranks 3rd in the nation in the number of tornadoes with an average of 49 per year!

Tornadoes have occurred during every month of the year. However, statistics show April, May, and June are the peak months for tornado activity in Kansas.



APRIL ... May ... June

71 % of all tornadoes
93 % of all deaths
88 % of all injuries

Tornado fatalities have occurred as early as March 13 and as late as Halloween.

(Source: National Weather Service)

A tornado (from the Spanish "tronada", meaning thunderstorm) is a violently rotating column of air in contact with the ground. If you see a debris cloud under a thunderstorm, you have a tornado. You may see funnels dropping from a cloud, but it does not become a tornado until it touches the ground.

Worst Tornadoes

- 1) Udall - May 25, 1955 with 80 deaths and 270 injuries
- 2) Andover - April 26, 1991 with 17 deaths and 302 injuries
- 3) Topeka - June 8, 1966 with 16 deaths and 550 injuries
- 4) Lake Pomona - June 17, 1978 with 16 deaths and 3 injuries
- 5) El Dorado - June 10, 1958 with 15 deaths and 50 injuries
- 6) Emporia - June 8, 1974 with 6 deaths and 200 injuries

(Source: National Weather Service)

