

2008 Cold Related Fatalities

There were 44 extreme cold deaths in 2008, up from 34 in 2007. This number is still below the 10-year average of 47. Illinois again gained the dubious distinction of having the most cold-related deaths with 26. Wisconsin was a distant second with 4 hypothermia victims, followed by Minnesota with 3. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2008 was outside, which accounted for 27 deaths (61%), followed by in a permanent home without sufficient heat, 16 (36%). The hardest hit age range was seniors 70-79, which numbered 13 fatalities (30%), followed by the 60-69 age range with 8 deaths (18%). More men 25 (57%) were victims than women 19 (43%).

2008 Cold Related Fatalities by State and Location

State	IW	MH	OT	OU	PH	VE	Total
AR (Arkansas)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	11	15	0	26
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MI (Michigan)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ND (North Dakota)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NV (Nevada)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	3	0	1	4
Total	0	0	0	27	16	1	44
Percent	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.36	36.36	2.27	

2008 Cold Related Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	1	0	1	2.27
10 to 19	0	0	0	0	0.00
20 to 29	0	0	0	0	0.00
30 to 39	0	0	0	0	0.00
40 to 49	5	1	0	6	13.64
50 to 59	1	6	0	7	15.91
60 to 69	5	3	0	8	18.18
70 to 79	4	9	0	13	29.55
80 to 89	3	3	0	6	13.64
90 to --	1	1	0	2	4.55
Unknown	0	1	0	1	2.27
Total	19	25	0	44	
Percent	43.18	56.82	0.00		

Legend

IW -	In Water
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
PH -	Permanent Home
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer