

Arkansas Weather Statistics for 2012

Tornadoes

(18 tornadoes, 0 fatalities, 3 injuries)

Note: The last time Arkansas had fewer tornadoes than in 2012 was in 2007, when only 16 tornadoes occurred.

1. 1.3 miles northwest of Little Bay to 2.2 miles west of Chowan (Calhoun, Dallas, and Cleveland Cos.), January 22, 7:13 PM – An EF2 tornado had a path length of 19.64 miles.
2. 1.6 miles west of Tomberlin to 1 mile west of Tomberlin (Lonoke Co.), January 22, 7:29 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 0.76 mile.
3. 1.6 miles southwest of Linwood to 2.2 miles east-northeast of Linwood (Jefferson Co.), January 22, 8:05 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 3.78 miles.
4. 1.4 miles east-southeast of Sweden to 1.3 miles north of Eldridge Corner (Jefferson and Arkansas Cos.), January 22, 8:15 PM – An EF2 tornado had a path length of 16.98 miles.
5. 1.5 miles west of Olena to 0.8 mile north-northeast of Crocketts Bluff (Arkansas Co.), January 22, 8:36 PM – An EF2 tornado had a path length of 14.43 miles.
6. 3.7 miles east-southeast of One Horse Store to 1.6 miles east of DeWitt Airport (Arkansas Co.), January 22, 8:45 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 9.4 miles.
7. 3.5 miles south-southwest of Ragtown to Postelle (Monroe and Phillips Cos.), January 22, 9:03 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 8.26 miles.
8. 0.4 mile southwest of Uniontown to 4.6 miles west of Chester (Crawford Co.), March 19, 9:52 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 13 miles.
9. 0.8 mile east-northeast of Efay to 1.7 miles east-northeast of Efay (Washington Co.), March 19, 10:20 PM – An EF0 tornado had a path length of 1 mile.
10. 1.4 miles northwest of Fairbanks to 2.5 miles north-northeast of Fairbanks (Van Buren Co.), April 15, 6:11 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 2.27 miles.

11. 3 miles northeast of Culler to 3.1 miles northeast of Culler (Lonoke Co.), June 4, 3:45 PM – An EF0 tornado had a path length of 0.1 mile. This was a landspout-type tornado.
12. 0.5 mile north-northwest of Corning airport to 1.2 miles north-northeast of Corning airport (Clay Co.), September 1, 4:19 PM – An EF2 tornado had a path length of 0.9 mile.
13. 3.3 miles north of Corning to 3.4 miles north of Corning (Clay Co.), September 1, 4:22 PM – An EF0 tornado had a path length of 0.06 mile.
14. 2.5 miles south-southeast of Bentonville airport to 2.4 miles east-northeast of Bestwater (Benton Co.), October 13, 9:36 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 12.5 miles. Two people were injured.
15. 1.4 miles northwest of Seaton (Lonoke Co.), October 17, 6:53 PM – An EF0 tornado had a path length of 0.07 mile.
16. 1.2 miles northwest of Clarendon to 0.9 mile northwest of Clarendon (Monroe Co.), October 17, 7:40 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 0.39 mile.
17. 1.6 miles south-southeast of Island to 2.5 miles east-southeast of Riverdale (Sebastian Co.), December 19, 9:46 PM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 3 miles.
18. 2.8 miles west of Sheridan to 2.1 miles west of Sheridan (Grant Co.), December 20, 1:25 AM – An EF1 tornado had a path length of 0.64 mile. One person was injured.

Thunderstorm (Straight-Line) Winds (0 fatalities, 3 injuries)

115 mph...

5 miles north of Marvell (Phillips Co.), January 22.

100 mph...

1 mile west-northwest of Helena-West Helena (Phillips Co.), January 22.

86 mph...

0.4 mile southwest of Vaughn (Benton Co.), July 8.

2.4 miles south of Japton (Madison Co.), July 19.

85 mph...

3 miles south of Dover (Pope Co.), September 7.

0.7 mile south-southeast of Healing Springs (Benton Co.), October 13.

82 mph...

Stuttgart Airport (Prairie Co.), February 1.

80 mph...

0.7 mile north of Lewisburg to 1.7 miles northeast of Morrilton (Conway Co.), March 20.

One person was injured when a tree fell on a house.

West Fork (Washington Co.), June 3.

0.7 mile north of Harris (Washington Co.), June 3.

1.4 miles south of Huntsville (Madison Co.), June 3.

2.9 miles south-southeast of Huntsville (Madison Co.), June 3.

3 miles west of Green Forest (Carroll Co.), June 3.

0.5 mile east of Goshen (Washington Co.), July 7.

0.6 mile north-northwest of Oak Grove (Carroll Co.), July 19.

0.7 mile north-northwest of Oak Grove (Carroll Co.), July 19.

1.9 miles north of Lookout (Benton Co.), July 26.

0.7 mile south of Efav (Washington Co.), July 26.

0.3 mile northeast of Mayfield (Washington Co.), July 26.

1.5 miles west-northwest of Kimes (Crawford Co.), July 26.

0.8 mile east-southeast of Greenwood (Sebastian Co.), July 26.

4.3 miles north-northwest of Vesta (Franklin Co.), July 26.

0.6 mile west-northwest of Sulphur Springs (Benton Co.), August 4.

Bella Vista (Benton Co.), August 4.

0.5 mile north of Bella Vista (Benton Co.), August 4.

0.5 mile west-northwest of Sulphur Springs (Benton Co.), August 4.

0.3 mile east-northeast of Pea Ridge (Benton Co.), August 4.

0.4 mile north-northwest of Hot Springs (Garland Co.), August 5.

Springdale (Washington Co.), August 8.

0.4 mile northeast of St. Paul (Madison Co.), August 16.

0.7 mile east of Fayetteville (Washington Co.), September 7.

1.4 miles northeast of Baldwin (Washington Co.), September 7.

0.8 mile west-southwest of Hindsville (Madison Co.), September 7.

Berryville (Carroll Co.), September 7.

Batesville Airport (Independence Co.), September 7.

0.6 mile north of Cass (Franklin Co.), October 13.

0.9 mile of Eastwood to 2.6 miles northeast of Samples (Jefferson Co.), December 20.

77 mph...

3.1 miles northeast of Weaver (Nevada Co.), December 20.

75 mph...

4 miles southeast of Piggott (Clay Co.), January 22.

3.9 miles north-northwest of Bella Vista (Benton Co.), February 29.

2 miles north of Pea Ridge (Benton Co.), February 29.

4 miles north of Eureka Springs (Carroll Co.), March 19.

1.15 miles north-northeast of Midway (Baxter Co.), March 20.

0.4 mile north of Van Buren (Crawford Co.), April 3.

0.6 mile west of Summers (Washington Co.), April 15.

Shirley (Van Buren Co.), June 3.

Barling (Sebastian Co.), July 7.

4 miles northeast of Gentry (Benton Co.), July 8.

Fort Smith (Sebastian Co.), July 26.

3.5 miles northwest of Flint Springs (Fulton Co.), August 1.

0.6 mile south of Furry (Crawford Co.), August 7.

3 miles west of Huntsville (Madison Co.), September 6.

0.5 mile north-northeast of Clifty (Madison Co.), September 7.

0.7 mile northwest of Huntsville (Madison Co.), September 7.

Kingston (Madison Co.), September 7.

Fort Smith (Sebastian Co.), September 7.

0.4 mile west-southwest of Charleston, September 7.

3.7 miles east of Peter Pender (Franklin Co.), September 7.

Desha (Independence Co.), September 7.

Sulphur Rock (Independence Co.), September 7.

1.7 miles east-northeast of Gepp to 2.2 miles south of Pickren Hall (Fulton Co.),
December 9.

A person was injured when a tree fell on a mobile home near Crossett (Ashley Co.), April 2.

A person was injured when a window blew in on the press box during a high school football game 2.3 miles south of Ramsey Hill (Independence Co.), September 7.

Hail

4.50 inches...

Smithville (Lawrence Co.), June 3.

4.25 inches...

1.7 miles northeast of Ferda (Jefferson Co.), January 22.

2.75 inches...

0.9 mile northeast of Hooker (Jefferson Co.), January 22.

1 mile northwest of Hooker (Jefferson Co.), January 22.

Tuckerman (Jackson Co.), January 22.

Newport (Jackson Co.), January 22.

Griffith Spring (Lincoln Co.), January 22.

Brinkley (Monroe Co.), January 22.

3 miles south of Dover (Pope Co.), September 7.

2.50 inches...

Kingston (Madison Co.), February 29.

Hickory Flat (White Co.), June 3.

3 miles west-northwest of Tontitown (Washington Co.), August 12.

2.25 inches...

2.6 miles west-southwest of Ola (Yell Co.), April 4.

2.00 inches...

2 miles east of Plainview (Yell Co.), April 4.

Ola (Yell Co.), April 4.

Floods and Flash Floods

(2 fatalities, 0 injuries)

Boyle Park in Little Rock (Pulaski Co.), March 21 – The body of a 46 year-old woman was found in Rock Creek, with the cause of her death being drowning. The circumstances of how she ended up in the creek were unknown, but she was apparently on foot at the time.

1.9 miles east of Saddle (Fulton Co.), March 24 – A 4 year-old boy drowned in the South Fork of the Spring River.

Lightning

(0 fatalities, 0 injuries)

Notes:

Severe weather events shown above in black have been certified for publication in *Storm Data*, which is published by the National Climatic Data Center. However, these entries are still subject to change if additional information is received or errors are found.

Tornadoes shown above will sometimes be referenced as being a certain number of miles from a different town than was indicated in the preliminary report sent to the news media. When a storm survey team goes out, a laptop computer and a GPS device are used to mark the latitude and longitude of the beginning and ending points of a tornado, as well as some intermediate points along the track. At the conclusion of the survey, the points on the laptop are used to compute where the beginning and ending points of the tornado are in relation to nearby towns. For easy reference, the only towns used are those that appear on the official map published by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. This information is then sent to the news media, so that they can disseminate the information quickly. A few days or weeks afterwards, the latitude and longitude points are entered into the official Storm Data software that is used by the National Weather Service. This software then computes beginning and ending points in relation to towns that are listed in the Storm Data database. Some of the communities in the database are quite small, and it may be necessary to reference commercial map plotting software such as Mapquest or Google Earth to see the location of these communities. The points that the software computes for tornadoes are those shown in the listing above, and these are the points that will appear when *Storm Data* is published by the National Climatic Data Center.