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The Ohio Insurance Institute (OII) summarizes Ohio wind/hailstorms that produced significant insured losses through July 2012.

Loss information is based on surveys conducted by the Ohio Insurance Institute, except for the April 22-28, 2011 storm system with preliminary loss data provided by [Property Claim Services](#) (PCS). PCS also provided storm information for the June/July 2012 storms, and the May and July 2011 storms.

**Note:** These are preliminary insured loss estimates and should not be construed as final loss costs unless noted. Loss figures are not adjusted to current year dollar-amounts. Links to corresponding news releases/storm info are provided when available.

- **[June 28-July 4, 2012 derecho](#)** and summer storms: Although this outbreak is actually considered two separate storm events from an insurance industry standpoint, the Ohio Insurance Institute combined them for storm loss survey purposes. In some cases the initial event (June 28-July 2) indirectly affected losses sustained in the second (July 2-4). Preliminary insured loss estimates for this 6-day period are \$433.5-\$440 million. This is Ohio's third costliest natural disaster in recent history from an insured loss standpoint. The two costliest are the Hurricane Ike 'dry hurricane' storm on September 14, 2008 (\$1.255 billion) and the 1974 Xenia tornado outbreak of April 1974 (\$1 billion in 2008 dollar-figures). A Federal Disaster Declaration for the state of Ohio was received on June 30. See the Ohio EMA [June 2012 situation reports](#) for more information.
- **March 2, 2012 storms:** Ohio Insurance Institute preliminary estimates showed \$15.4 million in insured losses from 2,195 claims from hail, high winds and tornadoes. [National Weather Service-Wilmington](#) reported at least six tornadoes across southwestern Ohio. Moscow, a village in Clermont County, was hardest hit by an EF-3 tornado. The storms were part of a system stretching from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes that killed more than three-dozen in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Alabama, including three in Ohio. Ohio Governor John Kasich issued an emergency declaration for Clermont County on March 3. See the Ohio EMA [March 2012 situation reports](#) for more information.
- **July 10-14, 2011 storms:** Ohio insured losses from a series of mid-July storms were at least \$31 million, OII reports. Preliminary survey estimates from OII and [Property Claims Services](#) find that insurance companies paid out \$30.8-\$43 million in Ohio claims from a July 10-14 storm system that brought flooding, hail, tornadoes and high winds to six states, including Ohio. The number of Ohio claims filed from the July storms are estimated between 6,923 and 7,500.
- **May 20-26, 2011:** Preliminary estimates peg this series of storms as the fourth costliest Ohio natural disaster in recent history from an insured loss standpoint. May losses are estimated at \$322-\$400 million, with claims ranging from 68,000 to 77,000.
- **April 22-28, 2011:** Preliminary statewide losses from high winds, tornadoes, rain and hail caused at least \$80 million in insured losses with 15,500 claims filed in Ohio, according to [Property Claim Services](#). [National Weather Service-Wilmington](#) reported an EF-0 tornado touched down near New Carlisle on April 27.
- **April 19-20, 2011:** High winds, tornadoes and hail caused at least \$43 million in insured losses with over 8,100 claims reported. 12 tornadoes were confirmed in Ohio during this storm event.
- **Sept. 16, 2010:** A series of storms produced 11 tornadoes, hail and high wind damage primarily in central, southeast and northeast parts of the state. Minor injuries were reported along with storm-related deaths in Bellville WV and Queens NY. Initial Ohio insured loss estimates are at least \$17.2 million.
- **June 5-6, 2010:** Severe storms moved across Ohio including a fatal EF-4 tornado in Wood and Ottawa counties with winds of 170-175 mph. Six Ohio deaths and numerous injuries were reported. Initial losses were estimated at \$22.1 million. These figures are now projected at over \$41.2 in insured losses due to \$19.1 million property damage claims settlement for Lake High School in Millbury.
- **May 7-8, 2010:** Storms centered across the top half of Ohio caused at least \$31.4 million in damages based on OII survey findings. Thunderstorms produced hail, wind and a May 7 tornado that touched down in Wood County. The National Weather Service reported hail measuring between 1¼ - 1½ inches in Sandusky.

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- **[Feb. 11-12, 2009](#)**: Windstorms caused at least \$88.9 million in damages, based on preliminary insured loss estimates from Ohio insurers representing nearly 80% of Ohio's personal auto insurance market, 76% of the homeowners market and about 33% of Ohio's commercial lines market based on 2007 Ohio premium volume.
- **[Sept. 14, 2008](#)**: The Hurricane-Ike related windstorm is the costliest Ohio natural disaster in recent times with \$1.255 billion in insured losses as of September 2009. [Click here](#) for preliminary loss estimate news release.
- **[June 8, 2007](#)**: Losses from this northeast Ohio hailstorm increased to at least \$288 million based on a May 2008 resurvey. Claims increased 74% – from 29,219 to at least 50,840 according to the resurvey. [Click here](#) for preliminary loss estimate news release.
- **[October 4, 2006](#)**: The most prominent storms produced hail and damaging winds across most of central Ohio. Oll's preliminary estimates show that at least 45,444 claims for \$239.6 million in insured losses were filed.
- **[May 17, 21, 26 & 27, 2004](#)**: This series of May storms affected Canton, Northeast Ohio, Newark and the greater-Dayton area. Over 44,000 claims totaled nearly \$167 million in estimated insured losses.
- **[April 20, 2003](#)**: This Easter Sunday hailstorm caused pockets of major damage over the central Ohio area. Oll's original survey estimated insured losses at \$51.7 million. A follow-up survey in April 2004 found that insured losses had skyrocketed more than four-fold to \$230.5 million and that reported claims more than tripled to 36,891. [Click here](#) for preliminary loss estimate news release.
- **[November 10, 2002](#)**: The series of severe storms caused at least \$91 million in insured losses from nearly 15,000 claims. Most losses resulted from tornadoes and high winds, but hail was also a factor.
- **[April 9, 2001](#)**: A hailstorm in the Dayton-Kettering area caused at least \$70 million in insured losses from about 27,575 claims.
- **[April 9, 1999](#)**: An early morning F4 tornado that ripped through the Cincinnati area caused at least \$66 million in insured losses from about 4,815 claims. Hail was cited in a number of claims.
- **[April 3-4, 1974](#)**: Xenia tornado superoutbreak. Total damages, not just insured losses, are estimated at \$1 billion in 2008 dollars according to the Insurance Information Institute.