

## Ohio wind and hailstorms through 2011

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Below is a list of Ohio wind/hailstorms that produced significant insured losses through Spring, 2011.

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). Additional July and May 2011 storm information was also provided by PCS.

Note: These are preliminary insured loss estimates and should not be construed as final loss costs unless noted otherwise. Loss figures are not adjusted to current year dollar-amounts except where noted.

- **July 10-14, 2011 storms:** Ohio insured losses from a series of mid-July storms were at least \$31 million, the Ohio Insurance Institute (OII) reports. Preliminary survey estimates from OII and [Property Claims Services](#) find that insurance companies paid out between \$30.8 and \$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 July storms are estimated between 6,923-7,500.
- **May 20-26, 2011:** Preliminary estimates peg this series of storms as the third costliest Ohio natural disaster in recent history from an insured loss standpoint. The two most significant are the 1974 Xenia tornado outbreak (April 1974) and the Hurricane Ike storm of September 14, 2008. May losses are estimated between \$322-400 million, with a claims range of 68,000-77,000.
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **Feb. 11-12, 2009** windstorm 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** Hurricane-Ike related windstorm is the costliest Ohio natural disaster in recent times with \$1.255 billion in insured losses as of September 2009.
- **June 8, 2007:** Losses from this northeast Ohio hailstorm increased to at least \$288 million based on a May 2008 resurvey, setting a record for Ohio hailstorm-related losses based on previous OII survey data. Claims increased 74% – from 29,219 to at least 50,840 according to the resurvey.
- **October 4, 2006:** The most prominent storms produced hail and damaging winds across most of central Ohio. OII'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. OII'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.
- **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 super-outbreak. Total damages, not just insured losses, are estimated at \$1 billion in 2008 dollars according to the Insurance Information Institute.