

Ohio winter storm history through 2011

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- [2010-11 Ohio winter storm](#) history (Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness)

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The following loss history is from major Ohio winter storm over the past two decades. Preliminary Ohio insured loss estimates (not final) were obtained through surveys conducted by the Ohio Insurance Institute. Property Claim Services (PCS), a unit of ISO, provided the US figures. ISO is a national source of information, products and services related to property and liability risk. Estimated total loss figures for each of the following storms are also provided in 2010 US dollars in (). Links to the original news releases provided when available.

- [February 27-28, 2011](#): A late February deluge that brought several inches of rain to parts of Ohio and significant flood, wind and water-related losses caused at least \$68.9 million in insured losses. Nearly 15,900 claims have been filed through March.
- [February 2011](#): The "Groundhog Day Blizzard of 2011" that brought white-out conditions to Northwest Ohio and high winds, ice and snow accumulations to the southern and central portions of the state caused at least \$23 million in insured losses and over 9,000 claims.
- [February 2010](#) winter storm series: According to the Ohio Insurance Institute (OII), insured losses from the series of February winter storms caused at least \$28.2 million in losses, with 12,173 claims filed to-date across the state.
- [February 11-12, 2009 windstorm](#): Unseasonably warm air combined with an approaching cold front across the Ohio Valley resulted in wind gusts in the 50-60 mph range in many parts of the state. Darke County recorded the highest gust at 76 mph, according to the National Weather Service. A series of complex storms near Cincinnati also produced marginally severe hail. This winter windstorm caused at least \$88.9 million (\$88.8m) in damages, based on preliminary insured loss estimates by OII.
- [January 4-6, 2005 winter storm](#): OII estimates this snow and ice storm caused at least \$38 million (\$42.2m) in insured losses in Ohio. 21 insurers reported their losses with totals ranging from 35 claims to about 2,600. Insured loss estimates ranged from \$100,000 to over \$6.4 million. According to OII survey results, insurers reported at least 14,800 claims from the storms through January 25, 2005. The January 4-6 storms combined ice, snow and rain. Massive power outages due to ice in the Cleveland-Akron corridor were reported as well as western and central portions of the state. Flooding was also reported, resulting in 59 counties being declared disaster emergencies by Governor Taft.
- [December 2004 holiday storm](#): OII estimates from the holiday snow and ice storm resulted in at least \$85 million (\$97.5m) in insured losses based on 27,119 claims. About 69% of the claims filed through mid-January '05 pertained to homeowners or renters insurance. The estimated homeowners losses were \$62.5 million for 18,657 claims. Losses in the personal auto line were estimated at just over 2,800 claims for \$5.9 million. Commercial losses, based on 1,322 claims, were at least \$11.8 million. The storm began December 22 and affected parts of the state throughout the Christmas holiday period. Massive power outages, ice and heavy snowfall were reported. Governor Taft declared emergencies in 20 counties.
- [February 2003 winter storm](#): The February 2003 snow and ice storms that hammered several states from the Mid-Atlantic to New England resulted in preliminary insured losses of about \$20 million (\$23.6m) in Ohio. According to PCS this was part of three winter storms during first quarter 2003 that blanketed 15 states, causing \$1.1 billion (\$1.3b) in insured losses.
- [January 1999 winter storms](#): Snow, ice, freezing rain and high winds combined forces throughout the Buckeye state in a series of January 1999 winter storms that caused over \$41 million (\$53.3m) in insured losses from at least 26,000 claims. Losses from four such storms totaled \$1.8 billion (\$2.3b) from claims in 30 states.
- [Blizzard of '96](#): This dual winter storm system first hit the second week of January 1996, followed by more snow, ice and strong winds during the third week of January. OII estimates that insured losses from these two storms topped \$46.2 million (\$63.8m) in the Buckeye state, with at least 28,500 claims being filed. Total losses from the storms were \$960 million (\$1.3b) from 485,000 claims in 17 states.
- [Winter Freeze of '94](#): Two separate winter storm events occurred January 14–20, 1994 affecting 20 states. It was followed up by an ice storm that hit parts of Ohio on February 8–9. OII preliminary figures found that at least \$40 million (\$58.5m) in insured losses resulted from 24,740 claims around the state. National insured loss estimates from the January storms totaled \$825 million (\$1.2b).
- [Blizzard of March 14, 1993](#): The March 11–14 storm front affected the eastern third of the US caused \$1.75 billion (\$2.6b) in insured losses, the ninth costliest US catastrophe. States hardest hit were Florida, North and South Carolina and Georgia. Ohio preliminary claims were above 45,000 with insured losses of over \$120 million (\$180m). States hardest hit were Florida, North and South Carolina and Georgia.