



# Severe Weather in Wisconsin

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## What Is Severe Weather?

Severe weather is destructive and often life-threatening. Common severe weather threats in Wisconsin include tornadoes, straight-line thunderstorm winds, and large hail.

June and July are typically the most active months, though severe storms can happen at any time of the year if the weather conditions are right.

## Why Severe Weather Matters

1. Severe weather can strike at any time, even in the winter.
2. Knowing what actions to take during severe weather can keep you and other safe.
3. Understanding common severe weather threats can help you know what to prepare for.

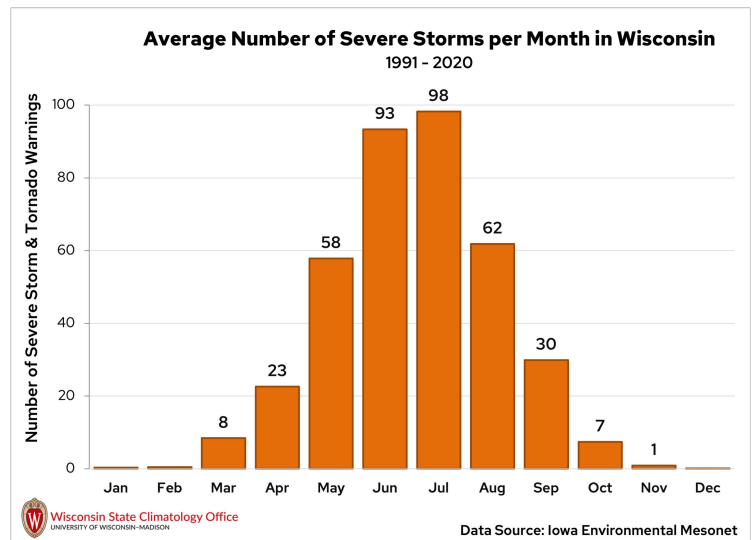


Figure 1: The average number of severe storm warnings issued per month in Wisconsin from 1991 to 2020. Severe weather is most common in June and July.

## Wisconsin Severe Weather Statistics:

- On average, 23 tornadoes touch down in Wisconsin every year
  - At 63, 2005 holds the state record for most tornadoes in a year.
- Straight-line winds can reach the strength of a hurricane.
  - Powerful winds are Wisconsin's most common severe weather threat, with nearly 200 reports of wind damage each year.
- Wisconsin sees about 25 days per year with large hail.
  - Wisconsin's largest hailstone on record was DVD-sized, measuring 5.7 inches.

## How Does Severe Weather Impact You?

Though severe weather is often thought of as a summertime phenomenon, storms can form at any time. Be aware of changing weather conditions and know your plan of action in any scenario.

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