

1997 Cold Related Fatalities

Extreme cold and severe wind chills claimed 51 lives in 1997; 11 less than in 1996. As with extreme heat, the elderly are the most susceptible. Males accounted for 71% of the fatalities. Several of the fatalities were homeless people who did not seek shelter. Other victims were in unheated homes or had no fuel. California suffered the highest number of cold-related deaths with 14. Extreme cold was the leading cause of crop damage this year with \$304.3 million in losses.

1997 COLD RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CA	1	0	0	13	0	0	14
IL	0	0	1	5	2	0	8
LA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MT	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
ND	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NM	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
NY	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
PA	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
SC	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SD	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TX	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	1	0	1	37	8	4	51
PERCENT	2	0	2	73	16	8	100*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

1997 COLD RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	0	0	0	0
10 TO 19	0	3	0	3	6
20 TO 29	3	5	0	8	16
30 TO 39	0	8	0	8	16
40 TO 49	1	4	0	5	10
50 TO 59	2	5	0	7	14
60 TO 69	3	3	0	6	12
70 TO 79	1	2	0	3	6
80 TO 89	3	1	0	4	8
90 TO --	1	1	0	2	4
UNKNOWN	1	4	0	5	10
TOTALS	15	36	0	51	102*
PERCENT	29	71	0	100	

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LEGEND

IW - In Water
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle