



NOAA Tornado Post-Event Survey

Special Call: Tornado Ready Quick Response Research

*The following survey **must be used for data collection** as part of the Natural Hazards Center's [Special Call for Tornado Ready Quick Response Research](#). Data that is collected with this NOAA survey instrument must be published and made publicly available on the National Science Foundation-supported [DesignSafe Cyberinfrastructure](#).*

More information about this instrument and the special call for proposals is available at: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/research/weather-ready-research-tornado-ready>.

Where were you when the tornado touched down?

- At home
- At work
- At school
- At a business (such as a store or restaurant)
- In a vehicle (such as a car, truck, or bus)
- Somewhere else (please specify, VERBATIM)
- I don't recall

(If at home) Which of the following categories best describes your current primary residence?

- Stand-alone (detached) permanent structure such as a house
- Condominium, town-house, or duplex that is attached to another structure
- Apartment or dormitory room that is part of a larger residential complex
- Mobile home (whether placed on a permanent foundation or not)
- Boat, boathouse, ship, dock, or other floating structure
- Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)

(If at a business) Which of the following categories best describes the business?

- Single-story building
- Multi-story building
- Big box store, e.g., Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart
- Shopping mall
- Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)

(If at work) Which of the following categories best describes your work setting?

- Single-story building
- Multi-story building
- Big box store, e.g., Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart
- Shopping mall
- Industrial or construction setting
- Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)

How safe did you feel in this structure when the event occurred?

- Not at all safe
- Only slightly safe
- Somewhat safe
- Moderately safe
- Very safe

A Tornado Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado is imminent.

Did you receive a tornado warning for your area?

- Yes
- No

How did you learn about the tornado warning? Please select all that apply.

- Broadcast radio
- Weather radio (National Weather Service radio)
- Television
- Siren or other alarm
- Internet
- Social media such as Twitter or Facebook
- Word-of-mouth (including telephone or text messages, email, etc.) from family, friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, etc.
- Automated text or phone notification
- Other source (please specify, [VERBATIM])
- I don't recall

When you received the tornado warning, how confident were you that you could take action to protect yourself?

- Not at all confident
- Only slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Moderately confident
- Very confident
- I don't recall

When you received the tornado warning, did you need to seek additional information on actions you could take to stay safe?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

What did you do when you got the tornado warning? Please select all that apply.

- Nothing; continued my daily activities
- Monitored the situation, but did not move to shelter
- Moved to the most sheltered part of the building, but did not leave the building
- Moved family or friends to the most sheltered part of the building, but did not leave the building
- Moved to a specially constructed storm shelter in the building
- Moved to a nearby location or building that provided safer shelter
- Left the building and drove away from the tornado warning area
- Something else (please specify, VERBATIM)
- I don't recall

A Tornado Watch is issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Did you receive a tornado watch for your area?

- Yes
- No
- I don't recall

How did you learn about the tornado watch? Please select all that apply.

- Broadcast radio
- Weather radio (National Weather Service radio)
- Television
- Siren or other alarm
- Internet
- Social media such as Twitter or Facebook
- Word-of-mouth (including telephone or text messages, email, etc.) from family, friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, etc.
- Automated text or phone notification
- Other source (please specify, [VERBATIM])
- I don't recall

What did you do when you got the tornado watch? Please select all that apply.

- Checked emergency supplies
- Bought emergency supplies
- Made sure NOAA radio was on and charged/plugged in
- Had local TV news/weather on
- Had local radio news/weather on
- Checked my weather app on my phone frequently (NOAA weather radar, etc.)
- Called friends and family nearby to warn them
- Sought information on tornado safety
- Something else (please specify, VERBATIM)
- I don't recall

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other/prefer not to answer

What is your age?

- _____
- Prefer not to answer

What other information would you like us to know about this event? This can be anything you want to share about your experience with this tornado. [VERBATIM]