

Significant Tornadoes in the Chicago Metropolitan Area 1855-2006

Date	Time	F	Death	Injury	County	Description
5/22/1855	1630	NA	3	6	Cook	Norwood Park.
6/3/1860	2130	NA	0	4	Kane, Cook, Lake IL	15 mile path from west of Elgin to Dundee to Lake Zurich.
5/6/1876	1710	F3	2	35	Cook	Tornado ripped apart buildings in downtown Chicago. A large multiple-vortex tornado was seen moving out over Lake Michigan. \$4.5 million in damage (2006 dollars).
5/23/1878	1800	F4	2	8	Cook	From 6 ENE Elgin to near Barrington.
9/29/1881	1700	F2	0	0	Kendall	From S of Yorkville to near Oswego.
5/18/1883	1750	F4	4	15	Boone, McHenry	From NW of Capron to just across the WI border. Three people were killed in IL and one in WI.
5/18/1883	2245	F2	0	2	Will	Near Peotone.
6/11/1883	1730	F2	0	1	McHenry	SE of Harvard.
9/18/1886	1915	F2	0	20	Will	Moved along the Des Plaines River hitting Joliet.
6/10/1890	2115	F2	0	0	Will	Just S of Channahon.
5/25/1896	0150	F3	0	NA	Cook	Park Ridge, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Niles.
11/11/1911	1730	F2	0	NA	DuPage	Three miles E of Aurora to NE of Naperville.
11/11/1911	2000	F3	0	5	Lake IN, Porter	Leroy to 3 miles W of Valparaiso to S of Michigan City.
4/6/1912	NA	NA	0	18	Cook	Niles Center (now Skokie) and Wilmette.
4/21/1912	1800	F2	0	20	Kankakee, Lake IN	13 mile path from St. George through Grant Park.
5/26/1917	1645	F4	3	60	Will, Lake IN	33 mile path from Manhattan to 2 miles NE of Crown Point.
5/26/1917	1740	F4	4	60	Lake IN, Porter	20 mile path from S of Crown Point to near Kouts.
3/28/1920	1205	F3	8	100	Kane, Cook, Lake IL	From just SE of LaFox to the S side of Elgin to Wauconda.
3/28/1920	1215	F4	20	300	Will, Cook	53 mile path from 2 miles N of Channahon to Romeoville, to the Bellwood-Maywood area to Wilmette, and out over the Lake. The worst damage was Maywood through Melrose Park. \$20.2 million in damage (2006 dollars).
9/11/1925	0100	F2	0	1	DuPage	Seven mile path beginning SW of Wheaton.
5/18/1926	1700	F2	0	6	Cook	Harvey.

5/5/1930	1515	F2	0	0	Cook	Maywood.
4/30/1933	1200	F2	0	3	Kane	Plato Center.
4/7/1948	1640	F3	0	1	Grundy, Will	Three miles W of Coal City to Braidwood.
4/7/1948	1720	F4	4	20	Kankakee, Lake IN, Porter, Jasper	40 mile path from 2 miles WNW of Manteno to 5 miles S of Hebron. Three fatalities in IL and one in IN.
4/7/1948	1739	F2	0	11	Cook, Lake IN, Porter, LaPorte	30 mile path from Calumet City to 4 miles S of Michigan City.
11/13/1951	1605	F2	0	0	Lake IN	Near Gary.
5/27/1954	1830	F2	0	0	Kendall, Kane	Near Aurora.
6/1/1954	0200	F2	0	0	Lake IN	5 miles SW of Lowell.
8/23/1956	1440	F2	0	3	Cook	Tinley Park.
8/23/1956	1400	F2	0	0	Kane	Near Elgin.
7/12/1957	2000	F2	0	0	Lake IN	Near Cedar Lake.
8/6/1958	1710	F2	0	0	Kane	Near Aurora.
8/15/1958	0200	F2	0	0	Lee, DeKalb, Kendall, Will	A family of tornadoes moved across a 70 mile path from S of Dixon to Compton to Sandwich to Joliet.
10/9/1958	0026	F2	1	0	McHenry, Lake IL	43 mile path from W of Harvard to near Waukegan.
9/26/1959	1800	F1	0	14	Cook, Lake IL	12 mile path from Palatine to Lake Forest.
9/26/1959	1745	F2	0	0	DuPage, Cook	Near O'Hare, Niles, Park Ridge.
10/8/1959	1530	F2	0	1	McHenry	McHenry.
3/4/1961	1704	F2	1	115	Cook	S side of Chicago from 91 st and Western to 68 th at Lake Michigan. \$47 million in damage (2006 dollars).
4/23/1961	1545	F3	0	4	Will	27 mile path from Lorenzo to Beecher.
4/23/1961	1637	F2	0	0	Lake IN, Newton	Near Lowell to Shelby and Roselawn.
6/23/1962	1652	F2	0	10	Cook	Oak Forest.
7/20/1962	1500	F2	0	0	Lake IN, Porter	Griffith to Crocker.
4/19/1963	1745	F2	0	0	McHenry	Crystal Lake.
4/11/1965	1520	F4	6	75	McHenry, Lake IL	11 mile path from Crystal Lake to Wauconda, up to 400 yards wide. \$9.6 million in damage (2006 dollars). Part of the Palm Sunday Outbreak.
4/11/1965	1550	F2	0	0	Lake IL	Druce Lake to Gurnee.
5/26/1965	0745	F2	0	11	DuPage, Cook	Addison to near O'Hare.
5/26/1965	0822	F2	0	0	Cook	Near Sauk Village.
11/12/1965	1435	F2	2	90	Grundy, Will, Cook	36 mile path from near Channahon to Tinley Park.
11/12/1965	1653	F2	0	14	Lake IN	Munster.
4/19/1966	2227	F2	0	3	DuPage	Near Lisle.

6/9/1966	0515	F2	1	30	Cook	Arlington Heights to Prospect Heights.
4/21/1967	1550	F4	24	500	Boone, McHenry	28 mile path from 2 miles E of Cherry Valley to Belvidere to near Woodstock. Tornado was up to ½ mile wide. \$121 million in damage (2006 dollars). 13 of the fatalities and 300 injuries occurred as a dozen busses were tossed at Belvidere High School.
4/21/1967	1700	F4	1	100	Kane, Cook, Lake IL	9 mile path from Fox River Grove to Lake Zurich. \$60 million in damage (2006 dollars).
4/21/1967	1700	F2	0	0	Kane	LaFox.
4/21/1967	1700	F2	0	0	Kane, Cook	From NW side of Batavia to the SE side of Geneva to Streamwood.
4/21/1967	1710	F2	0	0	Kane	Northwest side of Elgin.
4/21/1967	1724	F4	33	500	Cook	16 mile path from Palos Hills to Oak Lawn. Path up to 200 yards wide. Chicago area's most deadly tornado. Over \$301 million in damage (2006 dollars).
10/24/1967	1553	F2	0	0	Lake IN, Porter	Near Portage.
4/30/1970	1425	F2	0	9	Cook	DesPlaines and Park Ridge.
8/24/1971	1915	F2	0	2	DuPage	Naperville.
4/6/1972	2030	F2	1	22	Will	Shorewood and Joliet.
7/17/1972	1700	F3	0	0	Grundy, Will	Minooka to Joliet.
7/17/1972	1910	F2	0	0	DuPage	Glen Ellyn.
8/25/1972	2130	F2	0	1	Cook	Near Park Ridge.
9/28/1972	1755	F4	0	20	Lake IL	Five mile path from North Chicago to Waukegan, including the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. \$4.9 million in damage (2006 dollars). NWS rated this F4, Grazulis rated it F2.
4/21/1973	2100	F2	0	0	DuPage	Wheaton.
6/20/1974	1910	F3	0	5	Lake IN	Lowell.
6/17/1975	1154	F2	0	0	Cook	Schaumburg to Rolling Meadows.
3/12/1976	1250	F3	0	3	Kendall, DuPage	23 mile path from S of Oswego to Villa Park.
3/12/1976	1257	F3	2	66	DuPage, Cook	17 mile path from Northlake to Wilmette.
3/12/1976	1400	F2	0	0	Lake IN, Porter	Deep River.
3/12/1976	1400	F4	0	7	Lake IN, Porter, LaPorte	25 mile path from Deep River to Michigan City. Up to 200 yards wide.
4/20/1976	1945	F2	0	2	Lake IL	Zion.

6/13/1976	1618	F4	2	23	Cook, DuPage	Eight mile meandering path in Lemont and Argonne National Laboratory. \$46 million in damage (2006 dollars).
6/30/1977	1453	F2	0	1	Lake IN, Porter	Hobart to South Haven.
6/25/1978	1210	F1	1	0	Will, Kankakee	SE of Wilmington.
8/15/1978	1945	F2	0	0	McHenry	Huntley.
7/16/1980	0255	F2	0	0	Kane	Hampshire.
4/27/1984	1739	F3	1	5	Kendall, Will	Plainfield.
9/29/1986	1330	F1	0	10	Cook	North Riverside.
4/5/1988	2000	F2	0	0	Grundy, Will	Wilmington to New Lenox.
8/28/1990	1510	F5	29	350	Kendall, Will	16 mile path from Oswego to Plainfield to Joliet. \$254 million in damage (2006 dollars). Only F5 ever to hit Chicago area.
3/27/1991	1555	F3	0	7	Will, Cook	Romeoville to Lemont.
8/15/1993	1635	F2	0	0	Will	New Lenox.
4/19/1996	2232	F2	0	2	Lake IL	Zion.
5/18/1997	1818	F2	0	0	Lake IL	Lindenhurst to Gurnee.