At least three tornado events have been recorded for every South Carolina county since 1960. South Carolina’s tornado season is most pronounced from March through June. Those four months account for 52 percent of all activity over that time period. Annual injuries, fatalities, and damages are highly variable from year to year. South Carolina ranks in the middle of all U.S. states by number of tornadoes, fatalities, injuries, and damages.

1984 Outbreak
The larger dots and connecting line represent an outbreak of 14 tornadoes in March 1984 resulting in 15 deaths and 448 injuries. The storms stretched from Abbeville and Anderson counties in the west to Marlboro and Horry counties in the east.

Fujita Scale
Magnitude
- F1 (86-110 mph)
- F2 (111-135 mph)
- F3 (136-165 mph)
- F4 (166-200 mph)

A waterspout observed over the Cooper River near Charleston.