

Why are My Homeowners Insurance Rates INCREASING!
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Here are interesting facts from:

Insurance Federation of Minnesota

It May Not Be a Coastal State, but MN is No Stranger to Catastrophe

Severe Weather Reports in Minnesota, January 1—October 25, 2011

Total Severe Weathers Reports in Minnesota = 552

Tornadoes = 30

Hail Reports = 192

Wind Reports = 330

Minnesota averaged 51 tornadoes per year from 2000-2010 experiencing 30 in 2011 through Oct .25

**Top 10 States By Highest Insured Catastrophe losses 2007
Catastrophe Losses, 2007 (\$ millions)**

1. California \$1,427
2. Minnesota \$747
3. Texas \$677
4. Georgia \$320
5. Illinois \$272
6. Oklahoma \$270
7. Kansas \$262
8. Missouri \$223
9. New York \$202
10. Colorado \$200

(1) Does not include flood damage covered by the federally administered National Flood Insurance Plan

Top Ten States By Highest Insured Catastrophe Losses, 2008 (\$ millions)

1. Texas \$11,669.0
2. Louisiana \$2,228.0
3. Minnesota \$1,583.0
4. Ohio \$1,459.0
5. Georgia \$1,040.0
6. Arkansas \$786.5
7. Indiana \$785.0
8. Kentucky \$743.0
9. Illinois \$640.0
10. Kansas \$638.0

Nationwide:

There have been 29,385 severe weather reports through Oct. 13, 2011 including 1,805 tornadoes; 9,287 "Large Hail" reports and 18,293 high wind events nation wide

Global Catastrophe Loss Summary: First Half 2011

- **2011 Is Already (as of June 30) the *Highest Loss Year on Record Globally***
 - Extraordinary accumulation of severe natural catastrophe: Earthquakes, tsunami, floods and tornadoes are the primary causes of loss
- **\$260 Billion in *Economic Losses Globally***
 - New record for the first six months, exceeding the previous record of \$220B in 2005
 - Economy is more resilient than most pundits presume
- **\$55 Billion in *Insured Losses Globally***
 - More than double the first half 2010 amount
 - Over 4 times the 10-year average
- **\$27 Billion in *Economic Losses in the US***
 - Represents a 129% increase over the \$11.8 billion amount through the first half of 2010
- **\$17.3 Billion in *Insured Losses in the US Arising from 100 CAT Events***
 - Represents a 162% increase over the \$6.6 billion amount through the first half of 2010