

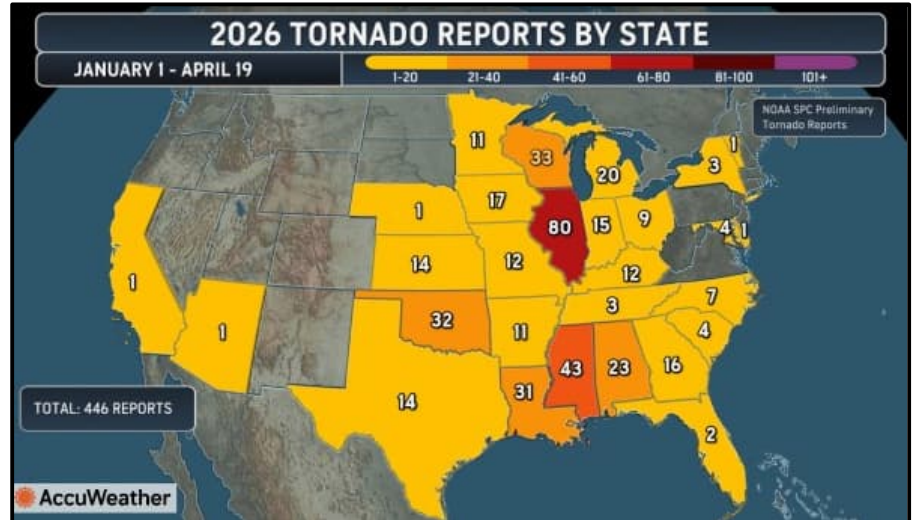
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

April 21, 2026

## 2026 Tornado Activity

- The state of Illinois is the new severe weather champion of the nation, data from NOAA's Storm Prediction Center (SPC) reveals. The numbers reflect an unusual weather pattern so far this spring.
- Illinois has had 80 tornado reports through April 19. That's almost twice as many as the runner-up, Mississippi, has with 43.
- A tornado outbreak last Friday has generated 27 confirmed tornadoes in Illinois alone, and storm surveys are ongoing. The outbreak spanned an area from Oklahoma to Wisconsin, dropping at least 48 tornadoes and sparking two house fires near Chicago.
- But it's not just tornadoes. Illinois is also at the top of the charts for hail and wind reports.
- There have been 147 hail reports for Illinois so far this year, with 143 in neighboring Iowa. High wind reports, which include automated wind gust records, have topped out at 245 in Illinois, with Alabama in second place at 209.
- According to data from the Iowa Environmental Mesonet (IEM), Texas would lead the country for hail reports up to mid-April, and either Mississippi or Alabama would be at the top of the list for tornado reports. Those historical averages are based on data since 2003.
- "The jet stream plays a large role in organizing severe weather in the spring," AccuWeather Meteorologist Alexander Duffus explains. "This year, its average position through March and April has been centered more over the Midwest than the southern Plains."



## Typhoon Activity

### Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

- Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are on the ground in the CNMI assessing the widespread destruction left by Super Typhoon Sinlaku and preparing recommendations to President Donald Trump on whether the islands should be declared a major disaster area.
- Such a declaration would unlock FEMA individual assistance and additional federal relief for thousands of residents affected by the storm's 72-hour onslaught from late Tuesday, April 14, through April 16.
- FEMA Region 9 Administrator Robert Fenton, who arrived in the CNMI to oversee the response, said the agency's immediate focus remains on life-safety operations while the broader damage evaluation continues.

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- Fenton said Sinlaku’s impact was unusually severe, noting that while previous typhoons such as Yutu passed quickly, Sinlaku stalled over the islands.
- Fenton and CNMI officials emphasized that the immediate priority is restoring water, emergency power, and communications.

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Requests

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MI	Severe Storm & Tornadoes March 6, 2026	4/1/2026	Pending	3 Counties
CNMI	Typhoon Sinlaku	4/19/2026	Pending	Commonwealth-wide

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4899 - MS	Severe Winter Storm	36 Counties	3	6/10/2026

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

