

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

May 19, 2025

## Severe Weather Activity Kentucky

- Powerful tornadoes tore through five states in the South and Midwest Friday night, one of which tore a frightening path across several Kentucky communities.
- Storms started popping off to the west in Missouri in the early evening.
- That same supercell traveled more than 500 miles, bringing tornadoes all the way over to southeast Kentucky overnight.
- The Governor of Kentucky said that, as of 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, there were 18 confirmed deaths connected to the severe weather. The fatalities include 17 people in Laurel County and one in Pulaski County.
- One of the hardest hit areas was London in Laurel County, about 75 miles south of Lexington.
- Homes and businesses were leveled in Somerset, in Pulaski County, after a tornado with a preliminary rating of EF-2 tore across that community, but officials there say the situation could have been far worse.
- In Laurel County, Emergency services are still searching for survivors amid the wreckage and the death toll there is expected to rise.
- The storms knocked out power for 170,000 people across the state, and there are more than 700 personnel on the ground helping to restore it.
- The National Weather Service is surveying the damage.
- The governor declared a state of emergency ahead of the storms on May 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Missouri

- At least seven people were killed in Missouri, and emergency crews were still searching building to building for survivors. Dozens more people were injured, including several in serious condition.
- The National Weather Service confirmed that one particularly destructive tornado in Missouri was a powerful EF3, with winds of 150 mph. That tornado touched down in Clayton, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, and moved rapidly toward the north side of the city.
- Initial estimates found the path was at least 8 miles long, and the NWS says it likely continued much farther into Illinois. More than 5,000 buildings in Clayton sustained damage, officials said.
- Three shelters open with 98 occupants.
- Gov. Mike Kehoe said he has been in contact with federal officials about getting disaster relief.

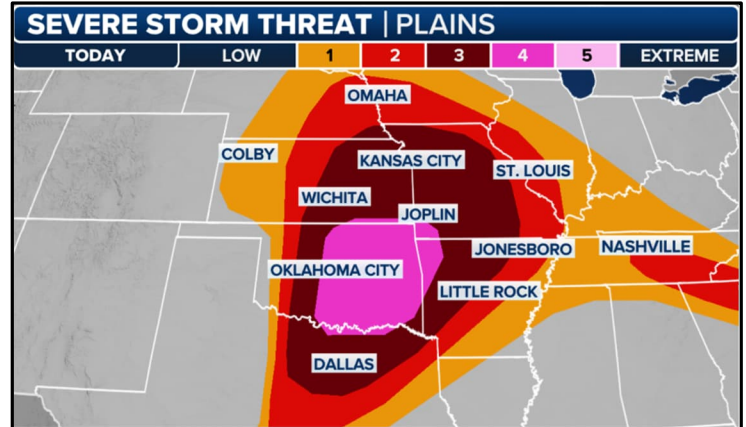
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## Severe Weather Outlook Central Plains

- The FOX Forecast Center warns that a wide region from Kansas and Oklahoma extending into parts of Missouri and Arkansas is expected to experience severe thunderstorms.
- By early afternoon, eastern Kansas, Oklahoma, northern Texas and the Ozarks will be primed for severe storms to develop.
- "The thunderstorm development that we're expecting later today could produce some very large tornadoes," FOX Weather Meteorologist Britta Merwin said.
- Some of the tornadoes could be intense (EF-3 or stronger), with very large hail and severe winds.
- Multiple lines of severe storms will push eastward into Missouri and Arkansas, carrying the threat of damaging winds and embedded tornadoes.
- Severe thunderstorms will rumble into Tuesday across parts of the Ohio Valley and the mid-Mississippi and Tennessee valleys.
- Farther south initial supercells will pose a risk of all severe storm threats, including the potential for strong tornadoes
- By Wednesday, the cold front will be along the mid-Atlantic and Carolina coastlines.



## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
KY	Severe Storms May 16 - 17	8	0	5/19 - TBD

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
OK*	Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	3/21/2025	Pending	7 Counties
MS*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	4/1/2025	Pending	11 Counties

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MO*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes	4/2/2025	Pending	25 Counties
TX*	Severe Storms and Flooding	4/17/2025	Pending	4 Counties
TN*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	4/18/2025	Pending	15 Counties
MO	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	4/30/2025	Pending	20 Counties
AR*	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	5/3/2025	Pending	25 Counties

\*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
4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	40 Counties	62	8/15/2024
4819 IL	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding	7 Counties	62	12/13/2024
4827 NC	Tropical Storm Helene	25 Counties	230	4/07/2025
4828 FL	Hurricane Helene	31 Counties	60	1/07/2025
4829 SC	Hurricane Helene	13 Counties	229	1/28/2025
4830 GA	Hurricane Helene	41 Counties	229	2/07/2025
4834 FL	Hurricane Milton	34 Counties	218	1/07/2025
4860 KY	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	14 Counties	82	5/25/2025

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## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

