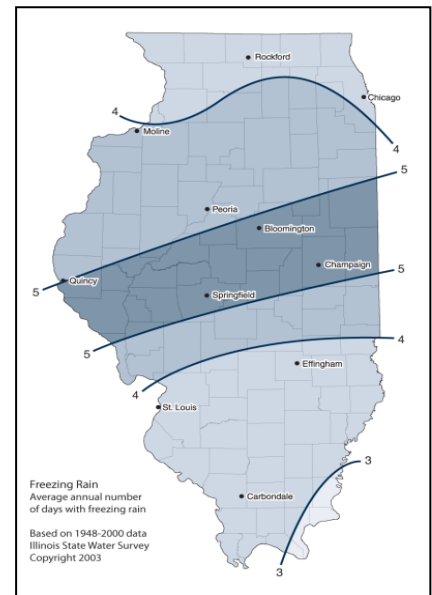


Ice Storms

- ❖ Locations from just south of Quincy, through Lincoln, to Watseka experience more freezing rain and ice storms than any other part of the state, on average.
- ❖ Several major ice storms have impacted Illinois recently. The most recent was in southeast Illinois on Feb. 1-2, 2011 which created week-long power outages and nearly \$10 Million damage to power poles and lines, as well as trees.



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WINTER WEATHER IMPACTS



- ❖ The economic impact of winter weather in the United States ranges from \$3 Billion during a “normal” season, to \$6 Billion during an active winter season. The Groundhog Day Blizzard and Ice Storm of 2011 produced more than \$2 Billion in damages alone, and resulted in 36 direct fatalities.
- ❖ About 70% of the people that are killed or injured due to winter storms are in automobiles. About 25% of the people that are killed or injured in winter storms are caught out in the storm with no place to take shelter.
- ❖ In Illinois, snow and ice covered roads result in an average of 27,970 vehicle crashes each year. The accidents also produce an average of 4,318 injuries and 49 fatalities annually.

More Information

Visit our web page or social media for more information about winter storm safety or to track winter storms:

- Web page to monitor winter storms and get winter road conditions: http://www.weather.gov/ilx/winter_monitor
- Winter preparedness: <http://www.weather.gov/ilx/winter-prep>
- Social media page to follow NWS Lincoln Facebook, Twitter and You Tube Feeds: http://www.weather.gov/ilx/ilx_social_media