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The U.S. Natural Disaster Statistics compiles information on fatalities, injuries, and damages caused by weather-related hazards. These statistics are reported by the National Climate and Weather Center and include data from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The most notable change between the 10-year average and the most recent year is the significant increase in tornado-related and heat-related injuries and fatalities.

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|  | Year 2015 | 10-Year Average |
| Flood | 113 | 78 |
| Lightning | 26 | 37 |
| Tornado | 553 | 74 |
| Hurricane | 9 | 114 |
| Heat | 206 | 119 |
| Cold | 29 | 27 |
| Winter | 18 | 10 |
| Wind | 76 | 45 |
| Rip Current | 41 | 46 |

The National Climate and Weather Center recommends additional tracking of the occurrence of tornado and heat-related events that are of statistical significance from one year to the next.

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