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# WHY THE US IS THE WORLD CAPITAL OF TORNADOES

Violent storms happen when hot and cold air crashes together over the earth. Nowhere does this happen more often than in the middle of the United States. During the spring, cold air sweeps down from the Arctic over Canada, and then into the United States. At the same time, moist and hot air comes up from the Gulf of Mexico. Stormy weather often flies in from the west and gains power as it crosses the Rocky Mountains.

This is why the biggest and most violent tornadoes often happen in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and northern Texas. This area is known as Tornado Alley.

**FACT:**  
3/4 of all  
tornadoes on  
Earth happen  
in the US.

