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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Or use the article at: <https://iaitc.co/activeweather>

Use the article titled: Severe weather season off to active start

1. As of April 24, 2024 how many of each of the following has Illinois seen?
   1. Tornadoes
   2. Hail events
   3. Wind events
2. Over the last 30 years, how many tornadoes does Illinois typically see in a year?
3. When did Illinois lead the nation in the number of tornadoes?
4. Why are April, May and June called severe weather season in the Midwest?
5. The statistics used for the is report were as of April 22. What was weather like in your area since then and did the numbers of Tornadoes, Hail events and Wind events increase?

Answers

1. Number of each
   1. Tornadoes—42
   2. Hail events--127
   3. Wind events--95
2. 56 per year
3. 2023
4. Although there is potential for severe weather year round, most reports of it come in April, May and June in the Midwest.
5. Answers will vary.