

# Study: SUVs no safer for children than cars

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## BLOOMINGTON, Ill.

Children are no safer riding in sport utility vehicles than in passenger cars, largely because the doubled risk of rollovers in SUVs cancels out the safety advantages of their greater size and weight, according to a study.

Researchers said the findings dispel the bigger-equals-safer myth that has helped fuel the growing popularity of SUVs among families. SUV registrations climbed 250 percent in the United States between 1995 and 2002.

"We're not saying they're worse or that they're terrible vehicles. We're challenging the conventional wisdom that everyone assumed they were better," said Dr. Dennis Durbin, an emergency physician who took part in the study, published today in the journal Pediatrics.

Eron Shostek, a spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said he had not seen the study but cited government research released last summer that found SUVs have become less top-heavy since 2000 and made dramatic improvements in rollover resistance.

"SUVs have an exceptional safety record and are safer than or as safe as cars in the vast majority of crashes," Shostek said.

The study, which Durbin called the first on SUVs and child safety, was sponsored by Partners for Child Passenger Safety, a research project of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the world's largest insurer, Bloomington-based State Farm Insurance Co.

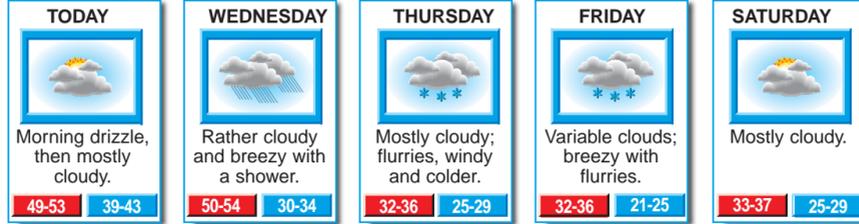
## LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Hoosier Lottery:

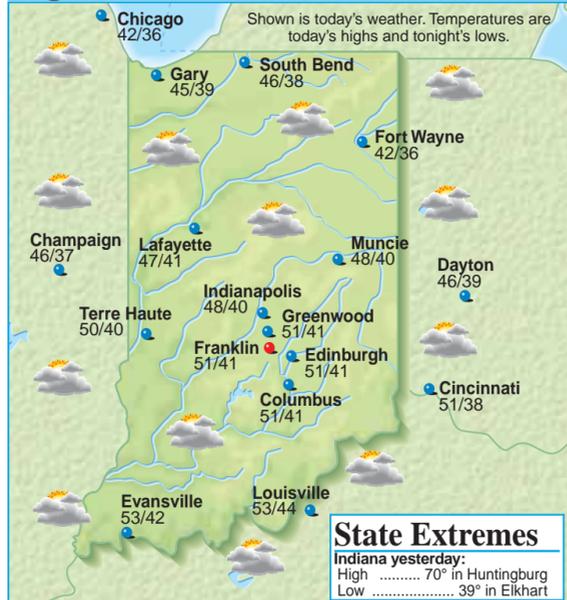
- Daily Three Midday: 0-8-7
- Daily Three Evening: 4-0-1
- Daily Four Midday: 0-3-9-8
- Daily Four Evening: 6-7-8-3
- Lucky Five Midday: 2-7-21-28-30
- Lucky Five Evening: 6-11-17-28-30
- Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$24 million.
- Powerball jackpot: \$47 million.

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



## Regional weather



## State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:  
High ..... 70° in Huntingburg  
Low ..... 39° in Elkhart

## Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Morning drizzle, then mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Rather cloudy tomorrow with a stray shower.  
Edinburgh/Franklin: Drizzle in the morning, then mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Rather cloudy and breezy tomorrow with a stray shower.

## Today in weather history™

On Jan. 3, 1777, George Washington noticed it would freeze that night. He ordered bonfires built as a decoy. When it froze, Washington outflanked the British.

## Regional cities

| City        | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | City         | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Anderson    | 58/48/r       | 51/33/sh     | Indianapolis | 65/50/t       | 52/30/sh     |
| Bloomington | 66/55/t       | 53/32/sh     | Kokomo       | 59/48/r       | 51/32/sh     |
| Chicago     | 43/40/r       | 42/28/sn     | Lafayette    | 63/51/r       | 50/31/sh     |
| Cincinnati  | 63/49/t       | 57/34/sh     | Louisville   | 71/56/t       | 60/37/sh     |
| Evansville  | 69/55/t       | 56/31/sh     | Muncie       | 59/48/r       | 51/33/sh     |
| Fort Wayne  | 46/41/r       | 46/30/sh     | South Bend   | 44/39/r       | 46/30/sh     |
| Gary        | 51/41/r       | 47/29/sh     | Terre Haute  | 68/54/t       | 51/29/sh     |

## Sun and moon

Sunrise today ..... 8:05 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:33 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 10:59 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 9:58 p.m.

First Full Last New  
Jan 6 Jan 14 Jan 22 Jan 29

## AccuWeather UV Index™

Highest Today in Johnson County  
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

## Weather Trivia™

What is the record low temperature for the lower 48 states in January?  
Jan. 20, 1954  
-70° at Rogers Pass, Mont., set on

## Wind Chill Today

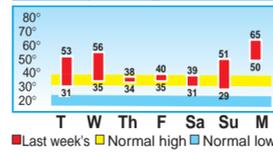
How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.  
8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m.  
38° 44° 48°

## Heating Degree Days

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero

Yesterday ..... 7  
Month to date ..... 32  
Normal month to date ..... 74

## Weekly temperatures



## River stages

Fid: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m.  
Monday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

| Station                 | Fid | Stage | Chg   |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| White River             |     |       |       |
| Mooreville              | 9   | 8.76  | -0.42 |
| White River (East Fork) |     |       |       |
| Edinburgh               | 12  | 6.26  | -0.28 |

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## Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

**Temperature**  
High ..... 65°  
Low ..... 50°  
Normal high ..... 35°  
Normal low ..... 20°  
Record high ..... 65° in 2006  
Record low ..... -12° in 1887

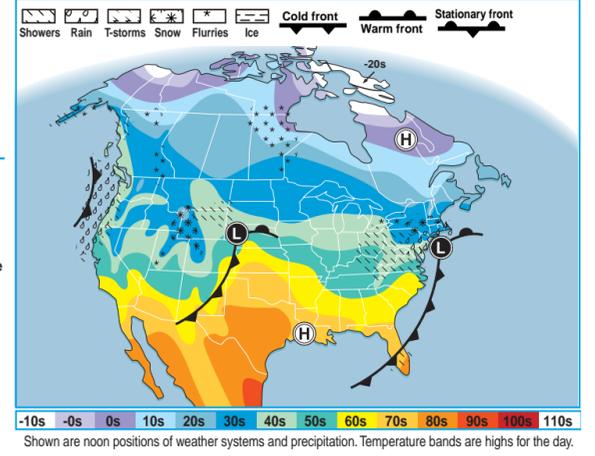
**Precipitation**  
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. .... 0.26"  
Month to date ..... 0.26"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.16"  
Year to date ..... 0.26"  
Normal year to date ..... 0.16"

**Wind**  
Average dir./speed .. SSE at 11.5 mph  
Highest speed ..... 17

**Humidity**  
Yesterday's average ..... 92%  
Today's average ..... 87%

**Air quality**  
Indianapolis Source: IAPC  
Yesterday ..... 48  
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

## National weather today



## National cities

| City           | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | City           | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Albany, NY     | 41/28/c       | 33/24/pc     | Houston        | 80/60/s       | 76/48/pc     |
| Atlanta        | 66/55/t       | 67/46/pc     | Jacksonville   | 80/62/t       | 68/47/pc     |
| Atlanta City   | 49/24/r       | 40/32/pc     | Kansas City    | 56/39/r       | 50/27/pc     |
| Baltimore      | 43/27/r       | 44/34/pc     | Las Vegas      | 65/45/r       | 63/39/s      |
| Boston         | 39/27/sn      | 36/30/pc     | Los Angeles    | 62/55/r       | 72/48/s      |
| Buffalo        | 40/34/r       | 39/32/sh     | Louisville     | 71/56/t       | 60/37/sh     |
| Burlington, VT | 33/23/pc      | 30/21/pc     | Memphis        | 72/62/pc      | 66/42/pc     |
| Champaign      | 62/50/r       | 48/29/sh     | Miami          | 83/69/pc      | 77/57/s      |
| Charleston, SC | 68/55/t       | 66/47/pc     | Milwaukee      | 41/39/r       | 42/27/sn     |
| Cheyenne       | 53/30/pc      | 45/22/pc     | Minneapolis    | 35/32/i       | 34/20/sf     |
| Chicago        | 43/40/r       | 42/28/sn     | Nashville      | 74/62/t       | 65/38/pc     |
| Cleveland      | 46/39/r       | 46/35/sh     | New Orleans    | 80/69/s       | 77/54/pc     |
| Columbia, SC   | 62/50/t       | 67/42/pc     | New York       | 46/40/r       | 40/34/c      |
| Columbus, GA   | 75/62/t       | 70/46/pc     | Philadelphia   | 46/28/r       | 44/32/c      |
| Dallas         | 74/54/s       | 70/40/s      | Phoenix        | 78/51/pc      | 74/47/s      |
| Denver         | 63/18/pc      | 50/22/s      | St. Louis      | 63/44/t       | 52/30/c      |
| Des Moines     | 39/35/sh      | 39/25/c      | Salt Lake City | 48/38/r       | 44/27/pc     |
| Detroit        | 41/35/r       | 42/33/sh     | San Francisco  | 56/51/sh      | 61/50/pc     |
| El Paso        | 72/46/pc      | 65/36/s      | Seattle        | 49/44/sh      | 50/40/sh     |
| Fairbanks      | 1/-11/pc      | -5/-16/pc    | Tampa          | 78/67/pc      | 72/52/s      |
| Honolulu       | 79/68/pc      | 78/63/pc     | Washington, DC | 46/33/r       | 46/34/pc     |

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

## Blue

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for both the divisional and potential AFC Championship games. He was allowed to purchase up to four for each game.

The seats, located in Section 343 of the upper deck, cost him a total of \$620. Trivett paid \$70 per ticket for the divisional game, which will be played either Jan. 14 or 15, and \$85 for the AFC Championship.

He plans to give the other tickets to his wife, Jane, and his two sons, 22-year-old Brian and 19-year-old Robbie.

At first, Trivett wasn't sure he'd won the lottery.

When the winning number was announced over a loudspeaker, he was confused.

Trivett looked at his four-number bracelet and saw the last three numbers matched the numbers that

were called out. But a lady standing next to him told Trivett they only call the last three numbers.

"My ticket number was 9648 and they announced the winning ticket as 648," he said. "It took me a second to realize that they were going by the last three numbers and not the last four numbers on the bracelet."

Brian Trivett ended up just as lucky as his father. His wristband number was 663 and fell close enough so that he was also able to purchase four tickets for each game.

"I'm excited and happy we get to go," Brian said. "I thought in the back of my mind we could get them but didn't really think we would. We just happened to be one of the lucky few."

He's even canceling a church band meeting so he can attend to the divisional playoff game.

But Brian hasn't decided who will get the remaining tickets. "I'm just enjoying it," he said.

"I haven't even thought about it." The pair decided to go to the RCA Dome on a whim. Rich Trivett had seen some television and newspaper stories about the lottery Monday morning. After he found out Brian had the day off from work, he suggested they go and try their luck.

"I knew if we didn't go up there, we wouldn't get any tickets," said Rich Trivett, who used to be a Colts season ticket-holder. "I figured we'd give it a try. If we got tickets, great. If we didn't, then we'd just stay home and watch it on TV."

"But it's much better in person, obviously." Both agreed they'd like to see the Colts face the Patriots in the divisional round.

"It'd be a lot better revenge for us to beat New England," Trivett said. "I think (the Colts) have a great chance to make the Super Bowl. They've beaten everyone in the division, and I think they have an excellent chance to go."

governor's plan and believes it will fail to benefit businesses. Other local state legislators are hesitant to support Daniels' proposal without more information about putting private businesses in control of toll roads, which the legislators fear might lead to repeated toll increases.

The governor's proposal would work like this: The state would spend \$5.3 billion it has to maintain existing roads, use another \$2.5 billion available to build new roads and use new toll roads and increase those rates for the first time since 1985 to raise another \$2.8 billion for new road construction.

State Sen. Brent Waltz said toll roads will not benefit businesses and the I-69 extension will cause job loss.

Waltz owns Medical Express Delivery, a transportation company, which has offices in Indianapolis and Evansville. He said not one of his clients said it would prefer the I-69 extension instead of an alternate route through Terre Haute that is 15 to 20 minutes longer. Customers do not want to pay tolls and add extra cost to each shipment they make, he said.

Perry Township government, on the south side of Indianapolis, polled area businesses along the proposed I-69 corridor and found that some companies planned to move because of the extension, Waltz said. Losing those businesses means losing 200 to 300 jobs in the area, he said. The governor's estimates for new jobs created did not include those kind of job-loss numbers.

The part of Daniels' plan that bothers other local legislators is leasing the toll road to a private company.

"That sounds kind of crazy," State Rep. David Frizzell said. Tolls went up dramatically when the Chicago Skyway was leased to a private company in 2004, Rep. David Yount said. Drivers pay \$2.50 to use the Chicago toll road if their vehicle has two axles. The more axles a vehicle has, the more expensive the toll.

He is concerned that privatizing toll roads in Indiana also will increase toll rates. And even with those rates, he is not convinced toll roads will make enough money to pay for new road construction.

State Sen. Richard Bray, R-Martinsville, said he has misgivings about making I-69 a toll road because of motorists who commute across county borders to go to work. He does not want to burden drivers by making them pay a toll every day so they can get to their jobs.

Tolls are fair because they let the state collect money from non-Hoosiers who use Indiana's roads, said State Rep. Woody Burton, R-Greenwood.

Toll increases would vary depending on the entry point onto the toll road and length of travel, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation. For example, driving the 157 miles of the Indiana Toll Road from the Ohio border to the Illinois border would cost \$8 with the proposed toll increase. Currently, the cost is about \$4.65.

Burton said he expects a highway plan of some form to be approved because of its importance for attracting industry and businesses.

## Drivers

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setting a record high of 65 degrees before the sky darkened over Johnson County and a severe thunderstorm rumbled overhead about 3 p.m.

By the end of the week, forecasters expect the temperatures to be in the 20s and 30s with flurries.

"The hot and cold takes its toll," Gabehart said.

Potholes form when water from snow and rain seeps into cracks or holes in the pavement and colder temperatures cause it to freeze, Gabehart said.

When the ice thaws, it creates an empty space.

As traffic pushes down, the pavement is chipped and broken and potholes are created, he said.

On Monday, major roads such

as U.S. 31 and State Road 135 were not bumpy rides in most spots.

But some county roads, such as Worthsville Road in Greenwood, and subdivision streets in White River Township were rutted with holes and cracks.

The Goodyear Tire store at Greenwood Park Mall has seen a couple of dozen repairs for potholes this year, but employees said the amount is less than last year.

"We usually get them left and right, but there do seem to be less this year," worker Jim Lough said.

He was tending to a bent rim and new tire, which cost about \$70 for the rim and \$80 for the tire on a Ford Focus, Lough said.

Repairs could cost up to \$1,200 to replace custom tires and repair damage to the front end of vehicles, he said.

"It's better to not drive over them if possible, but they'll come

out of nowhere and catch you off guard," he said.

Big O Tires in Franklin has reported only a few pothole-caused repairs this year, said employee Kenny Simpson, who worked at the Martinsville store last year. He said he saw about a dozen repairs by this time.

Simpson said he expects to see more pothole-related repairs in coming weeks as the weather cools and stays consistently colder.

Greenwood resident Joe DeWalt has noticed several potholes and deteriorating roads near his subdivision off Worthsville Road.

He and his family have started driving a different route when traveling from their Barton Lakes home to State Road 135, taking Stop 18 to Olive Branch Road instead of Worthsville Road.

"It's a combination of all the trucks tearing up the roads and the weather," he said. "I'm not looking forward to seeing more of a mess out there."

## Agenda

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health-care assistance and make it against the law to carry pellet and paintball guns into schools. They will also have a voice in deciding whether to expand gambling into bars, lodges and truck stops and what incentives the state should use when attracting business and industry.

Starting Wednesday, legislators will deal with these issues, along with some heated topics, such as daylight-saving time, that likely won't see any resolution.

State Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton said the agenda is an aggressive one and it will be interesting to see what comes of it in such a short time.

Daniels could face lingering resentment from both parties this year about the decision to close more than 20 license branches, most of them in GOP districts.

Also, partisan tensions will be high in the House, where Republicans, who have a 52-48 majority, have faced a barrage of criticism from Democrats about property-tax increases that some analysts say could top 10 percent in each of the next two or three years.

Democrats also fault Republicans and Daniels for enacting a budget in 2005 that left many school districts with less state aid than in the previous year.

Although they're in the minority, House Democrats still have some muscle, which they flexed last session by refusing to take the floor on a key deadline day. The move killed dozens of bills midstream.

State Rep. Patrick Bauer of South Bend, the leader for House Democrats, has not threatened walkouts this session. But he has made it clear his members will be vocal about their own positions.

"There are good Republicans; we just like to enlighten them from time to time to time," he said.

Daniels says lawmakers can accomplish a lot during the session despite election-year politics and time constraints. The session must end by March 14.

## Transportation

Daniels' highway proposal includes extending Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to Evansville, enhancing U.S. 31 between central and northern Indiana, creating a corridor from Fort Wayne to eastern states and building two bridges across the Ohio River. He has suggested paying for part of the project by building new toll roads, raising tolls and leasing the Indiana Toll Road to a private company.

Tolls are an imaginative way to raise money for road construction and repair, especially when an alternative is doubling or tripling the gasoline tax, Garton said.

However, the governor's plan will need certain provisions to get the backing it needs from legislators, he said. The proposal should allow legislative oversight to make sure tolls are fair and not raised repeatedly.

Daniels wants to spend \$10.6 billion within 10 years on the Major Moves plan. His goal is to create a transportation network to attract new business and bring thousands of jobs to Indiana.

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For example, school districts could enter shared-service agreements, so administrators responsible for transportation, facilities management, human resources and information technology could perform those functions for multiple school districts.

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But less than 10 percent of school purchases in Indiana are done on a consolidated basis, according to the governor's office.

"On the surface it looks very appealing, trying to put more money into the classroom," Yount said.

But he said he wants to make sure shifting money will not have a negative effect, such as hurting a school district's ability to pay utility bills, transportation costs and other expenses they have no control over. Local state legislators also want to keep schools from using spending flexibility to erect buildings and athletic facilities that are too expensive.

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For instance, Waltz said he would not want a school to take \$10 million it saved for a building project, give that money to teachers and administrators for a raise instead, and then pay for a construction project by selling a \$10 million bond, going into debt and using property tax dollars to pay back that debt.

The cost of construction versus the cost of classroom instruction is an important issue for Johnson County, which has some of the fastest growing school districts in the state.

Clark-Pleasant students are outgrowing schools faster than they can be built. The district has plans to open a new school in 2007 and another in 2009. Center Grove also plans to construct a new elementary school and an expansion at the high school.

Franklin has multi-million building projects planned, too.

More tax dollars should be shifted into the classroom and away from extravagant building projects, Burton said. He cites the \$103 million Franklin Community High School project as an example of a construction project that went overboard.

The governor's proposal needs restrictions and guidelines to prevent too much money from being spent on construction projects, Bray said. School districts need to make sure they are not wasting money on extravagancies that do not benefit students, Bray said.

"Marble palaces do not make better educated kids," he said.