

Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 2008 to 2017

State	Deaths 2008-2017	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 2008-2017	Rank of Deaths
Florida	47	1	Connecticut	2	31
Texas	20	2	Maine	2	31
Alabama	15	3	Maryland	2	31
Arizona	14	4	Montana	2	31
Colorado	14	4	South Dakota	2	31
North Carolina	14	4	Idaho	1	36
Missouri	11	7	Oklahoma	1	36
Louisiana	10	8	Oregon	1	36
Georgia	8	9	Puerto Rico	1	36
New Jersey	8	9	Rhode Island	1	36
Mississippi	7	11	Tennessee	1	36
Pennsylvania	7	11	Vermont	1	36
Wisconsin	7	11	Alaska	0	43
California	6	14	Delaware	0	43
Kentucky	6	14	D.C.	0	43
Massachusetts	6	14	Hawaii	0	42
New York	6	14	Nebraska	0	43
Ohio	6	14	Nevada	0	43
Utah	6	14	New Hampshire	0	43
Arkansas	5	20	North Dakota	0	43
Michigan	5	20	Washington	0	43
New Mexico	5	20	West Virginia	0	43
South Carolina	5	20			
Illinois	4	24			
Kansas	4	24			
Minnesota	4	24			
Indiana	3	27			
Iowa	3	27			
Virginia	3	27			
Wyoming	3	27			
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One death occurred in Guam during the period.

The lightning fatality data were collected by the National Weather Service of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). They come from monthly and annual summaries compiled by the National Weather Service and published in monthly issues of Storm Data. Data for recent years are available at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hazstats.shtml>

A similar table for the period from 1959 to 1994 is included in the following article:

Curran, E.B., R.L. Holle, and R.E. López, 2000: Lightning casualties and damages in the United States from 1959 to 1994. *Journal of Climate*, 13, 3448-3453.