

## Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 2007 to 2016

State	Deaths 2007-2016	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 2007-2016	Rank of Deaths
Florida	51	1	Connecticut	2	34
Texas	21	2	South Dakota	2	34
Arizona	15	3	Tennessee	2	34
Colorado	14	4	Idaho	1	37
Alabama	13	5	Oklahoma	1	37
Missouri	13	5	Oregon	1	37
North Carolina	12	7	Rhode Island	1	37
Georgia	10	8	Vermont	1	37
Louisiana	10	8	Alaska	0	42
New Jersey	10	8	Delaware	0	42
Pennsylvania	8	11	D.C.	0	42
Wisconsin	8	11	Hawaii	0	42
Kentucky	7	13	Nebraska	0	42
Mississippi	7	13	Nevada	0	42
New York	7	13	New Hampshire	0	42
South Carolina	7	13	North Dakota	0	42
Utah	7	13	Puerto Rico	0	42
California	6	18	Washington	0	42
Ohio	6	18	West Virginia	0	42
Massachusetts	6	18			
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Arkansas	5	22			
Illinois	5	22			
Kansas	5	22			
Minnesota	5	22			
New Mexico	5	22			
Virginia	4	27			
Iowa	3	28			
Maine	3	28			
Indiana	3	28			
Maryland	3	28			
Montana	3	28			
Wyoming	3	28			

*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.