

Rank of Population-Weighted Lightning Deaths per Year by State from 2008 to 2017

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2008-2017	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2008-2017	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	0.55	1	Texas	0.08	26
Alabama	0.32	2	Minnesota	0.08	27
Colorado	0.27	3	Idaho	0.06	28
Florida	0.25	4	Connecticut	0.06	29
New Mexico	0.25	5	Pennsylvania	0.06	30
South Dakota	0.24	6	Ohio	0.05	31
Mississippi	0.24	7	Michigan	0.05	32
Louisiana	0.22	8	Indiana	0.05	33
Utah	0.21	9	Virginia	0.04	34
Montana	0.21	10	Maryland	0.03	35
Arizona	0.21	11	Illinois	0.03	36
Wisconsin	0.19	12	New York	0.03	37
Missouri	0.18	13	Oklahoma	0.03	38
Arkansas	0.17	14	Oregon	0.03	39
Vermont	0.16	15	California	0.02	40
Maine	0.15	16	Tennessee	0.02	41
North Carolina	0.15	17	Alaska	0	42
Kansas	0.14	18	Delaware	0	42
Kentucky	0.14	19	D.C.	0	42
South Carolina	0.11	20	Hawaii	0	42
Iowa	0.10	21	Nebraska	0	42
Rhode Island	0.09	22	Nevada	0	42
New Jersey	0.09	23	New Hampshire	0	42
Georgia	0.09	24	North Dakota	0	42
Massachusetts	0.09	25	Puerto Rico	0	42
			Washington	0	42
			West Virginia	0	42

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>.

This 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.