

Rank of Population-Weighted Lightning Deaths per Year by State from 2007 to 2016

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2007-2016	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2007-2016	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	0.55	1	Texas	0.08	27
Montana	0.31	2	Idaho	0.06	28
Alabama	0.27	3	Pennsylvania	0.06	29
Colorado	0.27	4	Michigan	0.06	30
Florida	0.27	5	Connecticut	0.06	31
Utah	0.25	6	Maryland	0.05	32
New Mexico	0.25	7	Ohio	0.05	33
South Dakota	0.25	8	Virginia	0.05	34
Mississippi	0.24	9	Indiana	0.05	35
Maine	0.22	10	Illinois	0.04	36
Arizona	0.22	11	New York	0.04	37
Louisiana	0.22	12	Tennessee	0.03	38
Missouri	0.22	13	Oklahoma	0.03	39
Kansas	0.18	14	Oregon	0.03	40
Arkansas	0.17	15	California	0.02	41
Kentucky	0.16	16	Alaska	0	42
Vermont	0.16	17	Delaware	0	42
South Carolina	0.15	18	D.C.	0	42
Wisconsin	0.14	19	Hawaii	0	42
North Carolina	0.13	20	Nebraska	0	42
New Jersey	0.11	21	Nevada	0	42
Georgia	0.10	22	New Hampshire	0	42
Iowa	0.10	23	North Dakota	0	42
Rhode Island	0.09	24	Puerto Rico	0	42
Minnesota	0.09	25	Washington	0	42
Massachusetts	0.09	26	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.