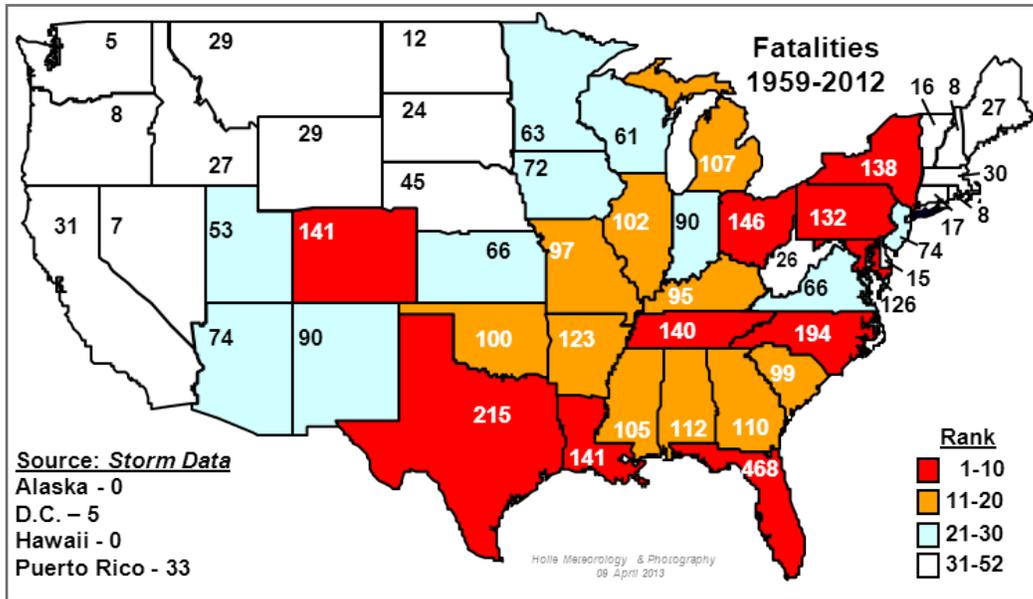
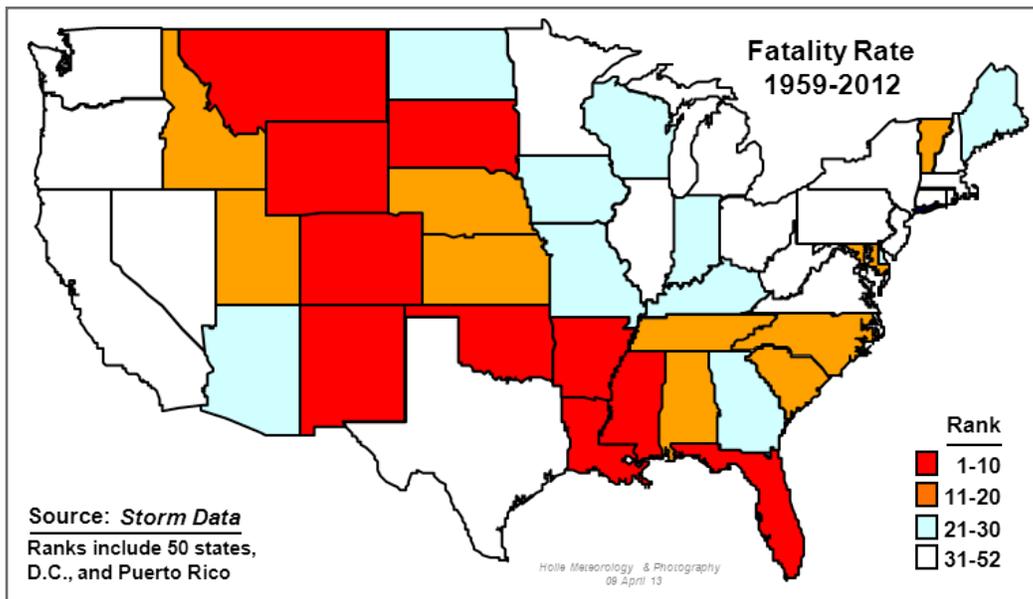


## Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2012



## Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2012



# Rank of Population-Weighted Lightning Deaths per Year by State from 1959 to 2012

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2012	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2012	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	1.25	1	Missouri	0.36	26
New Mexico	1.19	2	North Dakota	0.35	27
Arkansas	1.00	3	Georgia	0.33	28
Colorado	0.84	4	Indiana	0.30	29
Florida	0.78	5	Wisconsin	0.28	30
Mississippi	0.77	6	Minnesota	0.27	31
Montana	0.68	7	West Virginia	0.26	32
Louisiana	0.65	8	Texas	0.25	33
South Dakota	0.63	9	Ohio	0.25	34
Oklahoma	0.62	10	Puerto Rico	0.22	35
Utah	0.61	11	Michigan	0.22	36
Vermont	0.57	12	Virginia	0.21	37
North Carolina	0.56	13	Pennsylvania	0.21	38
South Carolina	0.56	14	New Jersey	0.18	39
Tennessee	0.55	15	Illinois	0.16	40
Alabama	0.53	16	New Hampshire	0.16	41
Nebraska	0.53	17	Rhode Island	0.15	42
Maryland	0.53	18	D.C.	0.14	43
Idaho	0.51	19	New York	0.14	44
Kansas	0.50	20	Nevada	0.11	45
Kentucky	0.49	21	Connecticut	0.10	46
Iowa	0.47	22	Massachusetts	0.10	47
Maine	0.44	23	Oregon	0.05	48
Delaware	0.44	24	California	0.02	49
Arizona	0.42	25	Washington	0.02	50
			Alaska	0	51
			Hawaii	0	52

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# Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 1959 to 2012

State	Deaths 1959-2012	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2012	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	112	12	New Jersey	74	24
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	90	22
Arizona	74	23	New York	138	8
Arkansas	123	11	North Carolina	194	3
California	31	33	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	141	5	Ohio	146	4
Connecticut	17	41	Oklahoma	100	17
Delaware	15	43	Oregon	8	46
D.C.	5	49	Pennsylvania	132	9
Florida	468	1	Puerto Rico	33	32
Georgia	110	13	Rhode Island	8	47
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	99	18
Idaho	27	37	South Dakota	24	40
Illinois	102	16	Tennessee	140	7
Indiana	90	21	Texas	215	2
Iowa	72	25	Utah	53	30
Kansas	66	26	Vermont	16	42
Kentucky	95	20	Virginia	66	27
Louisiana	141	6	Washington	5	50
Maine	27	38	West Virginia	26	39
Maryland	126	10	Wisconsin	61	29
Massachusetts	30	34	Wyoming	29	36
Michigan	107	14			
Minnesota	63	28			
Mississippi	105	15			
Missouri	97	19			
Montana	29	35			
Nebraska	45	31			
Nevada	7	48			
New Hampshire	8	45			
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*Two deaths occurred in Guam, and one death each occurred in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands during the period.*

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