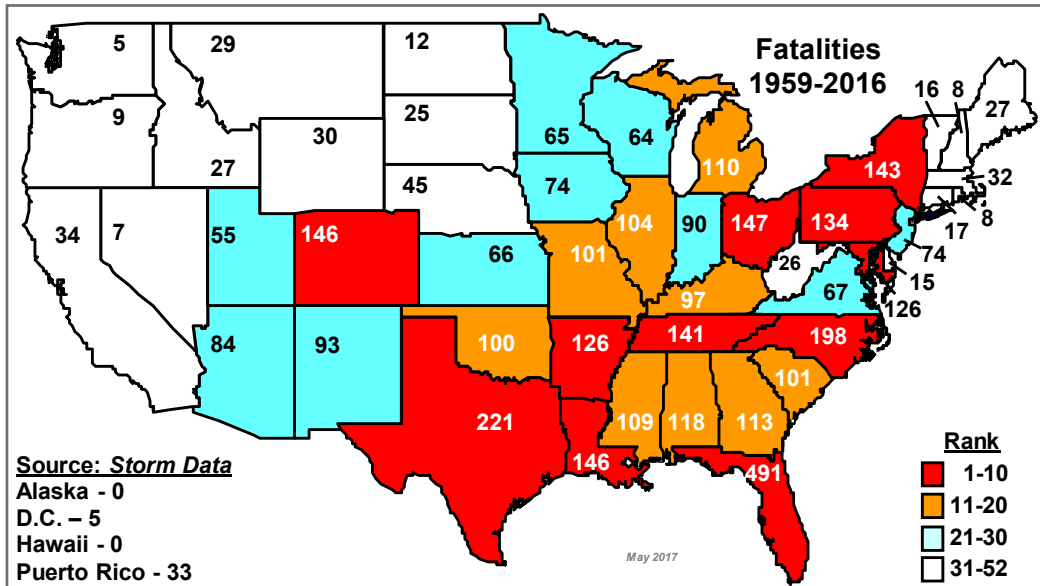
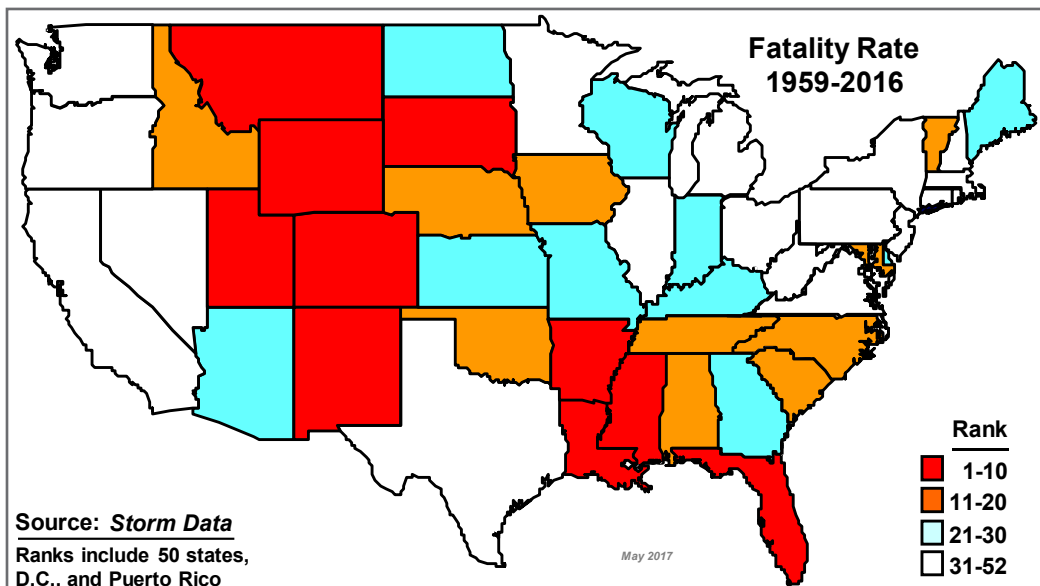


Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2016



Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2016



Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 1959 to 2016

State	Deaths 1959-2016	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2016	Rank of Deaths
Florida	491	1	Nebraska	45	31
Texas	221	2	California	34	32
North Carolina	198	3	Puerto Rico	33	33
Ohio	147	4	Massachusetts	32	33
Colorado	146	5	Wyoming	30	35
Louisiana	146	5	Montana	29	36
New York	143	7	Idaho	27	37
Tennessee	141	8	Maine	27	37
Pennsylvania	134	9	West Virginia	26	39
Arkansas	126	10	South Dakota	25	40
Maryland	126	10	Connecticut	17	41
Alabama	118	12	Vermont	16	42
Georgia	113	13	Delaware	15	43
Michigan	110	14	North Dakota	12	44
Mississippi	109	15	Oregon	9	45
Illinois	104	16	New Hampshire	8	46
Missouri	101	17	Rhode Island	8	46
South Carolina	101	17	Nevada	7	48
Oklahoma	100	19	D.C.	5	49
Kentucky	97	20	Washington	5	49
New Mexico	93	21	Alaska	0	51
Indiana	90	22	Hawaii	0	51
Arizona	84	23			
Iowa	74	24			
New Jersey	74	24			
Virginia	67	26			
Kansas	66	26			
Wisconsin	65	28			
Minnesota	64	29			
Utah	55	30			
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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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Rank of Population-Weighted Lightning Deaths per Year by State from 1959 to 2016

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2016	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2016	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	1.21	1	North Dakota	0.32	27
New Mexico	1.14	2	Georgia	0.32	28
Arkansas	0.95	3	Wisconsin	0.28	29
Colorado	0.81	4	Indiana	0.28	30
Florida	0.77	5	Minnesota	0.26	31
Mississippi	0.74	6	West Virginia	0.25	32
Montana	0.63	7	Texas	0.24	33
Louisiana	0.62	8	Ohio	0.24	34
South Dakota	0.61	9	Michigan	0.20	35
Utah	0.59	10	Puerto Rico	0.20	36
Oklahoma	0.57	11	Virginia	0.20	37
North Carolina	0.53	12	Pennsylvania	0.19	38
South Carolina	0.53	13	New Jersey	0.17	39
Vermont	0.53	14	Illinois	0.16	40
Alabama	0.53	15	New Hampshire	0.14	41
Tennessee	0.51	16	Rhode Island	0.14	42
Iowa	0.49	17	New York	0.14	43
Nebraska	0.49	18	D.C.	0.13	44
Maryland	0.49	19	Nevada	0.11	45
Idaho	0.47	20	Massachusetts	0.09	46
Kansas	0.47	21	Connecticut	0.09	47
Kentucky	0.46	22	Oregon	0.06	48
Arizona	0.44	23	California	0.02	49
Maine	0.41	24	Washington	0.02	50
Delaware	0.41	25	Alaska	0	51
Missouri	0.35	26	Hawaii	0	51

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