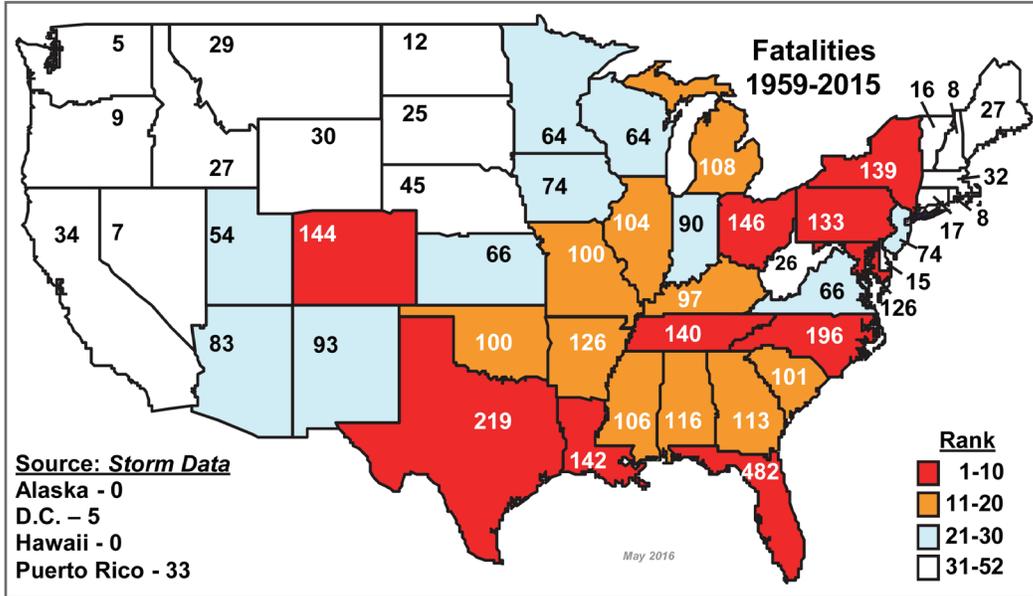
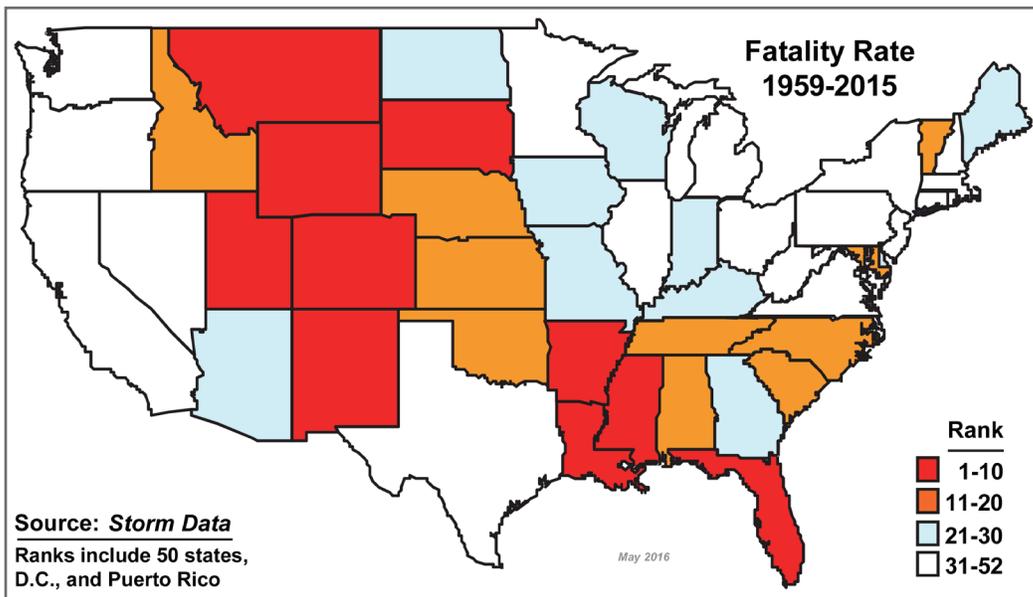


Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2015



Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2015



Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 1959 to 2015

State	Deaths 1959-2015	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2015	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	116	12	New Jersey	74	24
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	93	21
Arizona	83	23	New York	139	8
Arkansas	126	10	North Carolina	196	3
California	34	32	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	144	5	Ohio	146	4
Connecticut	17	41	Oklahoma	100	18
Delaware	15	43	Oregon	9	45
D.C.	5	49	Pennsylvania	133	9
Florida	482	1	Puerto Rico	33	33
Georgia	113	13	Rhode Island	8	46
Hawaii	0	51	South Carolina	101	17
Idaho	27	37	South Dakota	25	40
Illinois	104	16	Tennessee	140	7
Indiana	90	22	Texas	219	2
Iowa	74	24	Utah	54	30
Kansas	66	26	Vermont	16	42
Kentucky	97	20	Virginia	66	26
Louisiana	142	6	Washington	5	49
Maine	27	37	West Virginia	26	39
Maryland	126	10	Wisconsin	64	28
Massachusetts	32	34	Wyoming	30	35
Michigan	108	14			
Minnesota	64	28			
Mississippi	106	15			
Missouri	100	18			
Montana	29	36			
Nebraska	45	31			
Nevada	7	48			
New Hampshire	8	46			
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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 2015

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2015	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2015	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	Indiana	0.28	29
Colorado	0.79	4	Wisconsin	0.28	30
Florida	0.75	5	Minnesota	0.26	31
Mississippi	0.72	6	West Virginia	0.25	32
Montana	0.63	7	Texas	0.24	33
South Dakota	0.61	8	Ohio	0.23	34
Louisiana	0.61	9	Puerto Rico	0.20	35
Utah	0.58	10	Michigan	0.20	36
Oklahoma	0.57	11	Virginia	0.20	37
South Carolina	0.53	12	Pennsylvania	0.19	38
Vermont	0.53	13	New Jersey	0.17	39
North Carolina	0.53	14	Illinois	0.16	40
Tennessee	0.51	15	New Hampshire	0.14	41
Alabama	0.51	16	Rhode Island	0.14	42
Nebraska	0.49	17	New York	0.13	43
Maryland	0.49	18	D.C.	0.13	44
Idaho	0.47	19	Nevada	0.11	45
Kansas	0.47	20	Massachusetts	0.09	46
Iowa	0.49	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	0.34	26	Hawaii	0	51

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