

**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS
BY STATE FROM 2016 TO 2025**

State	Deaths 2016-2025	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 2016-2025	Rank of Deaths
Florida	51	1	Arizona	1	27
Texas	21	2	Illinois	1	27
Alabama	11	3	Kansas	1	27
North Carolina	11	3	Maryland	1	27
Colorado	9	5	Montana	1	27
Georgia	8	6	Nebraska	1	27
New York	7	7	North Dakota	1	27
Pennsylvania	7	7	Wyoming	1	27
Missouri	6	9	Alaska	0	35
Louisiana	6	9	Connecticut	0	35
Ohio	6	9	Delaware	0	35
New Jersey	5	12	Hawaii	0	35
Tennessee	4	13	Idaho	0	35
Mississippi	4	13	Iowa	0	35
Puerto Rico	4	13	Maine	0	35
California	3	16	Massachusetts	0	35
D.C.	3	16	Minnesota	0	35
Kentucky	3	16	Nevada	0	35
Virginia	3	16	New Hampshire	0	35
Wisconsin	3	16	New Mexico	0	35
Oklahoma	3	16	Oregon	0	35
Arkansas	2	22	Rhode Island	0	35
South Carolina	2	22	South Dakota	0	35
Utah	2	22	Vermont	0	35
Indiana	2	22	Washington	0	35
Michigan	2	22	West Virginia	0	35
United States		196			

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 two sites:

- <http://lightningsafetycouncil.org/LSC-LightningFatalities.html>
- <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-victims>

A similar 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.

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