

**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING  
DEATHS PER YEAR BY STATE FROM 2016 TO 2025**

| State          | Death Rate Per Million People from 2016 to 2025 | Rank of Death Rate Per Million | State          | Death Rate Per Million People from 2016 to 2025 | Rank of Death Rate Per Million |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| D.C.           | 0.43  | 1                              | South Carolina | 0.04  | 26                             |
| Florida        | 0.24  | 2                              | New York       | 0.03  | 27                             |
| Alabama        | 0.22  | 3                              | Kansas         | 0.03  | 28                             |
| Wyoming        | 0.17  | 4                              | Indiana        | 0.03  | 29                             |
| Colorado       | 0.16  | 5                              | Michigan       | 0.02  | 30                             |
| Mississippi    | 0.14  | 6                              | Maryland       | 0.02  | 31                             |
| North Dakota   | 0.13  | 7                              | Illinois       | 0.01  | 32                             |
| Puerto Rico    | 0.13  | 8                              | Virginia       | 0.00  | 33                             |
| North Carolina | 0.11  | 9                              | California     | 0.00  | 34                             |
| Missouri       | 0.10  | 10                             | Alaska         | 0   | 35                             |
| Montana        | 0.09  | 11                             | Connecticut    | 0   | 35                             |
| Louisiana      | 0.09  | 12                             | Delaware       | 0   | 35                             |
| Oklahoma       | 0.08  | 13                             | Hawaii         | 0   | 35                             |
| Georgia        | 0.08  | 14                             | Idaho          | 0   | 35                             |
| Texas          | 0.07  | 15                             | Iowa           | 0   | 35                             |
| Kentucky       | 0.07  | 16                             | Maine          | 0   | 35                             |
| Arkansas       | 0.07  | 17                             | Massachusetts  | 0   | 35                             |
| Utah           | 0.06  | 18                             | Minnesota      | 0   | 35                             |
| Tennessee      | 0.06  | 19                             | Nevada         | 0   | 35                             |
| New Jersey     | 0.05  | 20                             | New Hampshire  | 0   | 35                             |
| Pennsylvania   | 0.05  | 21                             | New Mexico     | ..0   | 35                             |
| Arizona        | 0.05  | 22                             | Oregon         | 0   | 35                             |
| Nebraska       | 0.05  | 23                             | Rhode Island   | 0   | 35                             |
| Wisconsin      | 0.05  | 24                             | South Dakota   | 0   | 35                             |
| Ohio           | 0.05  | 25                             | Vermont        | 0   | 35                             |
|                |   |                                | Washington     | 0   | 35                             |
|                |   |                                | West Virginia  | 0   | 35                             |

Lightning fatalities are collected by the National Weather Service (NWS) of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and published in *Storm Data*. Additional events from news sources are collected by members of the National Lightning Safety Council. 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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