

**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
D.C.	0.43	1
Florida	0.24	2
Alabama	0.22	3
Wyoming	0.17	4
Colorado	0.16	5
Mississippi	0.14	6
North Dakota	0.13	7
Puerto Rico	0.13	8
North Carolina	0.11	9
Missouri	0.10	10
Montana	0.09	11
Louisiana	0.09	12
Oklahoma	0.08	13
Georgia	0.08	14
Texas	0.07	15
Kentucky	0.07	16
Arkansas	0.07	17
Utah	0.06	18
Tennessee	0.06	19
New Jersey	0.05	20
Pennsylvania	0.05	21
Arizona	0.05	22
Nebraska	0.05	23
Wisconsin	0.05	24
Ohio	0.05	25

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2016 to 2025	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
South Carolina	0.04	26
New York	0.03	27
Kansas	0.03	28
Indiana	0.03	29
Michigan	0.02	30
Maryland	0.02	31
Illinois	0.01	32
Virginia	0.00	33
California	0.00	34
Alaska	0	35
Connecticut	0	35
Delaware	0	35
Hawaii	0	35
Idaho	0	35
Iowa	0	35
Maine	0	35
Massachusetts	0	35
Minnesota	0	35
Nevada	0	35
New Hampshire	0	35
New Mexico	0	35
Oregon	0	35
Rhode Island	0	35
South Dakota	0	35
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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