

**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING
DEATHS PER YEAR BY STATE FROM 2015 TO 2024**

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2015 to 2024	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
D.C.	0.43	1
Alabama	0.30	2
Florida	0.23	3
Nebraska	0.20	4
Wyoming	0.17	5
Colorado	0.14	6
North Dakota	0.13	7
South Dakota	0.11	8
Louisiana	0.11	9
North Carolina	0.11	10
Mississippi	0.10	11
Arkansas	0.10	12
Missouri	0.10	13
New Mexico	0.09	14
Puerto Rico	0.09	15
Montana	0.09	16
Utah	0.09	17
Texas	0.07	18
Kentucky	0.07	19
Iowa	0.06	20
South Carolina	0.06	21
Tennessee	0.06	22
Georgia	0.06	23
Arizona	0.06	24
West Virginia	0.06	25

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 2015 to 2024	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Pennsylvania	0.05	26
Ohio	0.04	27
New York	0.03	28
Kansas	0.03	29
Wisconsin	0.03	30
New Jersey	0.03	31
Indiana	0.03	32
Oklahoma	0.03	33
Michigan	0.02	34
Maryland	0.02	35
Illinois	0.01	36
California	0.00	37
Alaska	0	38
Connecticut	0	38
Delaware	0	38
Hawaii	0	38
Idaho	0	38
Maine	0	38
Massachusetts	0	38
Minnesota	0	38
Nebraska	0	38
Nevada	0	38
New Hampshire	0	38
Oregon	0	38
Rhode Island	0	38
Vermont	0	38
Virginia	0	38
Washington	0	38

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:

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

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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