

**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS
BY STATE FROM 2015 TO 2024**

State	Deaths 2015-2024	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 2015-2024	Rank of Deaths
Florida	50	1	Illinois	1	29
Texas	20	2	Kansas	1	29
Alabama	15	3	Maryland	1	29
North Carolina	11	4	Montana	1	29
Colorado	8	5	Nebraska	1	29
New York	7	6	North Dakota	1	29
Pennsylvania	7	6	Oklahoma	1	29
Georgia	6	8	South Dakota	1	29
Missouri	6	8	West Virginia	1	29
Louisiana	5	10	Wyoming	1	29
Ohio	5	10			
Arizona	4	12	Alaska	0	39
Arkansas	4	12	Connecticut	0	39
California	4	12	Delaware	0	39
Tennessee	4	12	Hawaii	0	39
D.C.	3	16	Idaho	0	39
Kentucky	3	16	Maine	0	39
Mississippi	3	16	Massachusetts	0	39
New Jersey	3	16	Minnesota	0	39
Puerto Rico	3	16	Nevada	0	39
South Carolina	3	16	New Hampshire	0	39
Utah	3	16	Oregon	0	39
Virginia	3	16	Rhode Island	0	39
Indiana	2	24	Vermont	0	39
Iowa	2	24	Washington	0	39
Michigan	2	24			
New Mexico	2	24	United States	199	
Wisconsin	2	24			

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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