

**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS
BY STATE FROM 2011 TO 2020**

State	Deaths 2011-2020	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 2011-2020	Rank of Deaths
Florida	49	1	Minnesota	2	27
Texas	22	2	Montana	2	27
Alabama	14	3	South Dakota	2	27
Arizona	12	4	Virginia	2	27
North Carolina	12	4			
Colorado	10	6	North Dakota	1	33
Missouri	10	6	Oklahoma	1	33
Pennsylvania	9	8	Oregon	1	33
Louisiana	8	9	Puerto Rico	1	33
Georgia	7	10	Vermont	1	33
			West Virginia	1	33
Arkansas	6	11			
New York	6	11	Connecticut	0	39
Ohio	6	11	Idaho	0	39
Utah	6	11	Alaska	0	39
California	5	15	Delaware	0	39
Michigan	5	15	D.C.	0	39
Mississippi	5	15	Hawaii	0	39
New Jersey	5	15	Maine	0	39
South Carolina	5	15	Maryland	0	39
Wisconsin	5	15	Nebraska	0	39
			Nevada	0	39
Illinois	4	21	New Hampshire	0	39
Kentucky	4	21	Rhode Island	0	39
Tennessee	4	21	Washington	0	39
Indiana	3	24	Wyoming	0	39
Kansas	3	24			
New Mexico	3	24			
Iowa	2	27			
Massachusetts	2	27			
			United States	246	

One death occurred in Guam during the period.

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:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hazstats.shtml>
<http://lightningsafetycouncil.org/LSC-Home.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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