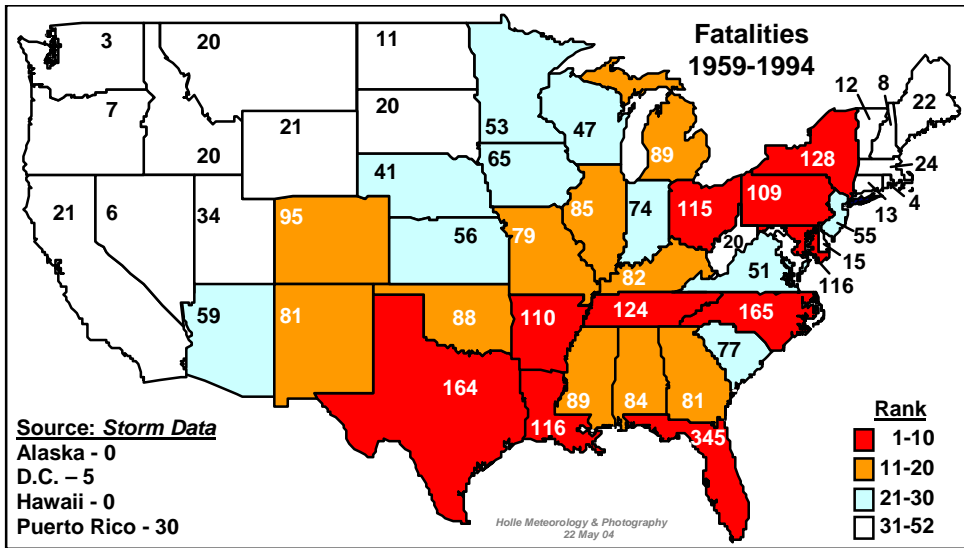
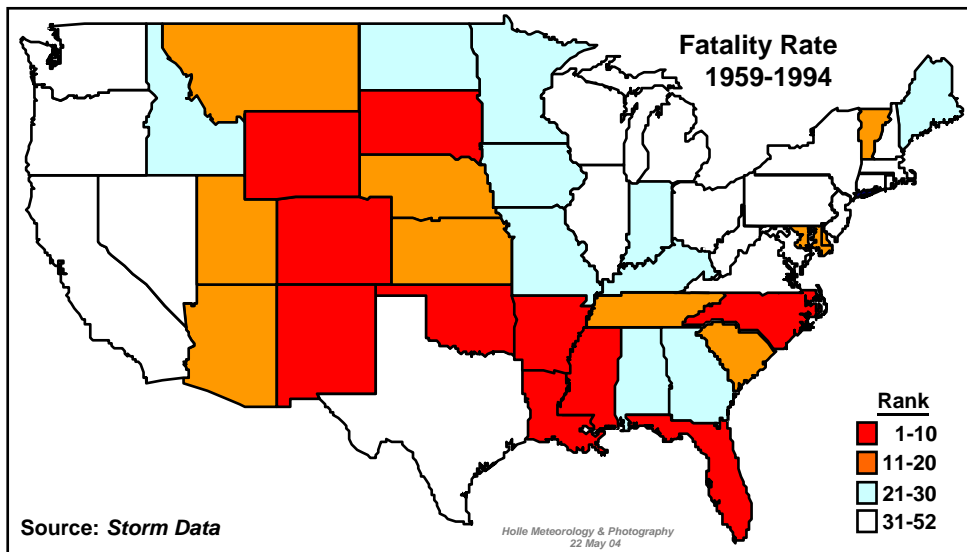


## Lightning Deaths by State, 1959 to 1994



## Lightning Deaths Weighted by Population by State 1959 to 1994



**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS  
BY STATE FROM 1959 TO 1994**

State	Deaths 1959-1994	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-1994	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	84	16	New Jersey	55	26
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	81	19
Arizona	59	24	New York	128	4
Arkansas	110	9	North Carolina	165	2
California	21	35	North Dakota	11	44
Colorado	95	11	Ohio	115	8
Connecticut	13	42	Oklahoma	88	14
Delaware	15	41	Oregon	7	46
D.C.	5	48	Pennsylvania	109	10
Florida	345	1	Puerto Rico	30	32
Georgia	81	18	Rhode Island	4	49
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	77	21
Idaho	20	37	South Dakota	20	39
Illinois	85	15	Tennessee	124	5
Indiana	74	22	Texas	164	3
Iowa	65	23	Utah	34	31
Kansas	56	25	Vermont	12	43
Kentucky	82	17	Virginia	51	28
Louisiana	116	6	Washington	3	50
Maine	22	34	West Virginia	20	40
Maryland	116	7	Wisconsin	47	29
Massachusetts	24	33	Wyoming	21	36
Michigan	89	12			
Minnesota	53	27			
Mississippi	89	13	<b>United States</b>	<b>3239</b>	
Missouri	79	20			
Montana	20	38			
Nebraska	41	30			
Nevada	6	47			
New Hampshire	8	45			

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**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING  
DEATHS BY STATE FROM 1959 TO 1994**

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959 to 1994	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959 to 1994	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
New Mexico	1.88	1	North Dakota	0.48	26
Wyoming	1.47	2	Missouri	0.46	27
Arkansas	1.46	3	Georgia	0.44	28
Florida	1.10	4	Indiana	0.39	29
Mississippi	1.04	5	Minnesota	0.38	30
Colorado	1.04	6	Puerto Rico	0.36	31
Oklahoma	0.88	7	Texas	0.35	32
North Carolina	0.84	8	West Virginia	0.30	33
Louisiana	0.83	9	Ohio	0.30	34
South Dakota	0.81	10	Wisconsin	0.28	35
Tennessee	0.81	11	Virginia	0.28	36
Maryland	0.80	12	Michigan	0.28	37
South Carolina	0.78	13	New Hampshire	0.26	38
Vermont	0.76	14	Pennsylvania	0.26	39
Montana	0.75	15	Nevada	0.24	40
Nebraska	0.75	16	New Jersey	0.22	41
Delaware	0.74	17	Illinois	0.21	42
Utah	0.74	18	New York	0.20	43
Arizona	0.69	19	D.C.	0.20	44
Kansas	0.67	20	Connecticut	0.12	45
Kentucky	0.67	21	Rhode Island	0.12	46
Idaho	0.67	22	Massachusetts	0.12	47
Iowa	0.64	23	Oregon	0.08	48
Alabama	0.64	24	California	0.03	49
Maine	0.57	25	Washington	0.02	50
			Hawaii	0	51
			Alaska	0	52

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