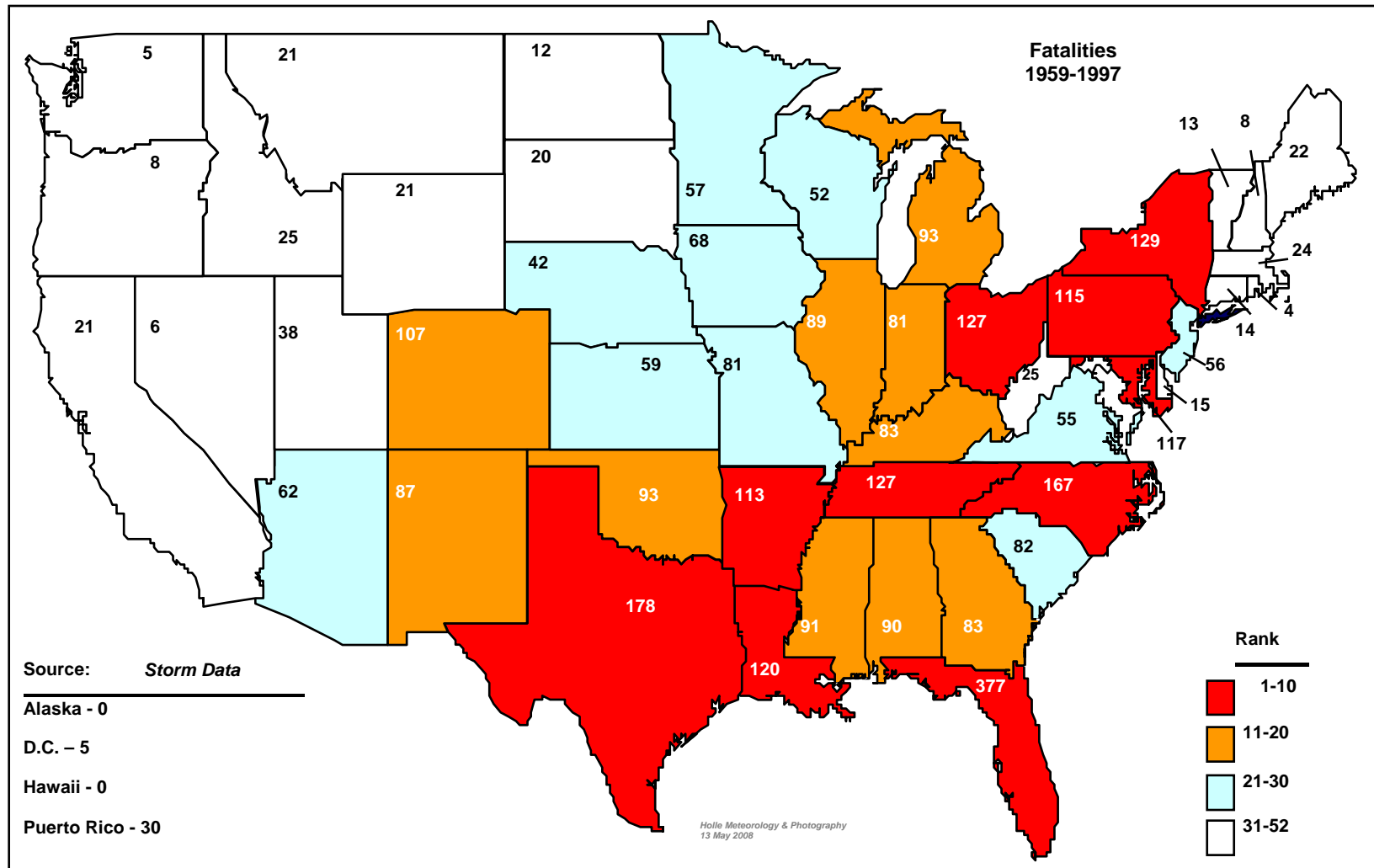
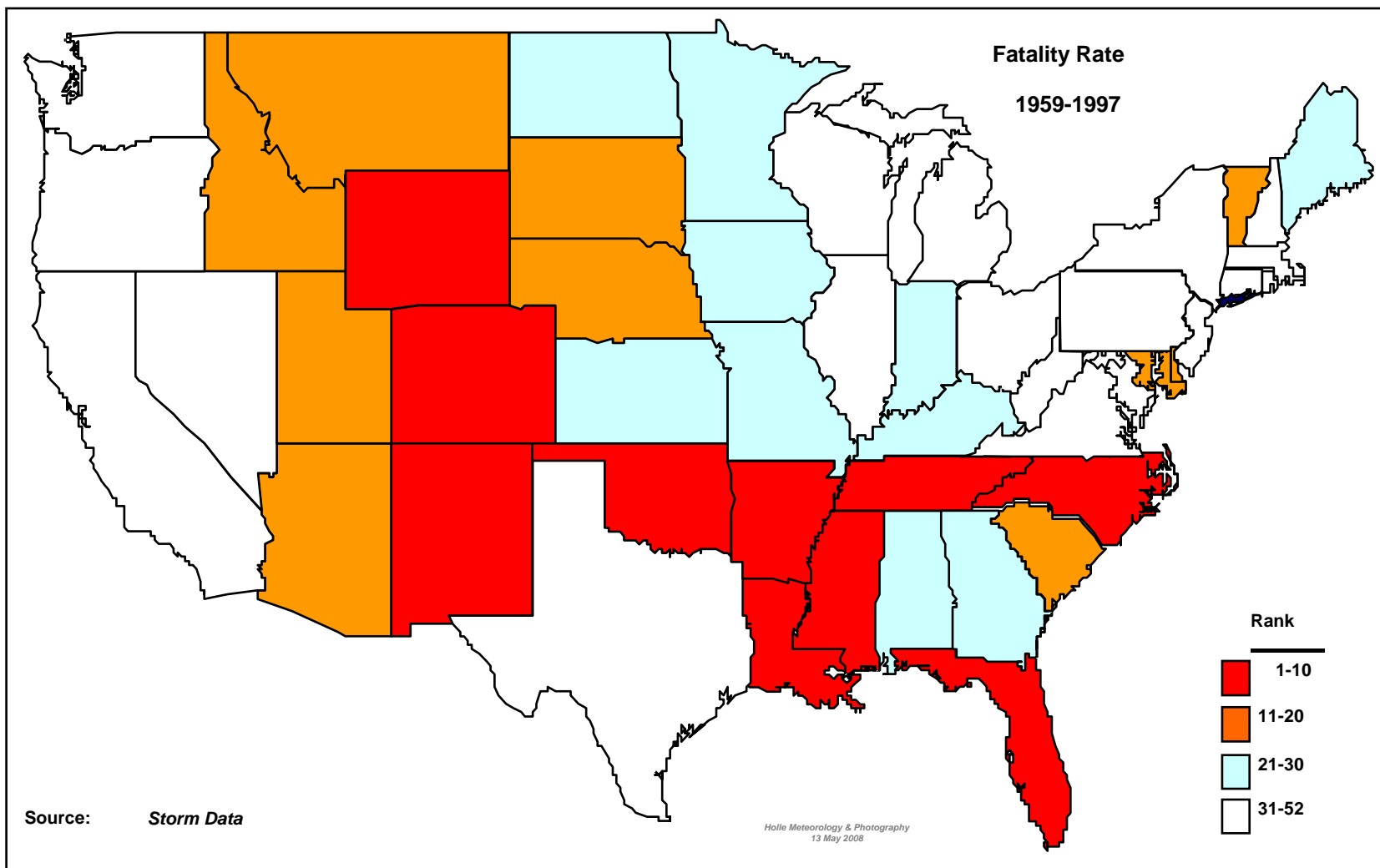


1959-1997 Fatalities



1959-1997 Fatality Rate



**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS
BY STATE FROM 1959 TO 1997**

State	Deaths 1959-1997	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-1997	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	90	15	New Jersey	56	27
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	87	17
Arizona	62	24	New York	129	4
Arkansas	113	10	North Carolina	167	3
California	21	37	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	107	11	Ohio	127	5
Connecticut	14	42	Oklahoma	93	13
Delaware	15	41	Oregon	8	46
D.C.	5	48	Pennsylvania	115	9
Florida	377	1	Puerto Rico	30	32
Georgia	83	18	Rhode Island	4	50
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	82	20
Idaho	25	33	South Dakota	20	40
Illinois	89	16	Tennessee	127	6
Indiana	81	21	Texas	178	2
Iowa	68	23	Utah	38	31
Kansas	59	25	Vermont	13	43
Kentucky	83	19	Virginia	55	28
Louisiana	120	7	Washington	5	49
Maine	22	36	West Virginia	25	34
Maryland	117	8	Wisconsin	52	29
Massachusetts	24	35	Wyoming	21	39
Michigan	93	12			
Minnesota	57	26			
Mississippi	91	14			
Missouri	81	22			
Montana	21	38			
Nebraska	42	30			
Nevada	6	47			
New Hampshire	8	45			
			United States	3418	

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**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING
DEATHS BY STATE FROM 1959 TO 1997**

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959 to 1997	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959 to 1997	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
New Mexico	1.859	1	North Dakota	0.485	26
Wyoming	1.390	2	Missouri	0.450	27
Arkansas	1.389	3	Georgia	0.416	28
Florida	1.123	4	Indiana	0.410	29
Colorado	1.082	5	Minnesota	0.380	30
Mississippi	1.010	6	Texas	0.351	31
Oklahoma	0.863	7	West Virginia	0.349	32
Louisiana	0.820	8	Puerto Rico	0.340	33
North Carolina	0.790	9	Ohio	0.320	34
Tennessee	0.790	10	Wisconsin	0.297	35
Idaho	0.770	11	Michigan	0.280	36
Maryland	0.770	12	Virginia	0.280	37
South Dakota	0.770	13	Pennsylvania	0.252	38
Utah	0.759	14	New Hampshire	0.250	39
Montana	0.750	15	Nevada	0.230	40
South Carolina	0.726	16	Illinois	0.207	41
Vermont	0.720	17	New Jersey	0.203	42
Nebraska	0.713	18	New York	0.190	43
Delaware	0.700	19	D.C.	0.190	44
Arizona	0.672	20	Connecticut	0.120	45
Kansas	0.670	21	Massachusetts	0.110	46
Iowa	0.640	22	Rhode Island	0.110	47
Kentucky	0.640	23	Oregon	0.088	48
Alabama	0.631	24	Washington	0.030	49
Maine	0.540	25	California	0.020	50
			Alaska	0	51
			Hawaii	0	52

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