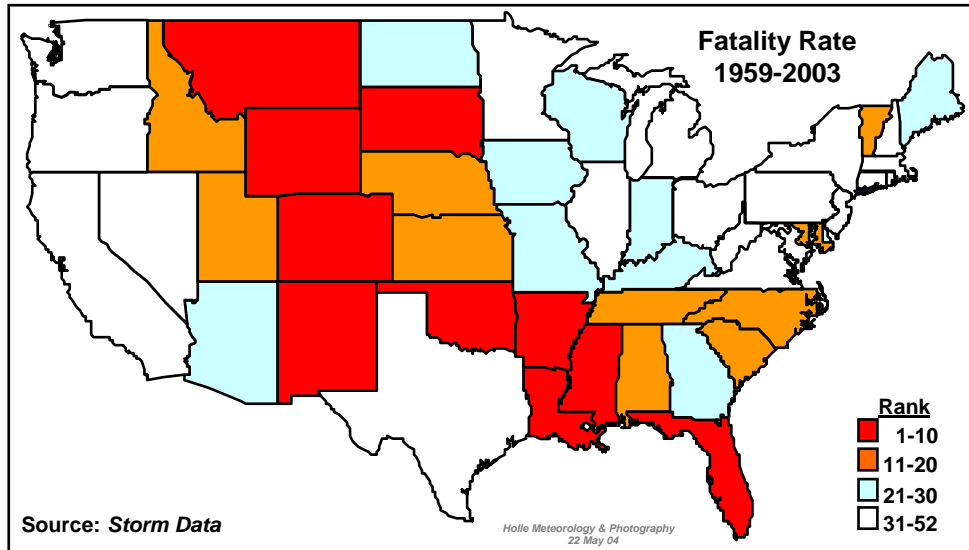


Lightning Deaths Weighted by Population by State, 1990 to 2003



**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING
DEATHS BY STATE FROM 1990 TO 2003**

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1990 to 2003	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1990 to 2003	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	2.02	1	Ohio	0.20	26
Utah	0.70	2	Virginia	0.19	27
Colorado	0.65	3	Kansas	0.19	28
Florida	0.56	4	Texas	0.18	29
Montana	0.55	5	Maryland	0.16	30
New Mexico	0.55	6	Wisconsin	0.16	31
South Dakota	0.47	7	Missouri	0.15	32
Idaho	0.39	8	Pennsylvania	0.14	33
Alabama	0.38	9	Illinois	0.14	34
Louisiana	0.37	10	D.C.	0.12	35
Oklahoma	0.35	11	Minnesota	0.12	36
Vermont	0.35	12	New Hampshire	0.12	37
Mississippi	0.35	13	North Dakota	0.11	38
Arkansas	0.35	14	Puerto Rico	0.09	39
South Carolina	0.34	15	Michigan	0.09	40
Maine	0.34	16	Nevada	0.07	41
Nebraska	0.33	17	New Jersey	0.06	42
West Virginia	0.28	18	New York	0.06	43
North Carolina	0.26	19	Washington	0.05	44
Arizona	0.24	20	Connecticut	0.04	45
Indiana	0.24	21	Oregon	0.04	46
Iowa	0.22	22	Delaware	0.04	47
Kentucky	0.21	23	Massachusetts	0.02	48
Tennessee	0.20	24	California	0.02	49
Georgia	0.20	25	Alaska	0	50
			Hawaii	0	51
			Rhode Island	0	52

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New Mexico	1.48	1	North Dakota	0.42	26
Wyoming	1.44	2	Missouri	0.39	27
Arkansas	1.18	3	Georgia	0.37	28
Colorado	0.95	4	Indiana	0.35	29
Florida	0.94	5	Wisconsin	0.34	30
Mississippi	0.87	6	Minnesota	0.32	31
Oklahoma	0.75	7	West Virginia	0.30	32
Montana	0.75	8	Texas	0.30	33
Louisiana	0.74	9	Ohio	0.28	34
South Dakota	0.73	10	Puerto Rico	0.28	35
Utah	0.71	11	Virginia	0.25	36
North Carolina	0.67	12	Michigan	0.25	37
Tennessee	0.65	13	Pennsylvania	0.23	38
Maryland	0.64	14	New Hampshire	0.19	39
South Carolina	0.63	15	Illinois	0.19	40
Nebraska	0.63	16	New Jersey	0.18	41
Idaho	0.62	17	D.C.	0.17	42
Vermont	0.62	18	New York	0.17	43
Alabama	0.59	19	Nevada	0.14	44
Kansas	0.57	20	Connecticut	0.11	45
Delaware	0.55	21	Massachusetts	0.10	46
Iowa	0.55	22	Rhode Island	0.09	47
Kentucky	0.55	23	Oregon	0.07	48
Arizona	0.50	24	Washington	0.03	49
Maine	0.46	25	California	0.02	50
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