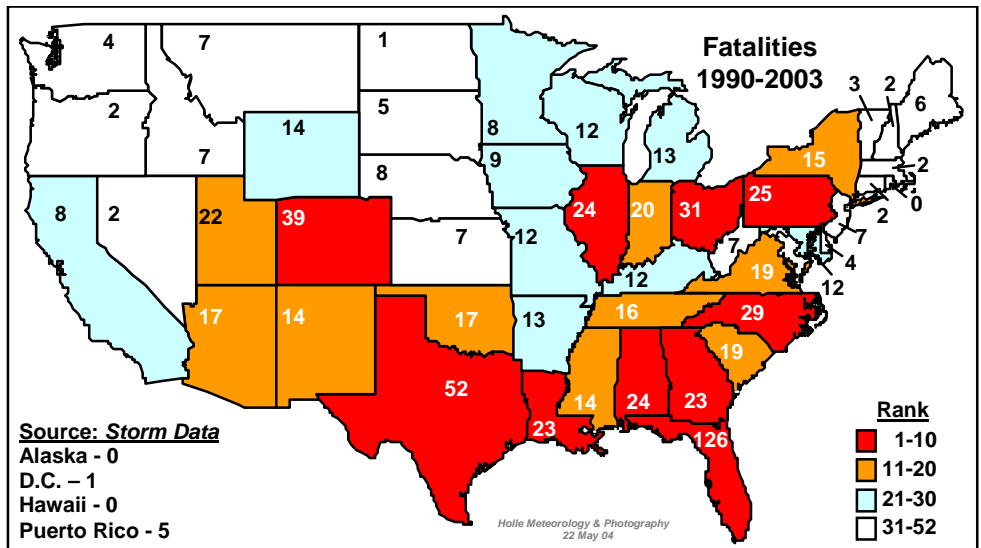


Lightning Deaths by State, 1990 to 2003



**NUMBER OF LIGHTNING DEATHS
BY STATE FROM 1959 TO 2003**

State	Deaths 1959-2003	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2003	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	101	12	New Jersey	61	27
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	88	19
Arizona	66	24	New York	134	5
Arkansas	117	11	North Carolina	181	3
California	25	37	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	123	8	Ohio	136	4
Connecticut	15	41	Oklahoma	98	14
Delaware	15	42	Oregon	8	46
D.C.	5	48	Pennsylvania	121	10
Florida	425	1	Puerto Rico	33	32
Georgia	95	17	Rhode Island	4	50
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	89	18
Idaho	26	34	South Dakota	23	40
Illinois	97	15	Tennessee	133	6
Indiana	85	22	Texas	195	2
Iowa	70	23	Utah	47	30
Kansas	61	26	Vermont	14	43
Kentucky	87	20	Virginia	62	25
Louisiana	132	7	Washington	5	49
Maine	23	39	West Virginia	25	38
Maryland	123	9	Wisconsin	56	29
Massachusetts	26	35	Wyoming	27	33
Michigan	101	13			
Minnesota	59	28			
Mississippi	97	16			
Missouri	86	21			
Montana	26	36			
Nebraska	44	31			
Nevada	6	47			
New Hampshire	8	45			
			United States	3696	

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Alabama	24	7	New Jersey	7	35
Alaska	0	50	New Mexico	14	20
Arizona	17	15	New York	15	18
Arkansas	13	22	North Carolina	29	5
California	8	29	North Dakota	1	49
Colorado	39	3	Ohio	31	4
Connecticut	2	43	Oklahoma	17	16
Delaware	4	40	Oregon	2	47
D.C.	1	48	Pennsylvania	25	6
Florida	126	1	Puerto Rico	5	38
Georgia	23	9	Rhode Island	0	52
Hawaii	0	51	South Carolina	19	13
Idaho	7	32	South Dakota	5	39
Illinois	24	8	Tennessee	16	17
Indiana	20	12	Texas	52	2
Iowa	9	27	Utah	22	11
Kansas	7	33	Vermont	3	42
Kentucky	12	24	Virginia	19	14
Louisiana	23	10	Washington	4	41
Maine	6	37	West Virginia	7	36
Maryland	12	25	Wisconsin	12	28
Massachusetts	2	44	Wyoming	14	21
Michigan	13	23			
Minnesota	8	30			
Mississippi	14	19	United States	756	
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