

2006 Lightning Fatalities

In 2006, there were 47 lightning fatalities, 9 more than the 2005 total of 38. The 2006 number is above the 10-year average of 44 fatalities. For the 8th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 5 fatalities, but this year Colorado also numbered 5. The most dangerous place yet again was in the open, with 16 (34%) deaths, down from 21 lightning victims in 2005. The next most dangerous location was under a tree with 13 (28%) deaths. In 2006, more than four times as many males, 37 (77%), as females, 9 (21%), were killed by lightning. Tragically, kids aged 10-19 accounted for the most losses with 13 (27%), followed by those in the 40-49 age range, which accounted for 9 deaths (19%).

2006 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
AR	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
AS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AZ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
CO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	5
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	5
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	5	2	0	0	2	0	8	16	1	13	47
PERCENT	11	4	0	0	4	0	17	34	2	28	100

2006 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	2
10 TO 19	3	10	0	13	27
20 TO 29	1	4	0	5	10
30 TO 39	0	5	0	5	10
40 TO 49	2	7	0	9	19
50 TO 59	2	3	0	5	10
60 TO 69	2	2	0	4	8
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	3	0	3	6
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	1	1	2	4
TOTAL	10	37	1	48	98 *
PERCENT	21	77	2	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF	- Ball Field
BO	- Boat
CA	- Camping
EQ	- Nr Hvy Equipment
GF	- Golf
IW	- In Water
OT	- Other/Unknown
OU	- Outside Open
TE	- At Telephone
UT	- Under Tree