

2010 Lightning Fatalities

In 2010, there were 29 lightning fatalities, 5 less than the 2009 total of 34. The 2010 number is well below the 10-year average of 39 fatalities. For the first time in 12 years, Florida was not the hardest hit state, numbering only 1 lightning victim; Alabama and Georgia took that dubious honor with 3 fatalities each, followed by Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Texas and Wyoming with 2 deaths each. As in 2009, the most dangerous place to be was outside 14 deaths (48%), not in an organized activity such as camping, team sports or on the beach. The next most dangerous place was under a tree 8 (28%). Almost 3 times as many males, 22 (76%), as females, 7 (24%), were killed by lightning. Tragically, the hardest hit age range was tweens and teens 10-19 with 8 deaths, (28%).

2010 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
CO (Colorado)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CT (Connecticut)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FL (Florida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
ID (Idaho)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MA (Massachusetts)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
MD (Maryland)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NC (North Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
NJ (New Jersey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX (Texas)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WY (Wyoming)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	14	0	8	29
Percent	3.45	6.90	0.00	0.00	3.45	6.90	3.45	48.28	0.00	27.59	

Legend

BF -	Ball Field
BO -	Boating
CA -	Camping
EQ -	Heavy Equipment/Construction
GF -	Golfing
IW -	In Water
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
TE -	Telephone
UT -	Under Tree

2010 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	1	0	1	3.45
10 to 19	5	3	0	8	27.59
20 to 29	1	3	0	4	13.79
30 to 39	1	3	0	4	13.79
40 to 49	0	4	0	4	13.79
50 to 59	0	4	0	4	13.79
60 to 69	0	2	0	2	6.90
70 to 79	0	1	0	1	3.45
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	1	0	1	3.45
Total	7	22	0	29	
Percent	24.14	75.86	0.00		