

2013 Lightning Fatalities

In 2013, there were 23 lightning fatalities, 5 less than the 2012 total of 28 and down dramatically down from the 30 years average of 51. Florida and Arizona tied for the most victims with 4, followed by Illinois, Kentucky and Texas with 2 each. In 2013, the most dangerous place to be was outside doing chores, walking or engaging in other non-team sports where 10 people died (43%). The next most dangerous place was under a tree where 5 deaths (22%) occurred. Almost 3 times as many males, 17 (74%), as females, 6 (26%), were killed by lightning. The hardest hit age ranges were adults aged 50-59 (7 deaths) and aged 20-29 (6 deaths).

2013 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AZ (Arizona)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
CA (California)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FL (Florida)	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
LA (Louisiana)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY (New York)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OR (Oregon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SC (South Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Total	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	10	0	5	23
Percent	0.00	8.70	4.35	4.35	0.00	4.35	13.04	43.48	0.00	21.74	

2013 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	1	0	1	4.35
10 to 19	1	0	0	1	4.35
20 to 29	0	6	0	6	26.09
30 to 39	1	3	0	4	17.39
40 to 49	0	1	0	1	4.35
50 to 59	2	5	0	7	30.43
60 to 69	1	0	0	1	4.35
70 to 79	0	0	0	0	0.00
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	1	1	0	2	8.70
Total	6	17	0	23	
Percent	26.09	73.91	0.00		

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