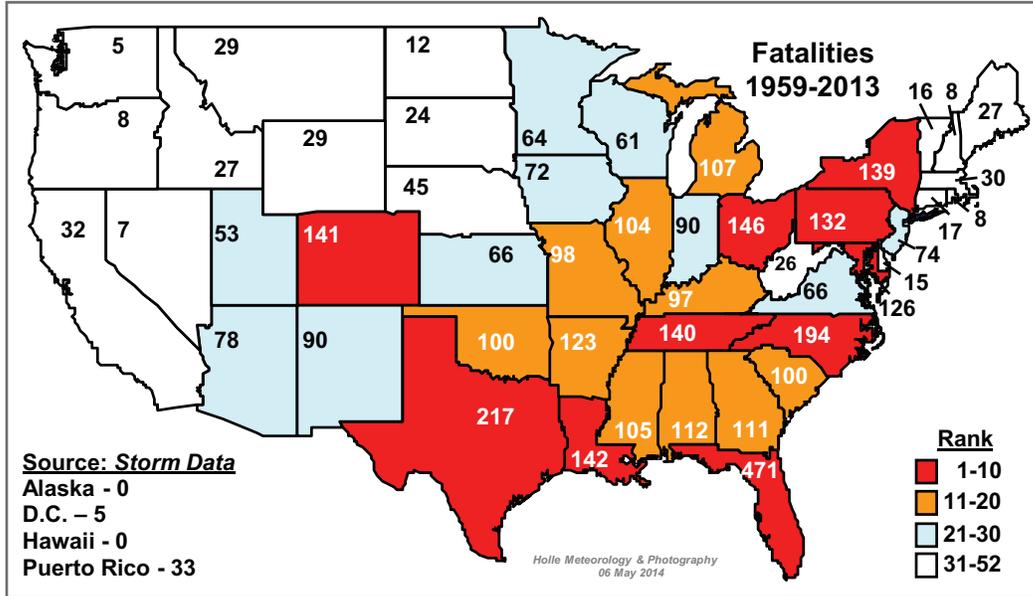
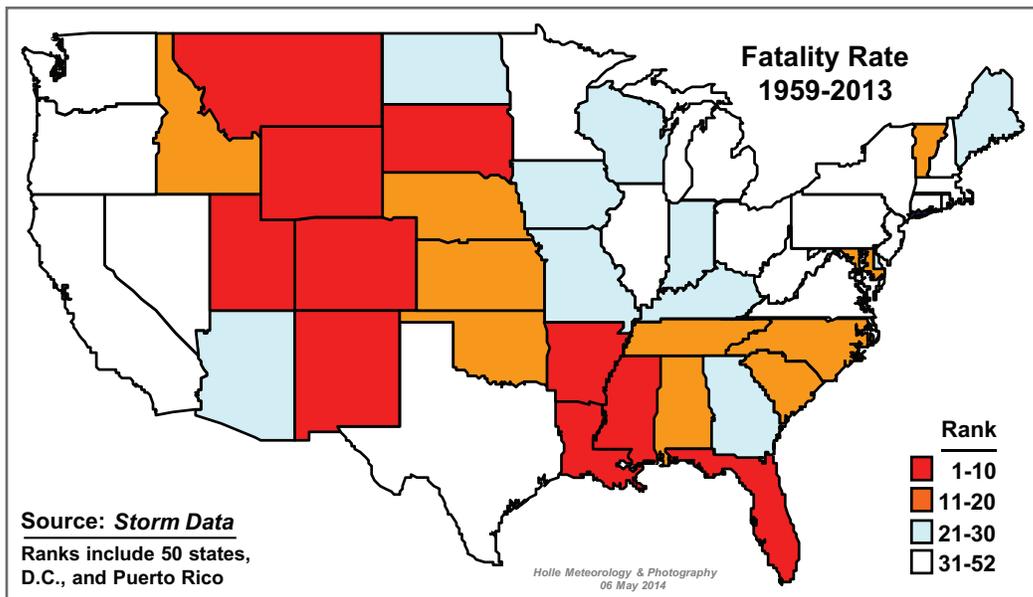


Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2013



Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2013



Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 1959 to 2013

State	Deaths 1959-2013	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2013	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	112	12	New Jersey	74	24
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	90	22
Arizona	78	23	New York	139	8
Arkansas	123	11	North Carolina	194	3
California	32	33	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	141	6	Ohio	146	4
Connecticut	17	41	Oklahoma	100	17
Delaware	15	43	Oregon	8	46
D.C.	5	49	Pennsylvania	132	9
Florida	471	1	Puerto Rico	33	32
Georgia	111	13	Rhode Island	8	47
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	100	18
Idaho	27	37	South Dakota	24	40
Illinois	104	16	Tennessee	140	7
Indiana	90	21	Texas	217	2
Iowa	72	25	Utah	53	30
Kansas	66	26	Vermont	16	42
Kentucky	97	20	Virginia	66	27
Louisiana	142	5	Washington	5	50
Maine	27	38	West Virginia	26	39
Maryland	126	10	Wisconsin	61	29
Massachusetts	30	34	Wyoming	29	36
Michigan	107	14			
Minnesota	64	28			
Mississippi	105	15			
Missouri	98	19			
Montana	29	35			
Nebraska	45	31			
Nevada	7	48			
New Hampshire	8	45			
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Two deaths occurred in Guam, and one death each occurred in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands during the period.

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Rank of Population-Weighted Lightning Deaths per Year by State from 1959 to 2013

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2013	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1959-2013	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	1.23	1	Missouri	0.35	26
New Mexico	1.16	2	North Dakota	0.34	27
Arkansas	0.98	3	Georgia	0.33	28
Colorado	0.82	4	Indiana	0.30	29
Florida	0.77	5	Wisconsin	0.28	30
Mississippi	0.75	6	Minnesota	0.27	31
Montana	0.68	7	West Virginia	0.26	32
Louisiana	0.64	8	Texas	0.25	33
South Dakota	0.62	9	Ohio	0.25	34
Utah	0.62	10	Puerto Rico	0.21	35
Oklahoma	0.61	11	Michigan	0.21	36
Vermont	0.56	12	Virginia	0.21	37
North Carolina	0.56	13	Pennsylvania	0.20	38
South Carolina	0.55	14	New Jersey	0.17	39
Tennessee	0.54	15	Illinois	0.16	40
Alabama	0.52	16	New Hampshire	0.15	41
Nebraska	0.52	17	Rhode Island	0.15	42
Maryland	0.52	18	New York	0.14	43
Idaho	0.50	19	D.C.	0.14	44
Kansas	0.49	20	Nevada	0.11	45
Kentucky	0.49	21	Connecticut	0.10	46
Iowa	0.46	22	Massachusetts	0.09	47
Arizona	0.43	23	Oregon	0.05	48
Maine	0.43	24	California	0.02	49
Delaware	0.43	25	Washington	0.02	50
			Alaska	0	51
			Hawaii	0	52

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