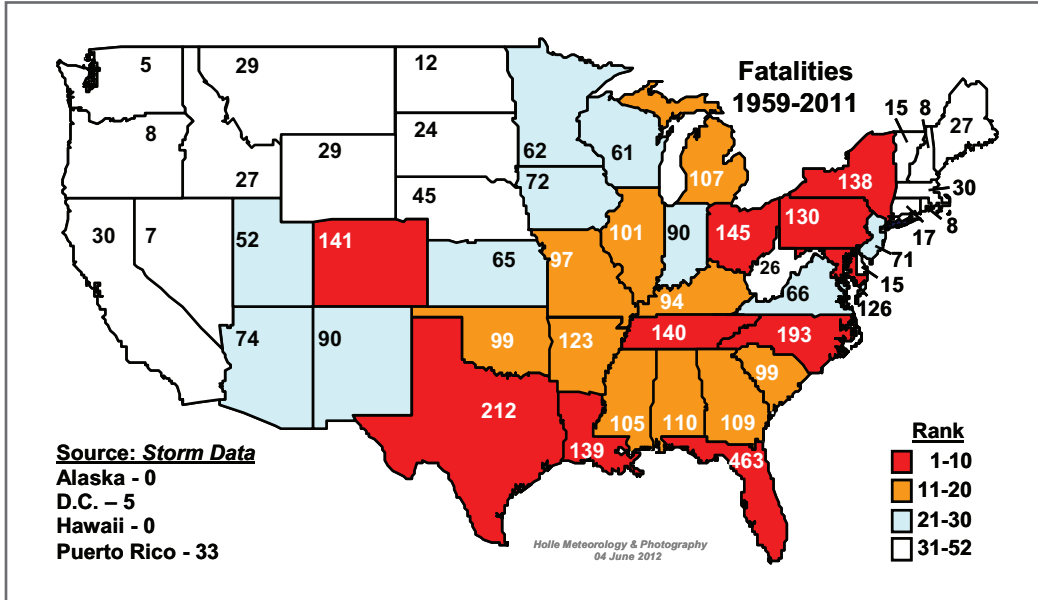
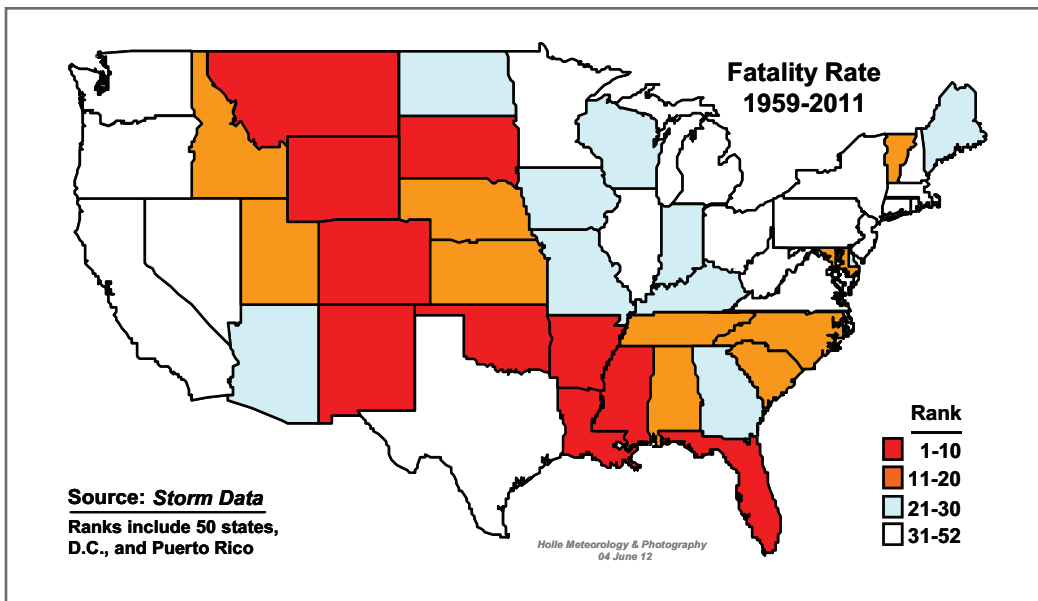


Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2011



Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2011



Number of Lightning Deaths by State from 1959 to 2011

State	Deaths 1959-2011	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1959-2011	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	110	12	New Jersey	71	25
Alaska	0	51	New Mexico	90	22
Arizona	74	23	New York	138	8
Arkansas	123	11	North Carolina	193	3
California	30	33	North Dakota	12	44
Colorado	141	5	Ohio	145	4
Connecticut	17	41	Oklahoma	99	17
Delaware	15	42	Oregon	8	46
D.C.	5	49	Pennsylvania	130	9
Florida	463	1	Puerto Rico	33	32
Georgia	109	13	Rhode Island	8	47
Hawaii	0	52	South Carolina	99	18
Idaho	27	37	South Dakota	24	40
Illinois	101	16	Tennessee	140	6
Indiana	90	21	Texas	212	2
Iowa	72	24	Utah	52	30
Kansas	65	27	Vermont	15	43
Kentucky	94	20	Virginia	66	26
Louisiana	139	7	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	62	28			
Mississippi	105	15			
Missouri	97	19			
Montana	29	35			
Nebraska	45	31			
Nevada	7	48			
New Hampshire	8	45			
			UNITED STATES	3974	

Two deaths occurred in Guam, and one death each occurred in American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands during the period.

The lightning fatality data were collected by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). They come from monthly and annual summaries compiled by the National Weather Service and published in monthly issues of Storm Data.

This table for the earlier period from 1959 to 1994 is included in the following article:

Curran, E.B., R.L. Holle, and R.E. López, 2000: Lightning casualties and damages in the United States from 1959 to 1994. *Journal of Climate*, 13, 3448-3453. The same information is also available at the National Severe Storms Laboratory web site: <http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/papers/techmemos/NWS-SR-193/techmemo-sr193.html>