



**RANK OF POPULATION-WEIGHTED LIGHTNING
DEATHS BY STATE FROM 1999 TO 2008**

State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1999 to 2008	Rank of Death Rate Per Million	State	Death Rate Per Million People from 1999 to 2008	Rank of Death Rate Per Million
Wyoming	0.98	1	Arizona	0.12	26
Colorado	0.61	2	Texas	0.12	27
Utah	0.45	3	New Jersey	0.12	28
Montana	0.43	4	Nebraska	0.12	29
Florida	0.41	5	Pennsylvania	0.10	30
South Dakota	0.39	6	Maryland	0.09	31
Maine	0.39	7	Michigan	0.09	32
Mississippi	0.38	8	Illinois	0.09	33
South Carolina	0.33	9	Puerto Rico	0.08	34
Alabama	0.33	10	Idaho	0.07	35
Vermont	0.33	11	Indiana	0.06	36
Louisiana	0.30	12	Connecticut	0.06	37
Arkansas	0.29	13	West Virginia	0.06	38
Rhode Island	0.28	14	New Mexico	0.05	39
Georgia	0.25	15	Massachusetts	0.05	40
North Carolina	0.21	16	Nevada	0.04	41
Tennessee	0.20	17	New York	0.04	42
Kentucky	0.19	18	California	0.02	43
Missouri	0.17	19	Minnesota	0.02	44
Kansas	0.15	20	Alaska	0	45
Oklahoma	0.14	21	Delaware	0	46
Virginia	0.14	22	D.C.	0	47
Ohio	0.13	23	Hawaii	0	48
Wisconsin	0.13	24	New Hampshire	0	49
Iowa	0.13	25	North Dakota	0	50
			Oregon	0	51
			Washington	0	52

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State	Deaths 1999-2008	Rank of Deaths	State	Deaths 1999-2008	Rank of Deaths
Alabama	15	6	New Jersey	10	15
Alaska	0	45	New Mexico	1	43
Arizona	7	21	New York	7	23
Arkansas	8	19	North Carolina	18	5
California	7	22	North Dakota	0	50
Colorado	28	2	Ohio	15	7
Connecticut	2	37	Oklahoma	5	27
Delaware	0	46	Oregon	0	51
D.C.	0	47	Pennsylvania	12	10
Florida	70	1	Puerto Rico	3	35
Georgia	22	4	Rhode Island	4	33
Hawaii	0	48	South Carolina	14	8
Idaho	1	40	South Dakota	3	36
Illinois	11	12	Tennessee	12	11
Indiana	4	29	Texas	27	3
Iowa	4	30	Utah	10	16
Kansas	4	31	Vermont	2	39
Kentucky	8	20	Virginia	10	17
Louisiana	13	9	Washington	0	52
Maine	5	25	West Virginia	1	44
Maryland	5	26	Wisconsin	7	24
Massachusetts	3	34	Wyoming	5	28
Michigan	9	18			
Minnesota	1	41			
Mississippi	11	13	United States	424	
Missouri	10	14			
Montana	4	32			
Nebraska	2	38			
Nevada	1	42			
New Hampshire	0	49			

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

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