

Lightning is a severe weather event which can strike at any time. During the development of a thunderstorm, several states rank as the most dangerous for lightning deaths and injuries. Information is courtesy of the NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS SR-193.

## 1. [Florida](#)



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**1523 Deaths and Injuries.**

Florida was known as the "Lightning Capital of the World" (NASA recently released a study that pegged Rwanda, Africa as the true lightning capital of the world.) With more deaths and injuries than all other states combined, Florida ranks as the #1 target for public safety and lightning awareness campaigns. Follow the link above to track current Florida lightning conditions.