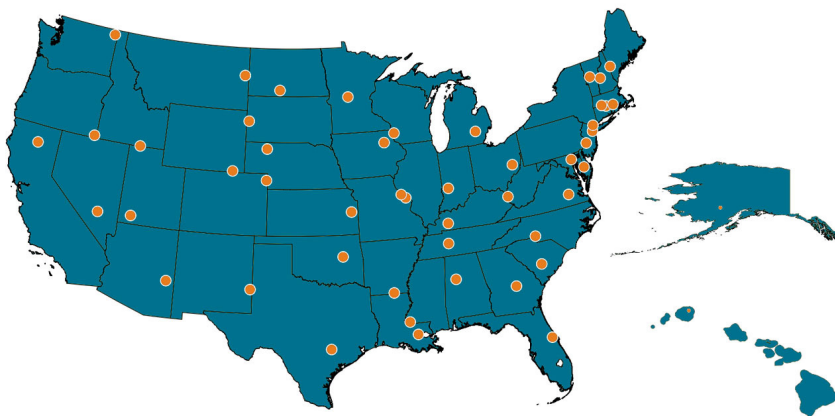


2021 United States lightning capitals

See where each U.S. state saw the most lightning in 2021.

To identify each state's lightning capital, we filtered the gridded density map (where each grid space is 2 km x 2 km) to find the highest density grid cell in each state and identified the city or town the grid cell was associated with. Across the western United States, cities are spaced farther apart, and some of the capitals fell in unincorporated portions of counties.



U.S. lightning capital
2021
Flatonia,
Texas

State	City	2021 lightning events per square mile
Alabama	Tuscaloosa	507
Alaska	Northwest of Lime Village	20
Arizona	Fort Apache Reservation	285
Arkansas	Bolding	501
California	Burney	161
Colorado	Holyoke	561
Connecticut	Tolland	166
Delaware	Atlanta	254
Florida	Geneva	857
Georgia	Rentz	701
Hawaii	Kalihiwai	17
Idaho	Unincorporated Cassia County	107
Illinois	Batchtown	695
Indiana	Denmark	286
Iowa	Oelwein	306
Kansas	Pottawatomie	441
Kentucky	Crofton	535

State	City	2021 lightning events per square mile
Louisiana	Maurepas	824
Maine	Lovell	57
Maryland	Parkville	420
Massachusetts	Southwick	124
Michigan	Marion Township	363
Minnesota	Spaulding	268
Mississippi	Woodville	578
Missouri	Calumet	632
Montana	Unincorporated Dawson County	181
Nebraska	Gordon	469
Nevada	Unincorporated Lincoln County	73
New Hampshire	Canaan	50
New Jersey	Newark	340
New Mexico	Bluit	369
New York	Tappan	178
North Carolina	Charlotte	267
North Dakota	Selfridge	440
Ohio	Lore City	413
Oklahoma	Okmulgee	568
Oregon	Unincorporated Malheur County	58
Pennsylvania	Bensalem Township	331
Rhode Island	Glocester	54
South Carolina	Orangeburg	373
South Dakota	Terry	388
Tennessee	Coble	472
Texas	Flatonia	1043
Utah	Cedar City	197
Vermont	Ripton	54
Virginia	Colonial Heights	379
Washington	Tiger	28
West Virginia	Kiahsville	414
Wisconsin	Lynxville	169
Wyoming	Granite	255

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