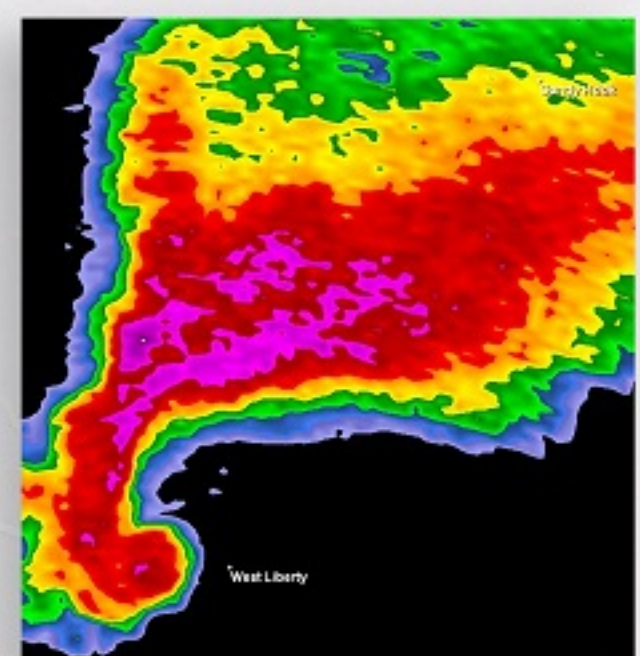


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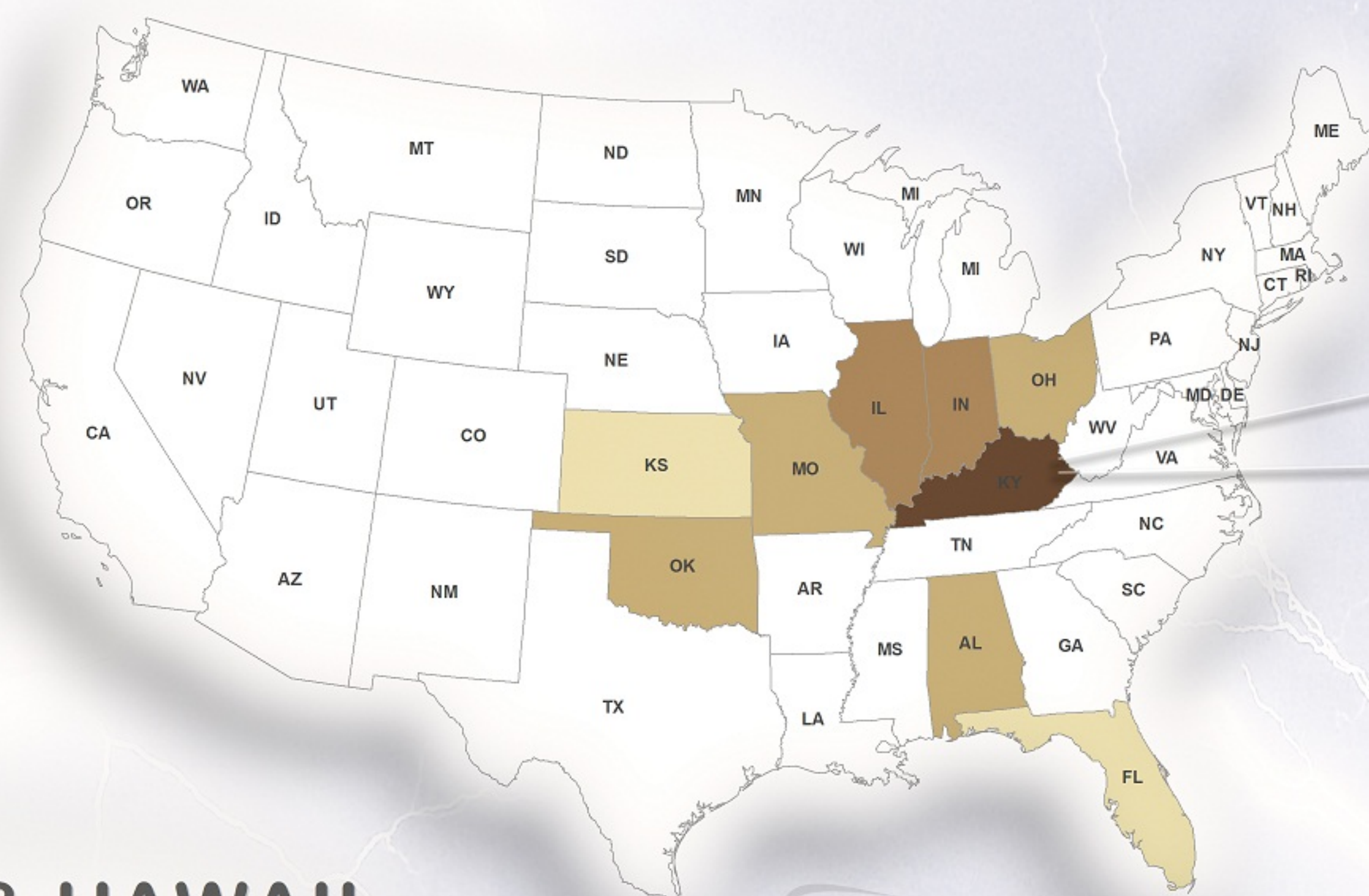


West Liberty, KY Supercell, March 2, 2012.

This tornadic thunderstorm caused 8 deaths, contributing to Kentucky's high fatality rate in the 2012 year.

"Supercells" are typically very prolific tornado producers. They are thunderstorms which contain a rotating updraft - a spinning column of rising, and warm air. Change of wind with height, known as "wind shear," aids the supercell to producing a tornado in its lifespan.

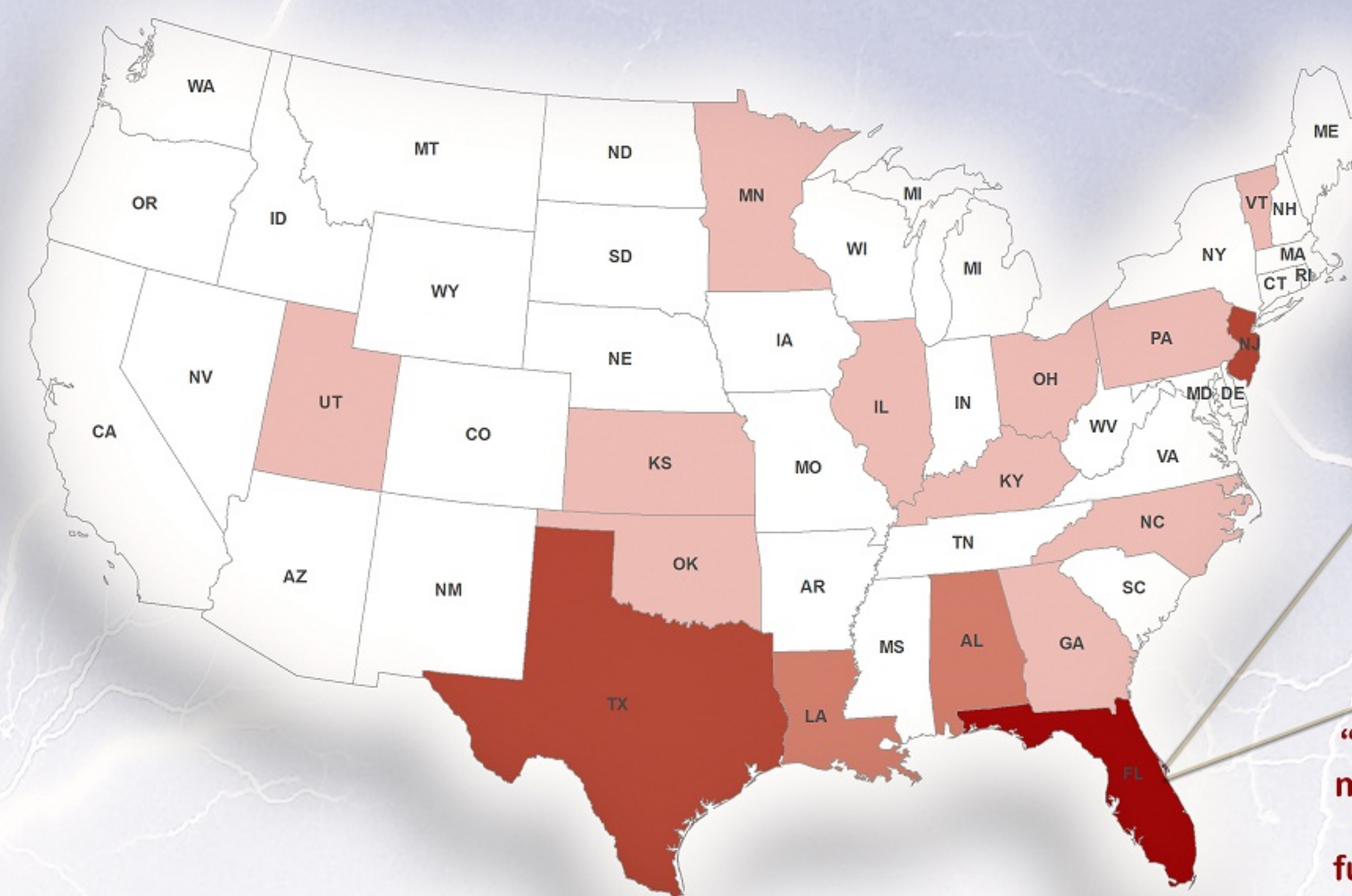
## TORNADO FATALITIES



**- KENTUCKY -**

The state with the highest number of fatalities in 2012 due to tornadoes - 22 total!

## LIGHTNING FATALITIES



**- FLORIDA -**

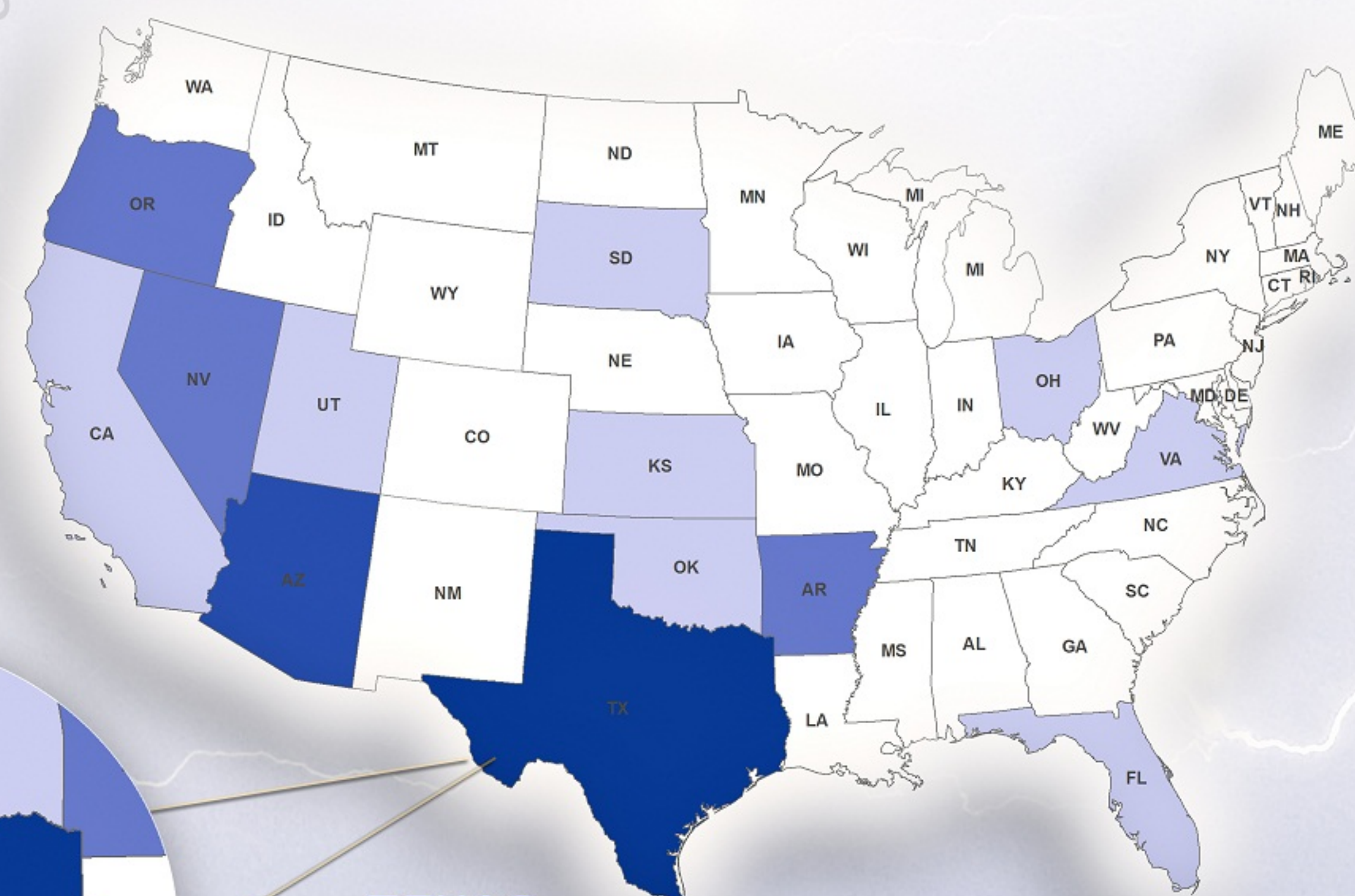
"The Sunshine State" ironically sees many electric storms during the year due to its moisture-rich, and Gulf-fueled environment; consequently, in 2012 racking the highest lightning death total - 5 fatalities!

## ALASKA & HAWAII

\*\*Both ALASKA and HAWAII had 0 total Tornado, Lightning, & Flooding Fatalities in the 2012 year.\*\*



## FLOODING FATALITIES



**- TEXAS -**

Having obtained the highest rate of flooding fatalities in 2012 - 5 total, this state is prone to flash flooding due to variety of coastal storms, and other weather/systems that can stall over the area, and produce heavy rainfall.

\*\* Key content shows the exact numerical value(s) of fatalities of persons, in single-double digits\*\*

Key	Lightning 2012 Fatalities	Flooding 2012 Fatalities
0	0	0
1	1	1
2 - 6	2	2
7 - 13	3	3 - 4
14 - 22	4 - 5	5

\*\* 2012 fatalities data courtesy of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service

