

# A state-by-state snapshot of blackouts

Ever wonder where your state ranks when it comes to the prevalence of power outages.

If you live in California, you may want to keep a flashlight handy at all times; after nearly 10 years of tracking blackouts across the U.S., Eaton is crowning the Golden State the official Blackout Queen. Between 2008 and 2017, California endured 4,297 power cuts—more than double the number of next runner-up Texas, which experienced 1,603. New York came in third with 1,528 outages, followed by Michigan (1,369), Ohio (1,349) and Pennsylvania (1,256).

Despite ranking low in the total number of outages, Montana, Vermont and Nebraska nonetheless left residents in the dark for the longest periods of time. Montana, which registered 337 power cuts over the 10-year period, averaged 212 minutes per outage. Vermont and Nebraska tied for second place with an average duration of 172 minutes.

And when it comes to affecting the greatest number of people, Florida edged out Queen California, leaving a collective 25.3 million customers without power over the 10-year span. California impacted a total of 22.2 million customers, followed by New York with 18.3 million and Michigan with 12.4 million.

Sometimes less is more—a creed welcomed by those living and working in states with the fewest number of total outages. Only one state managed to remain in the double digits over the decade of tracking: Wyoming endured just 94 blackouts. The next lowest overall were Rhode Island with 105, Vermont with 141 and North Dakota with 191.

State	Total number affected	Total duration	Total number of outages	Average number affected	Average duration
AK	503,113	20,365	225	3,225	138
AL	2,636,805	18,533	461	8,214	69
AR	1,883,787	22,612	296	7,752	122
AZ	2,036,543	45,961	530	4,860	138
CA	22,203,596	338,829	4,297	6,022	133
CO	2,329,892	38,518	594	4,895	99
CT	3,180,301	23,911	593	6,752	75
DC	2,532,401	4,225	179	19,041	49
DE	540,389	6,126	136	4,868	91
FL	25,348,824	51,226	848	38,819	105
GA	4,930,187	30,783	558	11,767	95
HI	2,055,710	16,340	273	10,542	93
IA	1,159,482	24,774	422	3,313	89
ID	1,157,012	21,811	373	3,582	85
IL	6,222,885	40,164	871	9,233	88
IN	2,500,043	42,882	686	4,546	100
KA	784,860	9,690	376	2,625	41
KY	2,004,924	26,500	326	7,537	126
LA	3,783,204	20,040	451	10,657	79
MA	4,355,364	34,019	823	7,039	68
MD	4,237,501	12,881	377	15,522	77
ME	4,371,598	17,350	309	16,435	93
MI	12,489,964	75,966	1,369	10,937	97
MN	2,254,450	26,875	458	6,369	90
MO	2,492,058	43,970	628	5,538	111
MS	844,023	13,795	259	4,117	77
MT	676,621	50,166	337	2,696	212
NC	6,033,038	58,624	982	7,570	96
ND	395,386	11,945	191	2,636	84
NE	919,030	38,456	319	3,508	172
NH	2,811,383	16,624	278	12,721	117
NJ	5,780,505	41,461	910	8,414	89
NM	917,411	9,138	195	5,881	68
NV	1,142,085	18,987	402	3,389	66
NY	18,359,431	88,657	1,528	14,606	103
OH	7,024,677	86,544	1,349	634	105
OK	2,220,750	13,625	498	5,093	42
OR	3,700,739	42,551	690	6,459	98
PA	7,095,095	74,134	1,256	7,131	103
RI	1,161,957	4,425	105	14,897	79
SC	2,479,440	19,774	439	6,984	71
SD	308,784	7,268	162	2,357	68
TN	2,520,456	37,821	584	5,651	102
TX	11,475,011	69,306	1,603	9,329	71
UT	1,802,762	22,986	346	6,303	103
VA	5,369,718	51,590	869	7,500	105
VT	607,749	14,647	141	5,194	172
WA	5,627,646	71,806	1,020	6,863	118
WI	2,965,277	46,175	774	4,633	100
WV	2,035,031	15,709	359	7,042	79
WY	222,374	9,925	94	2,965	153