



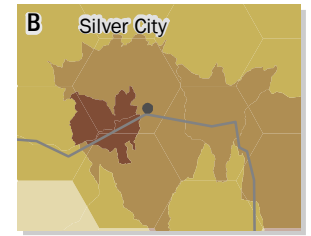
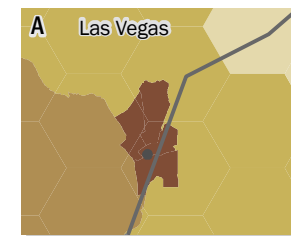
NEW MEXICO - BE LIGHTNING AWARE

This map shows areas of co-incidence of lightning and people

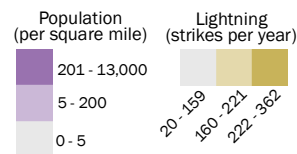
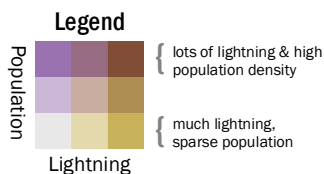
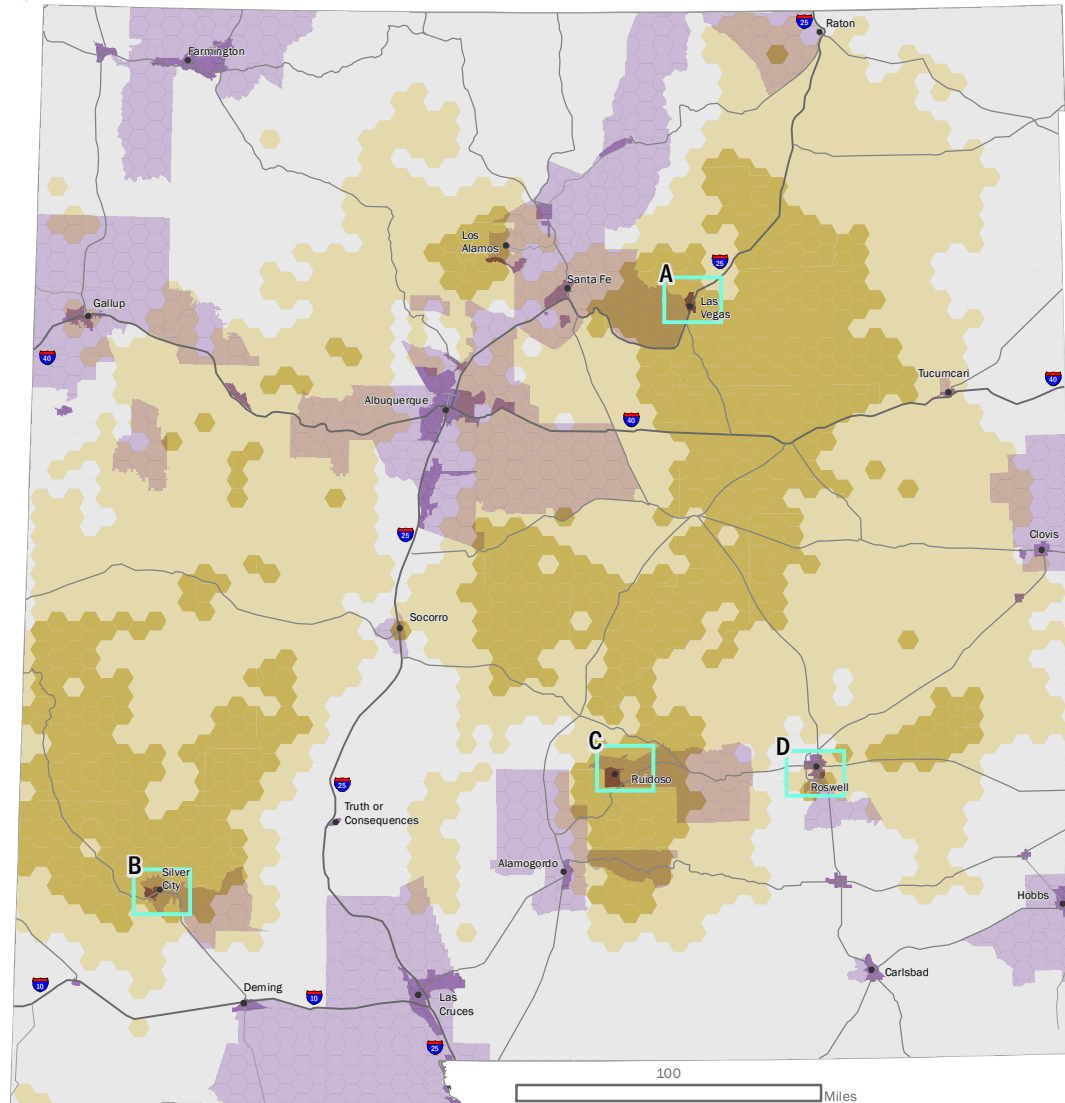
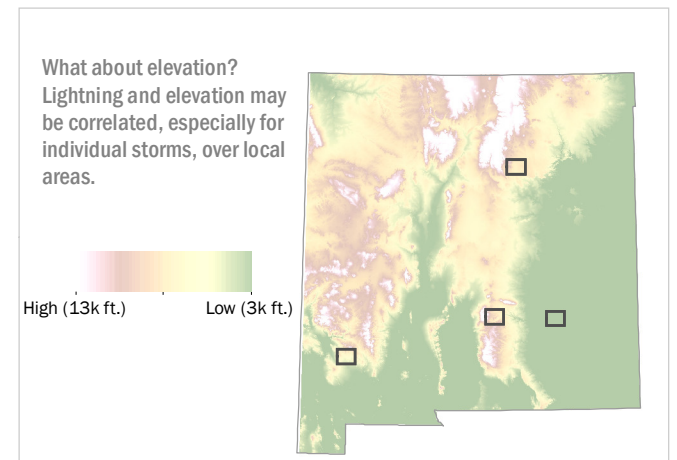
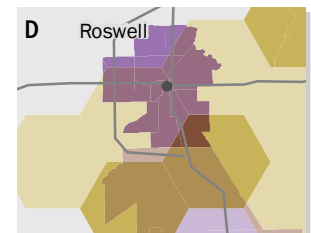
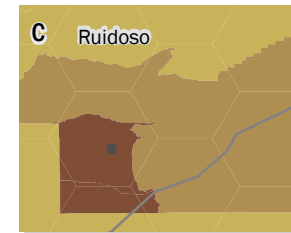


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"New Mexico is among the leaders in annual rates of lightning fatalities and injuries. Why? The main reason is that people stay outside too long as thunderstorms approach or form nearby. During the early part of the thunderstorm season, for example May and June, dry thunderstorms are quite common. With these types of thunderstorms, little or no precipitation reaches the ground and and, as a result, people are less likely to seek shelter."
(National Weather Service)



10 Miles



Lightning data from 1986 to 1999 was aggregated to find the average lightning strikes per year, for each hexbin. There were ~10 million strikes over the 14 year period.