

The Worst Natural Disasters by Death Toll

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What are the deadliest natural disasters recorded?
 A death toll is the number of dead as a result of war, violence, accident, natural disaster, extreme weather, or disease.

Below is a list of death tolls for various infamous natural disasters. Most numbers are estimates and are often in dispute. The incidents are ranked by the highest estimate given.

Some events overlap categories.

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What are the deadliest natural disasters? Top 10:

| Rank | Event | Location | Date | Death Toll (Estimate) |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 1931 Yellow River flood | Yellow River, China | Summer 1931 | 850,000-4,000,000 |
| 2. | 1887 Yellow River flood | Yellow River, China | September-October 1887 | 900,000-2,000,000 |
| 3. | 1970 Bhola cyclone | Ganges Delta, East Pakistan | November 13, 1970 | 500,000-1,000,000 |
| 4. | 1201 Earthquake | Eastern Mediterranean | 1201 | 1,000,000 |
| 5. | 1938 Yellow River flood | Yellow River, China | June 9th, 1938 | 500,000 - 900,000 |
| 6. | Shaanxi Earthquake | Shaanxi Province, China | January 23, 1556 | 830,000 |
| 7. | 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake/tsunami | Indian Ocean | December 26, 2004 | 225,000-275,000 |
| 8. | 1881 Haiphong Cyclone | Haiphong, Vietnam | 1881 | 300,000 |
| 9. | 1642 Kaifeng Flood | Kaifeng, Henan Province, China | 1642 | 300,000 |
| 10. | Tangshan Earthquake | Tangshan, China | July 28, 1976 | 242,000* |

* Official Government figure. Estimated death toll as high as 655,000.

What are the deadliest recorded Earthquakes?

| Death Toll | Event | Location | Date | Death Toll | Event | Location | Date | Death Toll |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| 830,000 | Shaanxi earthquake | China | 1556 | 287,000 | Indian Ocean earthquake & tsunamis | outside Indonesia | 2004 | 255,000 |
| 255,000 | Tangshan earthquake | China | 1976 | 230,000 | Aleppo earthquake | Syria | 1138 | 200,000 |
| 200,000 | Gansu earthquake | China | 1920 | 200,000 | Xining earthquake | China | 1927 | 200,000 |
| 150,000 | Ardabil earthquake | Iran | 893 | 140,000 | Great Kantō earthquake | Japan | 1923 | 110,000 |
| 100,000 | Ashgabat earthquake | Turkmenistan | 1948 | 100,000 | Messina earthquake | Italy | 1908 | 100,000 |
| 1755 | Lisbon earthquake | Portugal | 1755 | 100,000 | Chihli earthquake | China | 1290 | 87,000+ |
| 87,000+ | (still rising) 2005 Kashmir earthquake | Pakistan, India | 2005 | 80,000 | Shemakha earthquake | Caucasus | 1667 | 77,000 |
| 77,000 | Tabriz earthquake | Iran | 1727 | 70,000 | Gansu earthquake | China | 1932 | 66,000 |
| 66,000 | Ancash earthquake | Peru | 1970 | 60,000 | Sicily earthquake | Sicily | 1693 | 60,000 |
| 50,000 | Calabria earthquake | Italy | 1783 | 50,000 | Iran earthquake | Iran | 1990 | 31,000–41,000 |
| 31,000–41,000 | Bam earthquake | Iran | 2003 | 32,700 | Erzincan earthquake | Turkey | 1939 | 25,000 |
| 25,000 | Spitak Earthquake | Armenia | 1988 | 23,000 | Guatemala earthquake | Guatemala | 1976 | 20,000 |
| 20,000 | Gujarat earthquake | India | 2001 | 20,000 | Valparaíso earthquake | Chile | 1960 | 17,118 |
| 17,118 | Izmit earthquake | Turkey | 1999 | 15,621 | Tonghai earthquake | China | 1970 | 11,000 |
| 11,000 | Naples earthquake | Italy | 1857 | 10,700 | Bihar earthquake | India | 1934 | 10,000 |
| 10,000 | Agadir earthquake | Morocco | 1960 | 9,748 | Latur, India earthquake | India | 1993 | 9,500 |
| 9,500 | Michoacán earthquake | Mexico | 1985 | 6,433 | Great Hanshin earthquake | Kobe, Japan | 1995 | 6,234 |
| 6,234 | May 2006 Java earthquake | Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 2006 | 3,276 | Hsinchu-Taichung earthquake | Taiwan | 1935 | 3,000 |
| 3,000 | 1906 San Francisco earthquake | California | 1906 | 2,400 | Chi-Chi earthquake | Taiwan | 1999 | 2,914 |
| 2,914 | Irpinia | Italy | 1980 | 1,570 | Romania earthquake | Romania | 1977 | 1,100 |
| 1,570 | Romania earthquake | Romania | 1977 | 1,100 | Skopje earthquake | Yugoslavia | 1963 | 1,266 |
| 1,266 | Meishan earthquake | Taiwan | 1905 | 1,000 | Friuli earthquake | Italy | 1976 | 1,084 |
| 1,084 | Luzon earthquake | Philippines | 1990 | 571 | Morocco earthquake | Al Hoceima Province | 2004 | 564 |
| 571 | Morocco earthquake | Al Hoceima Province | 2004 | 564 | Zarand | Iran | 2005 | 258 |
| 258 | Napier earthquake | New Zealand | 1931 | 131 | Good Friday Earthquake | Alaska | 1964 | 115 |
| 131 | Good Friday Earthquake | Alaska | 1964 | 115 | Long Beach earthquake of 1933 | California | 1933 | 66 |
| 66 | Loma Prieta earthquake | California | 1989 | 65+ | Sylmar earthquake | California | 1971 | 57 |
| 57 | Northridge earthquake | California | 1994 | 27 | 1872 Lone Pine earthquake | California | 1872 | 13 |
| 27 | 1872 Lone Pine earthquake | California | 1872 | 13 | Newcastle earthquake | Australia | 1989 | |

Notes

A severe earthquake occurred on 5 July 1201 in the area of the eastern Mediterranean - (Upper Egypt, Syria). Every major city in the Near East was disrupted, and contemporary estimates put the total number killed at 1,100,000.

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What are the deadliest volcano eruptions?

Death

| Toll | Event | Location | Date | Death Toll | Event | Location | Date | Death Toll |
|--------|--|------------|------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------|------------|
| 92,000 | Mount Tambora (see also Year Without a Summer) | Indonesia | 1815 | 36,000 | Krakatoa | Indonesia | 1883 | 29,000 |
| 29,000 | Mount Pelée | Martinique | 1902 | 23,000 | Nevado del Ruiz | Colombia | 1985 | 18,000 |
| 18,000 | Mount Vesuvius | Italy | 1631 | 15,000 | Mount Unzen | Japan | 1792 | 10,000 |

Kelut Indonesia 1586 9,350 Laki Iceland 1783 6,000 Santa Maria Guatemala 1902 5,115 Kelut
 Indonesia 1912 4,000 Galunggung Indonesia 1822 3,600 Mount Vesuvius Roman Empire 79
 3,500 El Chichón Mexico 1982 1,680 Soufrière St. Vincent West Indies 1902 1,000 Cotopaxi Ecuador
 1887 700 Mount Pinatubo Philippines 1991 245 Nyiragongo Congo 2002 152 Mt Ruapehu,
 Tangiwai New Zealand 1953 57 Mount St. Helens Washington 1980

Notes

A supervolcano that erupted at Lake Toba around 74,000 years ago is thought to have reduced the global human population to less than 10 thousand, which isn't much, as the global population was at most around a million at the time; see Toba catastrophe theory. This eruption is not listed because it occurred before recorded history. Also, the Thera eruption in the Aegean Sea between 1550 and 1650 B.C. may have caused a large number of deaths throughout the region, from Crete to Egypt.

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What were the deadliest tsunamis?

Death Toll

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|----------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Event | Location | Date | 228,000–310,000 | Indian Ocean earthquake with tsunami | Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Somalia, Myanmar, and other countries | 2004 | 100,000 | 1755 Lisbon earthquake, tsunami, earthquake and fire | Portugal and Morocco | 1755 | 70,000 | Messina Italy earthquake and tsunami | Italy | 1908 |
| 40,000 | South China Sea | China and Taiwan | 1782 | 36,000 | Krakatoa volcano explosion | Indonesia | 1883 | 30,000 | TMkaidM-NankaidM | Japan | 1707 | 27,000 | Japan | 1826 |
| 25,674 | Chile | 1868 | 22,070 | Sanriku | Japan | 1896 | 15,030 | caused by Mount Unzen, Southwest Kykshk | Japan | 1792 | 13,486 | Rykkyk Trench | 1771 | 5,233 |
| 5,000 | NankaidM | Japan | 1605 | 5,000 | Moro Gulf | Philippines | 1976 | 4,000 | Borneo | Indonesia | 1952 | 3,000 | Papua New Guinea | 1998 |
| 3,008 | Sanriku | Japan | 1933 | 2,000 | Great Chilean Earthquake | deaths in Chile, U.S. (Hawaii), Philippines and Japan | 1960 | 2,000 | Bristol Channel, possible tsunami | United Kingdom | 1607 | 540 | Java earthquake | 2006 |
| 122 | Good Friday Earthquake | Alaska and Hawaii, U.S. | 1964 | 46 | Southeast coast of Big Island of Hawaii | 1868 | 27 or 51 | Placentia Bay | Newfoundland | 1929 | 23 | Nice | France | 1979 |

Limnic Eruptions

Death Toll Event Location

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|------|-------|-----------|----------|------|----|-------------|----------|------|
| Date | 1,800 | Lake Nyos | Cameroon | 1986 | 37 | Lake Monoun | Cameroon | 1984 |
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Extreme Weather

Heatwaves

Death Toll Event Location Date

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| 35,000 | European Heat Wave of 2003 | Europe | 2003 | 1,250 - 10,000 | 1980 | United States heat wave | United States | 1980 | | | | | | |
| 4,000 | heat waves in Texas, Middle East and India | 1998 | 739 | Chicago Heat Wave of 1995 | Chicago | 1995 | 437 | Southern regions, Australia | 1895-1896 | Australia | 1895-1896 | 271 | heat waves in Midwest and Northeast | 1999 |

Hail

Death Toll Event Location Date

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|------|
| 'several hundred' | Roopkund, Uttaranchal | India | eighth century | 246 | Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh | India | 1888 |
| 25 | Henan Province | China | 2002 | | | | |

Smog

Death Toll Event Location Date

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| 4,000 | Great Smog of 1952 | United Kingdom | 1952 |
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Storms

Death Toll Event Location Date

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| 15,000 | torrential rains and mudslides | Venezuela | 1999 | 669 (and 695 missing) | heavy storms ("Winnie") | Philippines | 2004 | 250+ | Great Lakes Storm of 1913 | Great Lakes basin region | 1913 |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------|

| Lightning Strikes | | Death Toll | Event | Location |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Date | 81 | lightning struck Boeing 707 airliner | near Elkton, Maryland | 1963 |
| What are the deadliest tornadoes? | | | | Death Toll |
| Event | Location | Date | 1,300 The Satura-Manikganj Sadar Tornado | Manikganj, Bangladesh 1989 695 |
| The Tri-State Tornado | MO-IL-IN, USA | 1925 | 500 The Narail-Magura Tornadoes | Jessore, Bangladesh 1964 |
| 317 | The Great Natchez Tornado | LA-MS, USA | 1840 | 255 The St. Louis-East St. Louis Tornado |
| 1896 | 233 The Tupelo Tornado | MS, USA | 1936 | 203 The Gainesville Tornado |
| | | | | GA, USA 1936 181 |
| The Glazier-Higgins-Woodward Tornadoes | TX-OK-KS, USA | 1947 | 160 The Chakislampur-Goborghata Tornado | West Bengal-Orissa, India 1998 150 |
| 143 | The Amite-Pine-Purvis Tornadoes | LA-MS, USA | 1908 | 139 The Assam Tornado |
| 118 | The Dhaka Tornado | Dhaka, Bangladesh | 1888 | 117 The New Richmond Tornado |
| 115 | The Flint Tornado | MI, USA | 1953 | 114 The Waco Tornado |
| | | | | TX, USA 1953 114 |
| | | | | The Goliad Tornado |
| | | | | TX, USA 1902 94 |
| | | | | The Worcester Tornado |
| | | | | MA, USA 1953 54 |
| | | | | The San Justo Tornado |
| | | | | Buenos Aires Province, Argentina 1973 |
| Cyclones, Hurricanes and Typhoons | | | | Death Toll |
| Event | Location | Date | 500,000 Bhola cyclone | Bangladesh 1970 300,000 India cyclone 1839 |
| 300,000 | cyclone Haiphong | Vietnam | 1881 | 229,000 Super Typhoon Nina - contributed to Banqiao Dam failure |
| China | 1975 | 138,000 | 1991 Bangladesh cyclone | Chittagong Bangladesh 1991 60,000 typhoon China |
| 1922 | 60,000 | 1864 | Calcutta cyclone | India 1864 50,000 typhoon China 1912 40,000 cyclone |
| India | 1942 | 30,000 | cyclone Bangladesh | June 1, 1965 22,000 Great Hurricane of 1780 Barbados, |
| Martinique, St. Eustatius | 1780 | 22,000 | cyclone Pakistan | 1963 20,000 cyclone India 1977 18,277 |
| Hurricane Mitch | Central America | 1998 | 17,000 cyclone Bangladesh | May 11, 1965 10,000 cyclone |
| Karachi, Pakistan | 1965 | 10,000 | cyclone in Orissa | India 1999 10,000 typhoon Hong Kong 1906 |
| 9,574 | cyclone India | 1999 | 8,000 Galveston Hurricane of 1900 | Texas United States September 8, 1900 |
| 8,000 | hurricane Dominican Republic | 1930 | 8,000 Hurricane Fifi | Honduras 1974 7,200 Hurricane Flora |
| Haiti | Cuba | 1963 | 6,000 Typhoon Thelma | Philippines 1991 6,000 cyclone Pakistan 1960 5,000 |
| Typhoon Vera | Japan | 1958 | 4,170 Newfoundland Hurricane | U.S., Newfoundland 1775 4,075+ Lake |
| Okeechobee Hurricane | U.S. | 1928 | 4,000 hurricane Canada | 1775 3,433 hurricane Puerto Rico, |
| Dominican Republic | 1899 | 3,107 | hurricane Cuba | 1932 3,037 Hurricane Jeanne |
| hurricane Atlantic Ocean | 1782 | 3,000 | hurricane Cuba | 1791 3,000 1737 Calcutta cyclone |
| India | 1737 | 2,500 | cyclone Andhra Pradesh | 1996 2,334 Typhoon Iris |
| China | 1959 | 2,150 | hurricane Caribbean | 1935 2,060 Hurricane David |
| Dominican Republic, U.S. | 1979 | 2,000-3,000 | hurricane Central America | 1934 2,000 hurricane Gulf of Mexico |
| 1780 | 2,000 hurricane Florida | 1781 | 2,000 hurricane Cuba, | Florida 1870 2,000 Chenier Caminada |
| Hurricane Katrina | United States | 2005 | 1,620 Hurricane Stan | Mexico, Central America 2005 1,600 |
| Typhoon Mary | China | 1960 | 1,500-2,500 hurricane Windward Islands | 1831 1,500-2,500 hurricane |
| Central America | 1931 | 1,500 | hurricane Greater Antilles, Mexico | 1909 1,300 Typhoon Ike |
| Philippines | 1984 | 1,200 | Hurricane Hazel | Grenada, Bahamas, Haiti, U.S., Canada 1954 1,145 Hurricane Gordon |
| Haiti, U.S. | 1994 | 1,115 | hurricane Jamaica, Cuba | 1780 1,000-2,000 Sea Islands Hurricane |
| Georgia, | South Carolina | 1893 | 1,000 Hurricane Inez | Greater Antilles, Mexico 1966 1,000 cyclone India 1998 |
| 921 | hurricane Greater Antilles, Mexico | 1888 | 709 hurricane Cuba | 1926 700 hurricane Georgia |
| 1881 | 700 hurricane Greater Antilles | 1891 | 600-700 hurricane U.S. | 1788 682 New England |
| Hurricane of 1938 | U.S. | 1938 | 602 Hurricane Georges | Greater Antilles 1998 600 hurricane Florida, Gulf |
| of Mexico, Texas | 1919 | 600 | Hurricane Fox (Cuba) | 1952 540-680 Hurricane Janet (Honduras, Mexico |
| 1955 | 424 hurricane North Carolina | 1857 | 408 Labor Day Hurricane | Florida 1935 400 Last Island |
| Hurricane (Louisiana | 1856 | 400 | Cyclone Mahina | Australia 1899 400 Hurricane Hattie |
| Belize | 1961 | 400 | hurricane Texas | 1915 399-550 Hurricane Audrey |
| Louisiana | 1957 | 390 | hurricane U.S. | 1944 387 hurricane U.S. |
| 1866 | 383 hurricane Windward Islands | 1898 | 364 Hurricane Donna (every U.S. | state on east coast 1960 350 hurricane Louisiana |
| 1909 | 318 Hurricane Gilbert | Jamaica and Mexico | 1988 265-350 Great Miami Hurricane | Florida, Louisiana 1926 256 Hurricane Camille |
| U.S. | 1969 | 228 | Hurricane Allen | Caribbean U.S. 1980 217 Hurricane Cleo |
| Caribbean and Florida | 1964 | 216 | Hurricane Joan (Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador) | 1988 200 Hurricane Hilda |
| Mexico | 1955 | 200 | Hurricane Diane | North Carolina 1955 122 Hurricane Agnes |
| Eastern United States | 1972 | 120 | Hurricane Ivan | Caribbean, Alabama, Florida 2004 113 Hurricane Rita |
| Florida, Mississippi, Texas | 2005 | 96 | Hurricane Diana | Mexico 1990 96 Typhoon Nari |
| Taiwan | 2001 | 86 | Hurricane Hugo | Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico, South Carolina 1989 80 Hurricane Eloise |
| Hispaniola and Eastern United States | 1975 | 76 | Hurricane Betsy | Louisiana 1965 72 Typhoon Toraji |
| Taiwan | 2001 | 71 | Cyclone Tracy | Australia 1974 62 Hurricane Andrew |
| Bahamas, Florida, Louisiana | 1992 | 60 | Hurricane Carol | New England 1954 59 Hurricane Beulah |
| Texas | 1967 | 59 | Hurricane Opal | Guatemala, Mexico, Florida 1995 57 Hurricane |
| Floyd | Bahamas, North Carolina | 1999 | 51 Hurricane Cesar | Nicaragua, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela |
| 1996 | 51 Typhoon Herb | Taiwan | 1996 45 1939 Long Beach Tropical Storm | California 1939 43 |
| Hurricane Celia | Texas | 1970 | 42 Hurricane Hortense | Leeward Islands 1996 41 Tropical Storm Allison |

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Floods and Landslides

| Location | Date | 1,000,000–3,700,000 | 1931 Huang He flood China | 1931 | 900,000–2,000,000 | Death Toll | Event |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------|---|
| 1887 Huang He flood | China | 1887 | 500,000-900,000 | 1938 Huang He flood | China | 1938 | 231,000 Banqiao Dam failure. Approximately 86,000 people died from flooding and another 145,000 died during subsequent epidemics. |
| China | 1975 | 145,000 | 1935 Yangtze river flood | China | 1935 | 100,000 | flood North Vietnam |
| 100,000 | 1911 | Yangtze river flood | China | 1911 | 30,000 | 1954 | Yangtze river flood |
| 25,000–? | | | | | | | |
| Iran | 1954 | 2,200 | Johnstown Flood | Pennsylvania | 1889 | 2,142 | North Sea flood of 1953 storm surge (Netherlands, United Kingdom |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2006 Southern Leyte mudslide | Philippines | (2006 | 1,605–3,363 | spring flooding in Haiti and Dominican Republic | 2004 | 1,000 | Mumbai (Bombay) and the surrounding state Maharashtra |
| 400 | St. Francis Dam failure | California | 1928 | 315 | North Sea flood of 1962 storm tide | Germany | 1962 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Great Sheffield flood dam disaster | England | 1864 | 94 | Mameyes Disaster lanslide | Ponce, Puerto Rico | 1985 | 81 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Holmfirth Flood - Bilberry Reservoir dam failure | West Yorkshire, England | 1852 | 78 | Austin Dam failure | Pennsylvania | 1911 | 70 |
| | | | | | | | |
| New Orleans dike failure | Louisiana | 2005 | 47 | McDonald Dam failure | Austin, Texas | 1900 | 16 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Brisbane flood | Australia | 1974 | | | | | |

Wildfires, Bushfires

| Date | 418 | Hinckley Fire | Minnesota, United States | 1894 | 250+ | Thumb Fire | Michigan, United States | 1881 | Death Toll | Event | Location |
|------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------|------------|-------|----------|
| 160 | Miramichi Fire, | New Brunswick | Canada | 1825 | 75 | Ash Wednesday[1] | Southern Australia | 1983 | | | |
| 71 | Black Friday | Victoria, Australia | 1939 | 62 | 1967 Tasmanian fires | Tasmania, Australia | 1967 | 60 | SE | | |
| | Victoria (incl Gippsland & Dandenongs) | Bushfire [2] | Victoria, Australia | 1926 | | | | | | | |

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And what about the several hundred millions deaths caused by malaria throughout the centuries ???

Blizzards

| 4,000 | Iran | 1972 | 400 | Great Blizzard of '88 | Northeastern United States | 1888 | 318 | 1993 North American Storm Complex | Northeastern United States | 1993 | 235 | Schoolhouse Blizzard | Great Plains, USA | 1888 | 144 | Armistice Day Blizzard | Midwest, USA | 1940 | 54 | Blizzard of '78 | Northeastern United States | 1978 | 29 | Blizzard of 1977 | Buffalo, New York, USA | 1977 |
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Contractible Diseases

| Location | Date | 300,000,000+ | Smallpox | 20th Century alone | 300,000,000+ | Bubonic Plague: Black Death | 1300's-1720's; | Plague of Justinian | 540-590 | Third Pandemic (same disease) | 1850's-1950's | 20,000,000 - 100,000,000 | Spanish Flu worldwide | 1918 - 1919 | 10,000,000 - 100,000,000 | deaths from diseases in Europe (millions) and the Americas (tens of millions) from diseases exchanged between continents after 1492 | 25,250,000 | AIDS deaths worldwide | 1981 - present | 10,000,000 | Bubonic Plague | China | 1892 - 1896 | 5,000,000 | Antonine Plague | Roman Empire | 165 - 180) | 4,000,000 | Asian Flu pandemic worldwide | 1957 | 1,000,000 | Hong Kong Flu pandemic worldwide | 1968 | 130,000 | North American smallpox epidemic | 1775 - 1782 | 60,000 | Great Plague of London | London, UK | 1666 | 775 | Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) | Mostly East Asia, few cases in Europe, Canada and United States | 2002-2003 | 677 | West Nile Virus outbreak (North America | 1999 - 2004 | 256 | H5N1 strain of Bird Flu (mainly in Asia, few in Africa and Middle East) | 2003-present |
|----------|------|--------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------------------------|------|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------|------------|------|-----|--|---|-----------|-----|---|-------------|-----|---|--------------|
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Famine

completely caused by humans. Please Note: Some of these famines may be partially or completely caused by humans. Death Toll Event Location Date
 1,000,000–43,000,000 Period of Three Difficult Years (most estimates are between 20 and 30 million) (China)

1958 - 1961) * 24,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1907 5,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1936 China 1936
5,000,000 Holodomor USSR 1932-1934 5,000,000 Ukraine and Volga Famine USSR 1921-1922
3,000,000 Chinese Drought 1941 China 1941 3,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1928-1930 China 1928 - 1930
3,000,000 Indian Drought of 1900 India 1900 1,500,000 - 3,000,000 Bengal Famine of 1943 India 1943
1,500,000 Indian Drought of 1965-1967 India 1965 - 1967 1,200,000 North Korean famine North Korea
1995 - 1998 1,100,000 Irish potato famine Ireland 1846-1849 1,000,000 Ethiopian famine Ethiopia 1984
150,000 Finnish famine of 1866-1868 Finland 1866-1868 30,000 Dutch famine of 1944 The Netherlands
1944

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