

830,000 - Shaanxi earthquake (China, 1556)
286,000 - Indian Ocean earthquake & tsunamis (outside Indonesia, 2004)
242,000 - Tangshan earthquake (China, 1976)
200,000 - Gansu earthquake (China, 1920)
200,000 - Xining earthquake (China, 1927)
140,000 - Great Kanto earthquake (Japan, 1923)
100,000 - Messina earthquake (Italy, 1908)
100,000 - 1755 Lisbon earthquake (Portugal, 1755)
80,000 - Shemakha earthquake (Caucasus, 1667)
77,000 - Tabriz earthquake (Iran, 1727)
70,000 - Gansu earthquake (China, 1932)
66,000 - Ancash earthquake (Peru, 1970)
60,000 - Sicily earthquake (1693)
60,000 - Quetta earthquake (Pakistan, 1935)
50,000 - Calabria earthquake (Italy, 1783)
50,000 - Iran earthquake (1990)
31,000–41,000 - Bam earthquake (Iran, 2003)
32,700 - Erzincan earthquake (Turkey, 1939)
25,000 - Spitak Earthquake (Armenia, 1988)
23,000 - Guatemala earthquake (1976)
20,000 - Gujarat earthquake (India, 2001)
20,000 - Valparaíso earthquake (Chile, 1960)
18,000+ -(still rising) 2005 Kashmir earthquake, (Pakistan, India, 2005)
17,118 - Izmit earthquake (Turkey, 1999)
15,621 - Tonghai earthquake (China, 1970)
11,000 - Naples earthquake, (Italy, 1857)
10,700 - Bihar earthquake (India, 1934)
10,000 - Agadir earthquake (Morocco, 1960)
9,748 - India earthquake (India, 1993)
9,500 - Michoacán earthquake (Mexico, 1985)
6,433 - Great Hanshin earthquake, (Kobe, Japan, 1995)
2,400 - Chi-Chi earthquake (Taiwan, 1999)
1,570 - Romania earthquake (Romania, 1977)
700 - 1906 San Francisco earthquake (California, 1906)
571 - Morocco earthquake (Al Hoceima Province, 2004)
564 - Zarand (Iran, 2005)
258 - Napier earthquake (New Zealand, 1931)
131 - Good Friday Earthquake (Alaska, 1964)
115 - Long Beach earthquake of 1933 ([[California, 1933)
66 - Loma Prieta earthquake (California, 1989)
65+ - Sylmar earthquake (California, 1971)
57 - Northridge earthquake (California, 1994)
27 - 1872 Lone Pine earthquake (California, 1872)
13 - Newcastle earthquake (Australia, 1989)

Volcanic eruption

92,000 - Mount Tambora, (Indonesia, 1815) (see also Year Without a Summer)

40,000 - Mount Pelée, (Martinique, 1902)

36,000 - Krakatoa, (Indonesia, 1883)

23,000 - Nevado del Ruiz, (Colombia, 1985)

18,000 - Mount Vesuvius, (Italy, 1631)

15,000 - Mount Unzen, (Japan, 1792)

10,000 - Kelut, (Indonesia, 1586)

9,350 - Laki, (Iceland, 1783)

3,600 - Mount Vesuvius, (79)

1,680 - Soufrière, (St. Vincent, West Indies, 1902)

1,000 - Cotopaxi, (Ecuador, 1887)

700 - Mount Pinatubo (Philippines, 1991)

245 - Nyiragongo, (Congo, 2002)

57 - Mount St. Helens (Washington, 1980)

A supervolcano that erupted at Lake Toba 74,000 years ago is thought to have reduced the global modern human population to less than 10 thousand individuals; see Toba catastrophe theory.

Tsunami

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, 1755, Portugal and Morocco

70,000 - Messina, Italy, earthquake and tsunami, 1908

40,000 - South China Sea, 1782, including deaths in Taiwan

36,000 - Krakatoa volcano explosion, 1883

30,000 - Tokaido-Nankaido, Japan, 1707

27,000 - Japan, 1826

25,674 - Chile, 1868

22,070 - Sanriku, Japan, 1896

15,030 - caused by Mount Unzen, Southwest Kyushu, Japan, 1792

13,486 - Ryukyu Trench, 1771

5,233 - Tokaido-Kashima, Japan, 1703

5,000 - Nankaido, Japan, 1605

5,000 - Moro Gulf, Philippines, 1976

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 floods, 1607, possible tsunami, United Kingdom

165 - Aleutian Island earthquake, deaths in Hawaii and Alaska, U.S., 1946

122 - Good Friday Earthquake, Alaska and Hawaii, U.S., 1964

27 or 51 - Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, Canada, 1929

23 - Nice, France, 1979

Extreme weather

- 35,000 - European Heat Wave of 2003 (Europe, 2003)
- 15,000 - torrential rains and mudslides in Venezuela (1999)
- 12,000 - Great Smog of 1952, (United Kingdom, 1952)
- 4,000 - heat waves in Texas, Middle East and India (1998)
- 739 - Chicago Heat Wave of 1995 (Chicago, 1995)
- 695 - Tri-State Tornado, (1925)
- 669 - heavy storms ("Winnie") (and 695 missing), (Philippines, 2004)
- 271 - heat waves in Midwest and Northeast (1999)
- 250+ - Great Lakes Storm of 1913 (Great Lakes basin region, 1913)

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Hurricane, typhoon, and tropical cyclone

- 500,000 - Bholra cyclone (Bangladesh, 1970)
- 229,000 - Super Typhoon Nina, China, 1975 - contributed to Banqiao Dam failure
- 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 - Hurricane of Independence, (U.S., Canada, 1776)
- 4,000 - hurricane, (Canada, 1775)
- 3,433 - hurricane, (Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, 1899)
- 3,411 - Lake Okeechobee Hurricane, (U.S., 1928)
- 3,107 - hurricane, (Cuba, 1932)
- 3,037 - Hurricane Jeanne, (Haiti, 2004)
- 3,000 - hurricane, (Atlantic Ocean, 1782)

3,000 - hurricane, (Cuba, 1791)
3,000 - 1737 Calcutta cyclone (India)
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, (Louisiana, 1893)
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)
1,203 - Hurricane Katrina, (United States, 2005)
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)
650 - 1938 New England Hurricane, (U.S., 1938)
616 - Hurricane Stan, (Mexico, Central America, 2005)
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)
350 - hurricane, (Louisiana, 1909)
265-350 - Great Miami Hurricane, (Florida, Louisiana, 1926)

- 256 - Hurricane Camille, (U.S., 1969)
- 228 - Hurricane Allen (Caribbean, U.S. 1980)
- 200 - Hurricane Hilda (Mexico, 1955)
- 120 - Hurricane Ivan, (Caribbean, Alabama, Florida, 2004)
- 96 - Hurricane Diana, (Mexico, 1990)
- 86 - Hurricane Hugo (Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, 1989)
- 65 - Cyclone Tracy (Australia, 1974)
- 57 - Hurricane Floyd, (Bahamas, North Carolina, 1999)
- 41 - Tropical Storm Allison (Texas, 2001)
- 40 - Hurricane Isabel (North Carolina, 2003)
- 35 - Hurricane Charley (Jamaica, Cuba, Florida, 2004)
- 26 - Hurricane Andrew (Bahamas, Florida, Louisiana, 1992)

Floods

- 1,000,000–3,700,000 - 1931 Huang He flood (China, 1931)
- 900,000–2,000,000 - 1887 Huang He flood (China, 1887)
- 229,000 - Banqiao Dam failure, China, 1975. Approximately 86,000 people died from flooding and another 145,000 died during subsequent epidemics.
- 145,000 - 1935 Yangtze river flood
- 142,000 - 1931 Yangtze river flood
- 100,000 - flood (North Vietnam, 1971)
- 100,000 - 1911 Yangtze river flood
- 30,000 - 1954 Yangtze river flood
- 10,000 - Great Iran Flood, (Iran, 1954)
- 2,200 - Johnstown Flood (Pennsylvania, 1889)
- 2,142 - North Sea Flood of 1953 storm surge, (Netherlands, United Kingdom, 1953)
- 1,909 - Vajont Dam landslide and flood, (Italy, 1963)
- 1,605–3,363 - spring flooding in Haiti and Dominican Republic (2004)
- 400 - St. Francis Dam failure, (California, 1928)
- 270 - Great Sheffield flood dam disaster, (England, 1864)
- 94 - Mameyes Disaster landslide (Ponce, Puerto Rico, 1985)
- 81 - Holmfirth Flood - Bilberry Reservoir Dam failure, West Yorkshire, England, 1852
- 78 - Austin Dam failure, (Pennsylvania, 1911)
- 47 - McDonald Dam failure, (Austin, Texas, 1900)
- 16 - Brisbane flood (Australia, 1974)

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)
- 29 - Blizzard of 1977 (Buffalo, New York, USA, 1977)

Contractible disease

300,000,000+ - Smallpox (20th Century)
200,000,000 - Bubonic Plague (worldwide, 1300s)
100,000,000 - Plague of Justinian (Europe 540-590) (disputed)
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

20,000,000 - Spanish Flu (worldwide, 1918 - 1919)
19,000,000 - AIDS (worldwide, 1981 -)
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 (1665)
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)

Famine

some of these famines may be partially or completely caused by humans

1,000,000–43,000,000 - Period of Three Difficult Years (China, 1958 - 1961) (most estimates are between 25 and 35 million)
24,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1907
5,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1936
5,000,000 Holodomor (USSR 1932-1934)
5,000,000 Ukraine and Volga Famine (USSR 1921-1922)
3,000,000 Chinese Drought 1941
3,000,000 Chinese Famine of 1928-1930
3,000,000 Indian Drought of 1900
1,500,000 - 3,000,000 Bengal Famine (India, 1943)
1,500,000 Indian Drought of 1965-1967
1,200,000 - North Korean famine (North Korea, 1995 - 1998)
1,100,000 - Irish potato famine (1846-1849)
1,000,000 - Ethiopian famine (1984)
30,000 - Dutch famine of 1944

Death from other causes

1. Bhopal Disaster

India (1984) 1,549 - Benxihu Colliery explosion, (China, 1942) 568 - Texas City Disaster (Texas, 1947) 167 - Piper Alpha oil rig disaster (North Sea, 1988) 125 - Buffalo Creek Flood / Pittston Coal Company dam failure, (West Virginia, United States, 1972) 105 - mine elevator failure, (South Africa, 1995) 21 - Boston Molasses Disaster (Boston, 1919)

1. Aberfan landslide disaster (Wales, 1966)

1. Chernobyl accident (Soviet Union, 1986, uncertain number of later casualties from cancer and other radiation-induced sickness.)