

The 40 most costly insurance losses 1970–2005

Insured loss²⁸

(in USD m, indexed to 2005)	Victims ²⁹	Date (start)	Event	Country
45000	1 326	24.08.2005	Hurricane Katrina; floods, damage to levees and oil rigs	US, Gulf of Mexico, Bahamas, North Atlantic
22274	43	23.08.1992	Hurricane Andrew	US, Bahamas
20716	2 982	11.09.2001	Terror attack on WTC, Pentagon and other buildings	US
18450	61	17.01.1994	Northridge earthquake (M 6.6)	US
11 684	124	02.09.2004	Hurricane Ivan; damage to oil rigs	US, Caribbean: Barbados et al
10000	34	20.09.2005	Hurricane Rita; floods, damage to oil rigs	US, Gulf of Mexico, Cuba
10000	35	16.10.2005	Hurricane Wilma; torrential rain, floods	US, Mexico, Jamaica, Haiti et al
8272	24	11.08.2004	Hurricane Charley	US, Cuba, Jamaica et al
8097	51	27.09.1991	Typhoon Mireille/No 19	Japan
6864	95	25.01.1990	Winter storm Daria	France, UK, Belgium, NL et al
6802	110	25.12.1999	Winter storm Lothar	Switzerland, UK, France et al
6610	71	15.09.1989	Hurricane Hugo	US, Puerto Rico et al
5170	38	26.08.2004	Hurricane Frances	US, Bahamas
5157	22	15.10.1987	Storm and floods in Europe	France, UK, Netherlands et al
4770	64	25.02.1990	Winter storm Vivian	Europe
4737	26	22.09.1999	Typhoon Bart/No 18	Japan
4230	600	20.09.1998	Hurricane Georges	US, Caribbean
4136	3034	13.09.2004	Hurricane Jeanne; floods, landslides	US, Caribbean: Haiti et al
3707	45	06.09.2004	Typhoon Songda/No 18	Japan, South Korea
3475	41	05.06.2001	Tropical storm Allison; heavy rain, floods	US
3403	45	02.05.2003	Thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail	US
3304	167	06.07.1988	Explosion on platform Piper Alpha	UK
3169	6425	17.01.1995	Great Hanshin earthquake (M 7.2) in Kobe	Japan
2814	45	27.12.1999	Winter storm Martin	Spain, France, Switzerland
2768	70	10.09.1999	Hurricane Floyd; heavy rain, floods	US, Bahamas, Colombia
2692	59	01.10.1995	Hurricane Opal	US, Mexico, Gulf of Mexico
2621	38	06.08.2002	Severe floods	UK, Spain, Germany, Austria et al
2438	26	20.10.1991	Forest fires which spread to urban areas, drought	US
2427	–	06.04.2001	Hail, floods and tornadoes	US
2366	246	10.03.1993	Blizzard, tornadoes	US, Canada, Mexico, Cuba
2233	20	03.12.1999	Winter storm Anatol	Denmark, Sweden, UK et al
2227	4	11.09.1992	Hurricane Iniki	US, North Pacific Ocean
2088	23	23.10.1989	Explosion in petrochemical plant	US
2068	220000	26.12.2004	Earthquake (M _w 9), tsunami in Indian Ocean	Indonesia, Thailand et al
2024	–	29.08.1979	Hurricane Frederic	US
1993	39	05.09.1996	Hurricane Fran	US
1981	2000	18.09.1974	Tropical cyclone Fifi	Honduras
1947	100	04.07.1997	Floods after heavy rain	Poland, Czech Republic, D et al
1923	116	03.09.1995	Hurricane Luis	Caribbean
1887	18	08.01.2005	Winter storm Erwin	Denmark, Sweden, UK et al

²⁸ Property and business interruption, excluding liability and life insurance losses

²⁹ Dead and missing