

## Top Ten

## Worst natural disasters of all time\*

Rank	Death toll (estimate)	Event	Location	Year
10	230,210	tsunami	Occurred in Indian Ocean off coast of Sumatra. Affected Sumatra (Indonesian Island), Sri Lanka, Maldives, east coast of India	2004
9	234,117	earthquake	Central China (around Haiyuan)	1920
8	242,419 (high estimate =665,000)	earthquake	Northeastern China (Tangshan)	1976
7	250,000–300,000	earthquake	Turkey (then called the Byzantine Empire)	526
6	300,000	cyclone (hurricane)	Bangladesh, east coast of India	1839
5	316,000	earthquake	Port-au-Prince, Haiti	2010
4	500,000	cyclone (hurricane)	Bangladesh (then called East Pakistan)	1970
3	830,000	earthquake	Central China (Shaanxi Province)	1556
2	900,000–2,000,000	flood	Yellow River, China	1887
1	1,000,000–2,500,000	flood	Yellow River, China	1931



\*A list like this, drawn from history, is impossible to create with great accuracy.