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The ten largest natural catastrophes in 2004

Ranking by number of fatalities

Date	Country/Region	Event	Fatalities
26.12	Indonesia. Sri Lanka. India	Tsunami	>140,000
June-August	Bangladesh. India. Nepal	Floods	2,200
25-26.5	Haiti. Dominican Republic	Floods	2,000
15-29.9	Haiti. Dominican Republic	Hurricane Jeanne	2,000
June-September	China	Floods	2,000
30.11-1.12	Philippines	Tropical Storm Winnie	775
24.2	Morocco	Earthquake	640
6-7.3	Madagascar	Cyclone Gafilo	237
19.5	Myanmar	Tropical cyclone	220
3-5.1	Bangladesh. Nepal	Cold spell	200

Ranking by economic losses

Date	Country/Region	Event	Fatalities	Economic losses US\$ m	Insured losses US\$ m
23.10	Japan	Earthquake	39	28,000	450
11-14.8	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Charley	32	21,300	7,600
7-21.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Ivan	125	20,000	11,700
26.12	Indonesia. Sri Lanka. India	Earthquake, tsunami	>140,000	>10,000	**
1-9.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Frances	39	8,400	4,700
June-September	China	Floods	1,000	7,800	*
15-29.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Jeanne	2,000	6,600	4,500
6-8.9	Japan. South Korea	Typhoon Songda	41	6,000	3,000
June-August	Bangladesh. India. Nepal	Floods	2,200	5,000	*
19-21.10	Japan	Typhoon Tokage	80	2,500	1,100

* Little damage, no figures

** Extent not yet known

Ranking by insured losses

Date	Country/Region	Event	Fatalities	Economic losses US\$ m	Insured losses US\$ m
7-21.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Ivan	125	20,000	11,700
11-14.8	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Charley	32	21,300	7,600
1-9.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Frances	39	8,400	4,700
15-29.9	USA. Caribbean	Hurricane Jeanne	2,000	6,600	4,500
6-8.9	Japan. South Korea	Typhoon Songda	41	6,000	3,000
19-21.10	Japan	Typhoon Tokage	80	2,500	1,100
22-31.8	Japan. Guam	Typhoon Chaba	16	2,000	950
21-27.5	USA	Tornadoes	4	1,100	800
29.5-2.6	USA	Tornadoes	10	700	500
23.10	Japan	Earthquake	39	28,000	450

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