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The ten largest natural catastrophes in 2008

Ranking by overall losses

Date	Country/Region	Event	Fatalities	Overall losses US\$ m	Insured losses US\$ m
12.5.08	China	Earthquake	70,000	85,000	300
6–14.9.2008	Caribbean, USA	Hurricane Ike	129	30,000	15,000
10.1–13.2.2008	China	Winter damage	129	21,100	1,600
21.8–3.9.2008	Caribbean, USA	Hurricane Gustav	100	10,000	5,000
June 2008	USA	Floods	24	10,000	500
2–5.5.2008	Myanmar	Cyclone Nargis	84,500	4,000	
May - June	China	Floods	170	2,100	
13.–24.11.2008	USA	Wildfires		2,000	600
1–2.3.2008	Europe	Winter storm Emma	14	2,000	1,500
22–26.5.2008	USA	Tornadoes	12	1,600	1,325

Ranking by insured losses

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10.1–13.2.2008	China	Winter damage	129	21,100	1,600
1–2.3.2008	Europe	Winter storm Emma	14	2,000	1,500
22–26.5.2008	USA	Tornadoes	12	1,600	1,325
29.5–1.6.2008	USA	Severe storms, floods		1,500	1,100
29.5–2.6.2008	Germany	Severe storms, flash floods	3	1,300	1,100
5–6.2.2008	USA	Tornadoes	50	1,300	955
11–18.2.2008	Australia	Floods	2	1,000	890
9–11.4.2008	USA	Severe storms, tornadoes	3	1,100	800

Ranking by number of fatalities

Date	Country/Region	Event	Fatalities	Missing
2–5.5.2008	Myanmar	Cyclone Nargis	84,500	50,000
12.5.2008	China	Earthquake	70,000	18,000
January 2008	Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan	Cold wave	1,000	
15.8–11.9.2008	India, Nepal, Bangladesh	Floods	635	
18–25.6.2008	China, Philippines	Typhoon Fengshen	557	26
28/29.10.2008	Pakistan	Earthquakes	300	
8.9.08	China	Rock-/Landslide	277	
August 2008	China, Laos, Vietnam	Tropical storm Kammuri	211	70
24–25.10.2008	Yemen	Floods	184	100
25.11–3.12.2008	India, Sri Lanka	Cyclone Nisha	180	