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Top 15 Texas Weather Catastrophes

(Chart 1)

COSTLIEST TEXAS STORMS

Insured Losses - Actual Dollars

1950 – Present

RANK	COST	STORM	DATE	LOCATION
1	\$3.5 billion	Tropical Storm Allison	June 8, 2001	Houston
2	\$1.1 billion	Hail Storm	May 5, 1995	North Texas
3	\$885 million	Hail Storm	April 5, 2003	North Texas
4	\$795 million	Hurricane Alicia	Aug. 18, 1983	Galveston
5	\$750 million	Hailstorm	April 28, 1992	Ft. Worth-Waco
6	\$445 million	Tornado	March 28, 2000	Ft. Worth
7	\$425 million	Hail Storm	April 28, 1995	DFW airport
8	\$400 million	Tornado/Hail	April 24, 1994	Lancaster/Desoto
9	\$310 million	Hurricane Celia *	Aug. 3, 1970	Corpus Christi
10	\$291 million	Flooding	Oct. 1994	SE Texas
11	\$211 million	Flooding	Oct. 1998	SE Texas
12	\$210 million	Tornado	April 10, 1979	Wichita Falls
13	\$188 million	Hail/Winds	May 8, 1981	Palo Pinto to Dallas
14	\$98 million**	Hurricane Claudette	July 15, 2003	Port O'Connor
15	\$85 million	Hurricane Carla *	Sept. 11, 1961	Port O'Connor

Figures were by compiled by the Insurance Council of Texas and verified by the Property Claim Services of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Figures updated 9/4/03 to include floodwater claims from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

* NFIP has no flood dollar amounts for storms prior to 1978.

** Hurricane Claudette's total losses were recently updated to reflect all flood loss claims paid by FEMA.

(Chart 2)

COSTLIEST TEXAS STORMS

2003 Dollars

1950 – Present

RANK	COST	STORM	DATE	LOCATION
1	\$3.5 billion	Tropical Storm Allison	June 8, 2001	Houston
2	\$1.47 billion	Hurricane Celia *	Aug. 3, 1970	Corpus Christi
3	\$1.46 billion	Hurricane Alicia	Aug. 18, 1983	Galveston
4	\$1.36 billion	Hail Storm	May 5, 1995	North Texas
5	\$984 million	Hail Storm	April 28, 1992	Ft. Worth - Waco
6	\$885 million	Hail Storm	April 5, 2003	North Texas
7	\$532 million	Tornado	April 10, 1979	Wichita Falls
8	\$523 million	Hurricane Carla *	Sept. 11, 1961	Port O'Connor
9	\$513 million	Hail Storm	April 28, 1995	DFW airport
10	\$497 million	Tornado/Hail	April 24, 1994	Lancaster/Desoto
11	\$476 million	Tornado	March 28, 2000	Ft. Worth
12	\$380 million	Hail/Winds	May 8, 1981	Palo Pinto to Dallas
13	\$ 328 million	Flooding	Oct. 1994	SE Texas
14	\$ 282 million	Tornado	May 11, 1953	Waco
15	\$ 261 million	Flooding	Oct. 1998	SE Texas

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Conversion to 2003 dollars accomplished through: <http://minneapolisfed.org/research/data/us/calc/>

(Chart3)

DEADLIEST TEXAS STORMS

1950 – Present

RANK	FATALITIES	STORM	DATE	LOCATION
1	114	Tornado	May 11, 1953	Waco
2	42	Tornado	April 10, 1979	Wichita Falls
3	41	Tropical Storm Allison	June 8, 2001	Houston
4	34	Hurricane Carla	Sept. 11, 1961	Port O'Connor
5	33	Tropical Storm Amelia	Aug. 1, 1978	Kerrville
6	30	Tornado	May 22, 1987	Saragosa
7	27	Tornado	May 27, 1997	Jarrell
8	26	Tornado	May 11, 1970	Lubbock
9	26	Floods	June 11, 1965	Sanderson
10	21	Tornado	May 15, 1957	Silverton

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