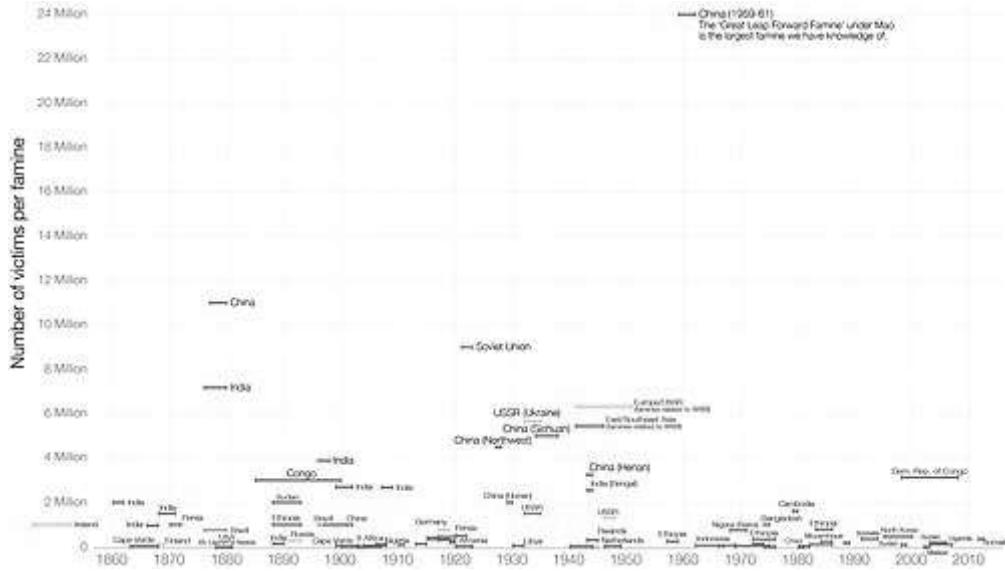




# List of famines

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Depiction of victims of the Irish Great Famine, 1845–1849

This is a **list of famines**.

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Date	Event	Location	Death toll (where known; estimated)
750s		<u>Islamic Spain (Al-Andalus)</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	
1005–1006		<u>Europe</u> <sup>[10]</sup>	
1504		<u>Spain</u> <sup>[29]</sup>	
1722		<u>Arabia</u> <sup>[49]</sup>	
1879	<u>1879 Famine in Ireland</u> . Unlike previous famines, this famine mainly caused hunger and food shortages but little mortality.	<u>Ireland</u>	
1921–1922	<u>1921–1922 famine in Tatarstan</u>	<u>Russia</u>	500,000–2,000,000 <sup>[96]</sup>
1921–1923	<u>1921–1923 famine in Ukraine</u>	<u>Ukraine</u>	250,000–1,000,000 <sup>[97]</sup>
1950	<u>1950 Canadian caribou famine</u>	<u>Canada</u>	60
1983–1985	<u>1983–1985 famine in Ethiopia</u>	<u>Ethiopia</u>	400,000–600,000 <sup>[133]</sup>
1993	<u>1993 Sudan famine</u>	<u>Sudan</u>	
1998	<u>1998 Afghanistan famine</u>	<u>Afghanistan</u>	1,000
1998	<u>1998 Sudan famine caused by war and drought</u>	<u>Sudan</u>	70,000 <sup>[131]</sup>
2005–2006	<u>2005–2006 Niger food crisis</u> . At least three million were affected in Niger and 10 million throughout West Africa	<u>Niger and West Africa</u>	
2021–present	<u>2021–2022 Madagascar famine</u>	<u>Madagascar</u>	
1804–1872, 1913	A series of 14 <u>famines in Austrian Galicia</u>	<u>Poland, Ukraine (present day)</u>	400,000-550,000
1971–1973	<u>Afghanistan drought</u>	<u>Afghanistan</u>	1,000

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1387	After <u>Timur the Lame</u> left <u>Asia Minor</u> , severe famine ensued	<u>Anatolia</u>	
1837–1838	<u>Agra famine of 1837–1838</u>	<u>India</u>	800,000
1850–1873	As a result of the <u>Taiping Rebellion</u> , drought, and famine, the population of China dropped by more than 60 million <sup>[69]</sup>	<u>China</u>	60,000,000
1974	<u>Bangladesh famine of 1974</u>	<u>Bangladesh</u>	27,000-1,500,000
103-89 BCE	<u>Beminitiya Seya</u> , was a period of over a decade in which ancient <u>Sri Lanka's irrigation systems</u> failed as a result of invasion, corruption and neglect <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>Sri Lanka</u>	
1943	<u>Bengal famine of 1943</u>	<u>Bengal, India, Bangladesh</u>	2,100,000
1693–1694	Between 1.3 and 1.5 million French died in the <u>Great Famine of 1693-1694</u>	<u>France</u>	1,300,000 <sup>[42][43]</sup>
1967–1970	<u>Biafran famine</u> caused by Nigerian blockade	<u>Nigeria</u>	2,000,000
1873–1874	<u>Bihar famine of 1873–1874</u>	<u>India</u>	
1980–1981	Caused by drought and conflict <sup>[131]</sup>	<u>Uganda</u>	30,000 <sup>[131]</sup>
927–928	Caused by four months of frost <sup>[8][9]</sup>	<u>Byzantine Empire</u>	
1783–1784	<u>Chalisa famine</u>	<u>India</u>	11,000,000 <sup>[58]</sup>
1333–1337	<u>Chinese famine of 1333–1337</u>	<u>China</u> <sup>[23]</sup>	6,000,000
1928–1930	<u>Chinese famine of 1928–1930</u> in northern China. The <u>drought</u> resulted in million of deaths	<u>China</u>	3,000,000-10,000,000
1942–1943	<u>Chinese famine of 1942–1943</u>	<u>Henan, China</u>	2,000,000–3,000,000
1830–1833	Claimed to have killed 42% of the population	<u>Cape Verde</u>	30,000 <sup>[66]</sup>

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1275–1299	Collapse of the <u>Anasazi civilization</u> , widespread famine occurred <sup>[21]</sup>	<u>United States</u> (present day)	
1992–1997	<u>Cuban "Special Period" caused by the Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe</u>	<u>Cuba</u>	
1973	<u>Darfur drought</u>	<u>Darfur, Sudan</u>	1,000
1630–1632	<u>Deccan famine of 1630–1632</u>	<u>India</u>	7,400,000
1849–1850	Demak and Grobogan in Central Java, caused by four successive crop failures due to drought.	<u>Indonesia</u>	83,000 <sup>[68]</sup>
1789–1793	<u>Doji bara famine</u> or <u>Skull famine</u>	<u>India</u>	11,000,000
1944	<u>Dutch famine of 1944–1945 during World War II</u>	<u>Netherlands</u>	20,000
1815	Eruption of <u>Tambora</u> , Indonesia. Tens of thousands died in subsequent famine	<u>Indonesia</u>	10,000
1888–1892	<u>Ethiopian Great famine</u> . About one-third of the population died. <sup>[80][81]</sup> Conditions worsen with <u>cholera</u> outbreaks (1889–92), a <u>typhus</u> epidemic, and a major <u>smallpox</u> epidemic (1889–90).	<u>Ethiopia</u>	1,000,000
470	Famine	<u>Gaul</u>	
585	Famine	<u>Gaul</u>	
779	Famine	<u>Francia</u>	
792–793	Famine	<u>Francia</u>	
805–806	Famine	<u>Francia</u>	
963–969	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1025	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1055–1056	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	

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1124–1126	Famine	<u>Europe</u>	
1143–1147	Famine	<u>Europe</u>	
1150–1151	Famine	<u>Europe</u>	
1161–1162	Famine	<u>Aquitaine</u>	
1196–1197	Famine	<u>Europe</u>	
1199–1202	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	100,000
1224–1226	Famine	<u>Europe</u>	
1264	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1275–1277	Famine <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1285–1286	Famine <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1294	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1304	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1305	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1310	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1321	Famine	<u>England</u>	
1330–1333	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1349–1351	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1351	Famine	<u>England</u>	
1358–1360	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1369	Famine	<u>England</u>	
1371	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1374–	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	

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1375			
1390–1391	Famine	<u>France</u>	
1394–1396	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1403–1404	Famine	<u>Egypt</u>	
1472–1474	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1476	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1482–1484	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1493	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1502–1505	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1527–1530	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1533–1534	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1539–1540	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1544–1545	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1550–1552	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1558–1560	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1607–1608	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1618–1622	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1628–1632	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1648–1649	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	

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1678–1679	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1693–1695	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1709	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1716	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1724	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1767	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1801	Famine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1930–1931	Famine	<u>Madagascar</u>	32,000
1097	Famine and plague <sup>[15]</sup>	<u>France</u>	100,000
1984–1985	Famine caused by drought, economic crisis and the <u>Second Sudanese Civil War</u>	<u>Sudan</u>	240,000
1990–2003	Famine caused by <u>sanctions</u>	<u>Iraq</u>	500,000
1914–1919	Famine caused by the Allied <u>blockade of Germany</u> during World War I until Germany signed the <u>Treaty of Versailles</u> . <sup>[91]</sup>	<u>Germany</u>	763,000
1982–1985	Famine caused by the <u>Mozambican Civil War</u>	<u>Mozambique</u>	100,000
1988	Famine caused by the <u>Second Sudanese Civil War</u>	<u>Sudan</u>	100,000
1811–1812	Famine devastated <u>Madrid</u> <sup>[64]</sup>	<u>Spain</u>	20,000 <sup>[65]</sup>
1895–1898	Famine during the <u>Cuban War of Independence</u>	<u>Cuba</u>	200,000–300,000
2003–2005	Famine during the <u>War in Darfur</u>	<u>Sudan</u>	200,000
1051	Famine forced the <u>Toltecs</u> to migrate from a stricken region in what is now central Mexico <sup>[12]</sup>	<u>Mexico</u> (present day)	
1873–1874	Famine in <u>Anatolia</u> caused by	<u>Turkey</u> (present day)	

Date	Event	Location	Death toll (where known; estimated)
	drought and floods <sup>[73][74]</sup>		
639	Famine in Arabia during the Caliphate of Umar <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>Arabia</u>	
1863–1867	Famine in Cape Verde	<u>Cape Verde</u>	30,000 <sup>[70]</sup>
1900–1903	Famine in Cape Verde	<u>Cape Verde</u>	11,000–20,000 <sup>[70]</sup>
1920–1922	Famine in Cape Verde	<u>Cape Verde</u>	24,000–25,000 <sup>[70]</sup>
1940–1943	Famine in Cape Verde	<u>Cape Verde</u>	20,000 <sup>[70]</sup>
1946–1948	Famine in Cape Verde	<u>Cape Verde</u>	30,000 <sup>[70]</sup>
1936	Famine in China	<u>China</u>	5,000,000 <sup>[102]</sup>
1702–1704	Famine in Deccan <sup>[45]</sup>	<u>India</u>	2,000,000 <sup>[45]</sup>
1708–1711	Famine in <u>East Prussia</u> killed 250,000 people or 41% of its population. <sup>[46]</sup> According to other sources the great mortality was due to plague (disease), which between 1709 and 1711 killed about 200,000 – 250,000 out of 600,000 inhabitants of East Prussia. <sup>[47]</sup> The Great Northern War plague outbreak of 1708-1712 also affected East Prussia.	<u>East Prussia</u>	250,000
372–373	Famine in Edessa	<u>Edessa</u>	
1600–1601	Famine in Emilia and southern Lombardy <sup>[31]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1235	Famine in England <sup>[18]</sup>	<u>England</u>	20,000 in <u>London</u>
1535	<u>Famine in Ethiopia</u>	<u>Ethiopia</u>	
1789	<u>Famine in Ethiopia</u> afflicted "amhara/tigray north"	<u>Ethiopia</u>	
1972–1973	<u>Famine in Ethiopia</u> caused by drought and poor governance; failure of the government to handle this	<u>Ethiopia</u>	60,000 <sup>[131]</sup>



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	crisis led to the fall of <u>Haile Selassie</u> and to <u>Derg</u> rule		
1998–2000	<u>Famine in Ethiopia</u> . The situation worsened by <u>Eritrean–Ethiopian War</u>	<u>Ethiopia</u>	
1437–1438	Famine in France, Holy Roman Empire, and Britain	<u>Europe</u>	
1346–1347	Famine in France, Italy and Spain <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1374–1375	Famine in France, Italy and Spain <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1866–1868	Famine in French Algeria	<u>French Algeria</u>	820,000
1917	Famine in <u>German East Africa</u>	<u>German East Africa</u>	300,000
1941–1944	<u>Famine in Greece</u> caused by the <u>Axis occupation</u> . <sup>[109][110]</sup>	<u>Greece</u>	300,000
1943–1945	Famine in <u>Hadhramaut</u>	<u>Yemen</u> (present day)	10,000 <sup>[116][117]</sup>
1567–1570	Famine in <u>Harar</u> , combined with plague. Emir of Harar died.	<u>Ethiopia</u>	
1783	Famine in Iceland caused by <u>Laki</u> eruption killed one-fifth of Iceland's population <sup>[57]</sup>	<u>Iceland</u>	
1876–1879	Famine in India, China, <u>Brazil</u> , Northern Africa (and other countries). <u>Famine in northern China</u> killed 9–13 million people. <sup>[75]</sup> 5.5 million died in the <u>Great Famine of 1876–1878</u> in India. 500,000 died in <u>Brazil</u> . British policies and drought were responsible for the deaths in India. <sup>[76][77]</sup> The famine in China was a result of drought influenced by the <u>El Niño–Southern Oscillation</u> . <sup>[78]</sup> In <u>Brazil</u> , <u>Grande Seca</u> killed probably more than 400.000 people.	<u>India</u> , <u>China</u> , <u>Brazil</u> , <u>Northern Africa</u> (and other countries).	15,000,000–19,000,000 in Northern China, India and Brazil.
1661	Famine in India, due to lack of any rainfall for two years <sup>[38][11]</sup>	<u>India</u>	
1344–1345	Famine in India, under the regime of <u>Muhammad bin Tughluq</u>	<u>India</u>	

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1328–1330	Famine in Italy, Spain and Ireland <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1339–1340	Famine in Italy, Spain and Ireland <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1256–1258	Famine in Italy, Spain, Portugal and England <sup>[19]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1619	Famine in Japan. During the <u>Tokugawa period</u> , there were 154 famines, of which 21 were widespread and serious. <sup>[34]</sup>	<u>Japan</u>	
1941–1942	Famine in Kharkiv (Kharkov). In a city with a population of about 450,000 while under German occupation, there was a famine starting in the winter of 1941–42 that lasted until the end of September 1942. The local administration recorded 19,284 deaths between the second half of December 1941 and the second half of September 1942, thereof 11,918 (59.6%) from hunger. <sup>[111]</sup> The Foreign Office representative at Army High Command 6 noted on 25.03.1942 that according to reports reaching municipal authorities at least 50 people were dying of hunger every day, and that the true number might be much higher as in many cases the cause of death was stated as "unknown" and besides many deaths were not reported. <sup>[112]</sup> According to Soviet sources about 70–80,000 people died of starvation in Kharkov during the occupation by Nazi Germany. <sup>[113]</sup>	<u>Soviet Union</u>	11,918–80,000
1945–1947	Famine in <u>Königsberg (Kaliningrad)</u>	<u>Soviet Union</u>	57,000–76,500 <sup>[120]</sup>
1941–1943	Famine in <u>Kyiv (Kiev)</u> . On April 1, 1942, well after the first winter of famine, Kiev officially had about 352,000 inhabitants. In the middle of 1943—more than four months before the end of German rule—the city officially had about 295,600. Death by starvation was not the only	<u>Soviet Union</u>	

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	reason for the rapid decline in population: deportation to Germany and Nazi shootings also played their part. Nevertheless, starvation was an important factor. <sup>[114]</sup>		
1528	Famine in <u>Languedoc</u>	<u>France</u> <sup>[30]</sup>	
1441	Famine in <u>Mayapan</u>	<u>Mexico</u> <sup>[25]</sup>	
1940–1948	Famine in <u>Morocco</u> between 1940 and 1948, because of refueling system installed by France. <sup>[106]</sup>	<u>Morocco</u>	200,000
1764	Famine in <u>Naples</u> <sup>[54][28]</sup>	<u>Italy</u> (present day)	
1630–1631	Famine in north-west China	<u>China</u>	
1920–1921	Famine in northern China	<u>China</u>	500,000
1896–1897	Famine in northern China leading in part to the <u>Boxer Rebellion</u>	<u>China</u>	
1649	Famine in northern England <sup>[35]</sup>	<u>England</u>	
1888–1889	Famine in Orrisa, Ganjam and Northern Bihar	<u>India</u>	150,000
370 CE	Famine in Phrygia	<u>Phrygia</u>	
1779	Famine in <u>Rabat</u>	<u>Morocco</u> <sup>[56]</sup>	
1928–1929	Famine in <u>Ruanda-Burundi</u> , causing large migrations to the Congo	<u>Rwanda</u> and <u>Burundi</u> (present day)	
1680s	Famine in <u>Sahel</u> <sup>[36]</sup>	<u>West Africa</u>	
1680	Famine in <u>Sardinia</u> <sup>[39]</sup>	<u>Italy</u> (present day)	80,000 <sup>[40]</sup>
1771–1772	Famine in <u>Saxony</u> and southern Germany	<u>Germany</u>	
1991–1992	Famine in <u>Somalia</u> caused by drought and civil war <sup>[131]</sup>	<u>Somalia</u>	300,000 <sup>[131]</sup>
2011–2012	Famine in Somalia, brought on by the <u>2011 East Africa drought</u> <sup>[137]</sup>	<u>Somalia</u>	285,000

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2017	<u>Famine in South Sudan</u> <sup>[140]</sup> <u>Famine in Somalia</u> , due to <u>2017 Somali drought</u> . <u>Famine in Nigeria</u>	<u>South Sudan</u> , <u>Unity State</u> , <u>Somalia</u> , and <u>Nigeria</u> .	
1672	<u>Famine in southern Italy</u> <sup>[31]</sup>	<u>Italy</u>	
1904–1906	<u>Famine in Spain</u> <sup>[86][87][88]</sup>	<u>Spain</u>	
1302–1303	<u>Famine in Spain and Italy</u> <sup>[20]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1939–1952	<u>Famine in Spain</u> caused primarily by the implementation of the autarkic economy	<u>Spain</u>	200,000 <sup>[103][104]</sup>
1773	<u>Famine in Sweden</u> <sup>[55]</sup>	<u>Sweden</u>	
1450–1454	<u>Famine in the Aztec Empire</u> , <sup>[26]</sup> interpreted as the gods' need for sacrifices. <sup>[27]</sup>	<u>Mexico</u> (present day)	
1650–1652	<u>Famine in the east of France</u> <sup>[36]</sup>	<u>France</u>	
1727–1728	<u>Famine in the English Midlands</u> <sup>[50]</sup>	<u>England</u>	
1521–1523	<u>Famine in the Low Countries</u> , <u>Ireland</u> and the <u>Nordic Countries</u>	<u>Europe</u>	
1230	<u>Famine in the Novgorod Republic</u>	<u>Russia</u>	
1750–1756	<u>Famine in the Senegambia region</u> <sup>[53]</sup>	<u>Senegal</u> , <u>Gambia</u> (present day)	
2020–present	<u>Famine in the Tigray War</u>	<u>Tigray</u> , <u>Ethiopia</u>	
1958	<u>Famine in Tigray</u>	<u>Ethiopia</u>	100,000
1784–1785	<u>Famine in Tunisia</u>	<u>Tunisia</u>	
1924–1925	<u>Famine in Volga German colonies</u> in <u>Russia</u> . One-third of the entire population perished <sup>[98]</sup>	<u>Russia</u>	
1940–1945	<u>Famine in Warsaw Ghetto</u> , as well as other ghettos and concentration camps (note: this famine was the result of deliberate denial of food to	<u>Occupied Poland</u>	

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	ghetto residents on the part of Nazis). <sup>[105]</sup>		
2012	Famine in West Africa, brought on by the <u>2012 Sahel drought</u> <sup>[138]</sup>	<u>Senegal</u> , <u>Gambia</u> , <u>Niger</u> , <u>Mauritania</u> , <u>Mali</u> , <u>Burkina Faso</u>	
1738–1756	Famine in West Africa, half the population of <u>Timbuktu</u> died of starvation <sup>[52]</sup>	<u>West Africa</u>	
2016–present	<u>Famine in Yemen</u> , arising from the <u>Yemeni Civil War</u> and the subsequent blockade of Yemen by <u>Saudi Arabia</u>	<u>Yemen</u>	85,000 children <sup>[139]</sup> Unknown number of adults.
1846	Famine led to the peasant revolt known as " <u>Maria da Fonte</u> " in the north of <u>Portugal</u>	<u>Portugal</u>	
26 BCE	Famine recorded throughout <u>Near East</u> and <u>Levant</u> , as recorded by <u>Josephus</u>	<u>Judea</u>	20,000+
1016	Famine throughout <u>Europe</u> <sup>[11]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1651–1653	Famine throughout much of <u>Ireland</u> during the <u>Cromwellian conquest of Ireland</u> <sup>[37]</sup>	<u>Ireland</u>	
1690s	Famine throughout <u>Scotland</u> which killed 5–15% of the population <sup>[41]</sup>	<u>Scotland</u>	60,000–180,000
1770–1771	Famines in <u>Czech lands</u> killed hundreds of thousands people	<u>Czech Republic</u> (present day)	100,000+
1907, 1911	Famines in east-central <u>China</u>	<u>China</u>	20,000,000-25,000,000 <sup>[89]</sup>
1618–1648	Famines in Europe caused by <u>Thirty Years' War</u>	<u>Europe</u>	
1866–1868	<u>Finnish famine of 1866–1868</u> . About 15% of the entire population died	<u>Finland</u>	150,000+
1810, 1811, 1846, and 1849	Four famines in <u>China</u>	<u>China</u>	45,000,000 <sup>[63]</sup>

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1946–1947	German " <u>Hungerwinter</u> "	<u>Germany</u>	>100,000 <sup>[121]</sup>
1769–1773	<u>Great Bengal famine of 1770</u> , <sup>[11]</sup> 10 million dead (one third of population)	<u>India, Bangladesh</u> (present day)	10,000,000
1845–1849	<u>Great Famine in Ireland</u> killed more than 1 million people. Between 1.5–2 million people forced to emigrate <sup>[67]</sup>	<u>Ireland</u>	1,000,000+
1315–1317	<u>Great Famine of 1315–1317</u>	<u>Europe</u> <sup>[22]</sup>	7,500,000
1695–1697	<u>Great Famine of Estonia</u> killed about a fifth of <u>Estonian and Livonian</u> population (70,000–75,000 people). Famine also hit <u>Sweden</u> (80,000–100,000 dead)	<u>The Swedish Empire</u> , of which <u>Swedish Estonia and Swedish Livonia</u> were dominions at that time	150,000–175,000
1696–1697	<u>Great Famine of Finland</u> wiped out almost a third of the population <sup>[44]</sup>	<u>Finland</u> , then part of <u>Sweden</u> proper	150,000
1780s	<u>Great Tenmei famine</u>	<u>Japan</u>	20,000 – 920,000
1832–1833	<u>Guntur famine of 1832</u>	<u>India</u>	150,000
1069–1070	<u>Harrying of the North</u>	<u>England</u>	100,000
1845–1857	<u>Highland Potato Famine</u>	<u>Scotland</u>	
1896–1902	<u>Indian famine of 1896–1897</u> and <u>Indian famine of 1899–1900</u> due to drought and British policies. <sup>[77][84][85]</sup>	<u>India</u>	2,000,000 (British territories), mortality unknown in princely states
1942–1943	<u>Iranian famine of 1942–1943</u>	<u>Iran</u>	3,000,000 <sup>[115]</sup>
1740–1741	<u>Irish Famine (1740–1741)</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	300,000–480,000
1944–1945	<u>Java under Japanese occupation</u>	<u>Java, Indonesia</u>	2,400,000 <sup>[118]</sup>
1640–1643	<u>Kan'ei Great Famine</u>	<u>Japan</u>	50,000-100,000

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1460–1461	<u>Kanshō</u> famine in Japan	<u>Japan</u>	82,000
1919–1922	<u>Kazakh famine of 1919–1922</u> . A series of famines in <u>Turkestan</u> at the time of the Bolshevik revolution killed about a sixth of the population	<u>Turkestan</u>	[94]
1975–1979	<u>Khmer Rouge</u> . A maximum estimate of 500,000 <u>Cambodians</u> lost their lives to famine	<u>Cambodia</u>	500,000 <sup>[132]</sup>
1732–1733	<u>Kyōhō</u> famine	<u>Japan</u>	12,172–169,000 <sup>[51]</sup>
1670–1671	<u>Kyungshin Famine</u>	<u>Korea</u>	1,000,000 - 1,500,000
1941–1944	<u>Leningrad famine</u> caused by a 900-day blockade by German troops. About one million Leningrad residents starved, froze, or were bombed to death in the winter of 1941–42, when supply routes to the city were cut off and temperatures dropped to −40 °C (−40 °F). <sup>[107]</sup> According to other estimates about 800,000 out of an immediate pre-siege population of about 2.5 million perished. <sup>[108]</sup>	<u>Soviet Union</u>	800,000–1,000,000
1966–1967	<u>Lombok</u> , drought and malnutrition, exacerbated by restrictions on regional rice trade	<u>Indonesia</u>	50,000 <sup>[129]</sup>
1924–1925	<u>Minor famine</u> in Ireland due to heavy rain	<u>Irish Free State</u>	
1914–1918	<u>Mount Lebanon famine</u> during <u>World War I</u> which was caused by the <u>Entente</u> and <u>Ottoman</u> blockade of food and to a swarm of locusts which killed up to 200,000 people, estimated to be half of the Mount Lebanon population <sup>[90]</sup>	<u>Lebanon</u>	200,000
1994–1998	<u>North Korean famine</u> . <sup>[134][135]</sup> Scholars estimate 600,000 died of starvation (other estimates range from 200,000 to 3.5 million). <sup>[136]</sup>	<u>North Korea</u>	200,000–3,500,000
1949	<u>Nyasaland famine of 1949</u>	<u>Malawi</u>	200

Date	Event	Location	Death toll (where known; estimated)
1601–1603	One of the worst famines in all of Russian history, with as many as 100,000 in Moscow and up to one-third of Tsar Godunov's subjects killed; see <u>Russian famine of 1601–1603</u> . <sup>[32][33]</sup> The same famine killed about half of the <u>Estonian</u> population.	<u>Russia</u>	2,000,000
1866	<u>Orissa famine of 1866</u>	<u>India</u>	1,000,000 <sup>[71]</sup>
1569–1574	Pan-European famine, including Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Low Countries, Nordic Countries, Russia and mostly east of Ukraine <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1585–1587	Pan-European famine, including Italy, France, Low Countries, Britain and Ireland <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
1590–1598	Pan-European famine, including Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Britain and the Nordic countries <sup>[28]</sup>	<u>Europe</u>	
875–884	<u>Peasant rebellion in China</u> inspired by famine; <sup>[6][7]</sup> <u>Huang Chao</u> captured capital	<u>China</u>	
1870–1872	<u>Persian famine of 1870–1872</u>	<u>Iran</u>	200,000-3,000,000 Estimates vary <sup>[72]</sup>
1917–1919	<u>Persian famine of 1917–1919</u>	<u>Iran</u>	2,000,000, <sup>[92]</sup> but estimates range as high as 10,000,000 <sup>[93]</sup>
1670s – 1680s	Plague and famines in Spain	<u>Spain</u>	
1648–1660	<u>Poland</u> lost an estimated 1/3 of its population due to wars, famine, and plague	<u>Poland</u>	
1869	<u>Rajputana famine of 1869</u>	<u>India</u>	1,500,000 <sup>[71]</sup>
1918–1919	<u>Rumanura famine in Ruanda-Burundi</u> , causing large migrations to the Congo	<u>Rwanda and Burundi</u> (present day)	



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1891–1892	Russian famine of 1891–1892. Beginning along the Volga River and spreading to the Urals and the Black Sea.	<u>Russia</u>	375,000–500,000 <sup>[82][83]</sup>
1921	<u>Russian famine of 1921–1922</u>	<u>Russia</u>	5,000,000 <sup>[95]</sup>
1943–1944	<u>Ruzagayura famine in Ruanda-Urundi</u> , causing emigrations to Congo	<u>Rwanda and Burundi</u> (present day)	36,000–50,000
1968–1972	<u>Sahel drought</u> created a famine that killed a million people <sup>[130]</sup>	<u>Mauritania, Mali, Chad, Niger and Burkina Faso</u>	1,000,000
1998–2004	<u>Second Congo War</u> . 2.7 million people died, mostly from starvation and disease	<u>Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>	2,700,000
1064–1072	Seven years' famine in Egypt <sup>[13][14]</sup>	<u>Egypt</u>	40,000 <sup>[13]</sup>
800–1000	Severe drought killed millions of <u>Maya</u> people due to famine and thirst and initiated a cascade of internal collapses that destroyed their civilization <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>Mayan areas of Mesoamerica</u>	1,000,000+
1932–1933	<u>Soviet famine of 1932–1933</u> , including <u>famine in Ukraine</u> , and <u>famine in Kazakhstan</u> , caused by Soviet collectivization policy, abnormal cold period, <sup>[99]</sup> and bad harvests in the years of 1931–1932. <sup>[100]</sup>	<u>Russian SFSR, Ukrainian SSR, and Kazakh ASSR</u>	5,000,000 <sup>[100]</sup> –7,000,000 <sup>[101]</sup>
1946–1947	<u>Soviet famine of 1946–1947</u>	<u>Soviet Union</u>	1,000,000–1,500,000 <sup>[122][123]</sup>
1878–1880	<u>St. Lawrence Island famine, Alaska</u> <sup>[79]</sup>	<u>United States</u>	1,000
1867–1869	<u>Swedish famine of 1867–1869</u> .	<u>Sweden</u>	
1540	<u>Tenbun famine</u>	<u>Japan</u>	
1833–1837	<u>Tenpō famine</u>	<u>Japan</u>	
2200–2100	The <u>4.2-kiloyear event</u> caused famines and civilizational collapse	global	

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BCE	worldwide		
1396–1407	The <u>Durga Devi famine</u>	<u>India</u> <sup>[24][11]</sup>	
441 BCE	The first famine recorded in ancient Rome.	<u>Ancient Rome</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	
1709–1710	The <u>fr:Grande famine de 1709</u>	<u>France</u> <sup>[48]</sup>	600,000
1959–1961	The <u>Great Chinese Famine</u> <sup>[124][125][126]</sup> Some researchers also include the year 1958 or 1962.	<u>China (mainland)</u>	15,000,000–55,000,000 <sup>[125][127][128]</sup>
1432–1434	The <u>Hungry Years</u>	<u>Czech Republic (present-day)</u>	
1230–1231	The <u>Kanki famine</u> , possibly the worst famine in Japan's history. <sup>[16]</sup> Caused by volcanic eruptions. <sup>[17]</sup>	<u>Japan</u>	2,000,000
1846–1848	The <u>Newfoundland Potato Famine</u> , related to the <u>Irish Potato Famine</u> .	<u>Newfoundland, present-day Canada</u>	
1788	The two years previous to the <u>French Revolution</u> saw bad harvests and harsh winters, possibly because of a strong <u>El Niño cycle</u> <sup>[60]</sup> or caused by the 1783 <u>Laki eruption</u> in <u>Iceland</u> . <sup>[61][62]</sup>	<u>France</u>	
1860–1861	<u>Upper Doab famine of 1860–1861</u>	<u>India</u>	2,000,000
400–800	Various famines in <u>Western Europe</u> associated with the <u>Fall of the Western Roman Empire</u> and its sack by <u>Alaric I</u> . Between 400 and 800 AD, the population of the city of Rome fell by over 90%, mainly because of famine and plague.	<u>Western Europe</u>	
1518	<u>Venice</u>	<u>Italy (present day)</u>	
1945	<u>Vietnamese famine of 1945</u>	<u>Vietnam</u>	600,000–2,000,000 <sup>[119]</sup>
535–536	<u>Volcanic winter of 536</u>	<u>Global</u>	

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1784	Widespread famine throughout Egypt <sup>[59]</sup>	<u>Egypt</u>	
1816–1817	<u>Year Without a Summer</u>	<u>Europe</u>	65,000
1181	<u>Yōwa famine</u>	<u>Japan</u>	42,300

## See also

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