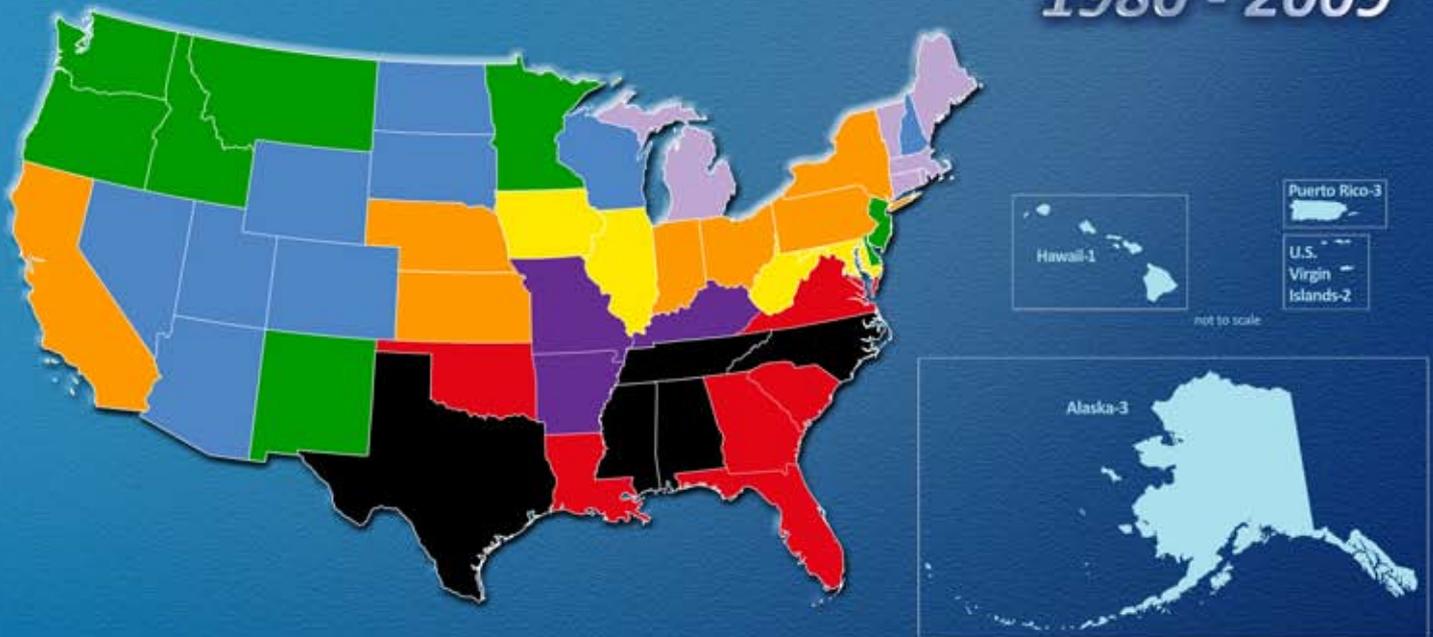


BILLION DOLLAR CLIMATE and WEATHER DISASTERS 1980 - 2009*



NUMBER OF EVENTS



DISASTER TYPE	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT FREQUENCY	NORMALIZED DAMAGES (Billions of Dollars)	PERCENT DAMAGE
Tropical Storms/Hurricanes	27	28.1%	367.3	51.1%
Severe Weather	20	20.8%	38.4	5.3%
Heatwaves/Droughts	15	15.6%	185.2	25.7%
Non-Tropical Floods	13	13.6%	70.5	9.8%
Fires	10	10.4%	19.2	2.7%
Freezes	6	6.3%	18.6	2.6%
Blizzards	2	2.1%	11.9	1.7%
Ice Storms	2	2.1%	5.9	~0.8%
Noreaster	1	1.0%	2.2	~0.3%
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*IMPORTANT NOTE: An event is counted if total damage estimate exceeds \$1 billion dollars. A single event may affect multiple states.

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