

SNo	Date	Event	Location	Death toll (estimate)
1	ca. 1890 BC	Seven year famine in Egypt and "in all other lands." Famine in Canaan caused the sons of Jacob to go to Egypt and buy food.	Egypt, Canaan	
2	441 BC		Ancient Rome	
3	400–800 AD	Famine in Western Europe associated with the Fall of Rome and its sack by Alaric I. Between 400 and 800 AD, the population of the city of Rome fell by over 90%, mainly because of famine and plague.	Western Europe	
4	639	Famine in Arabia during the Caliphate of Umar ibn al-Khattab	Arabia	
5	750's		Spain	
6	800–1000 AD	Severe drought killed millions of Maya people due to famine and thirst and initiated a cascade of internal collapses that destroyed their civilization	Maya Empire	
7	809		Frankish Empire	
8	875–884	Peasant rebellion in China inspired by famine; Huang Chao captured capital	China	
9	927–928	Caused by four months of frost	Byzantine Empire	
10	1005		England	
11	1016	Famine throughout Europe	Europe	
12	1022, 1033, 1052	Great famines in India, in which entire provinces were depopulated	India	
13	1064–1072	Seven years' famine in Egypt	Egypt	
14	1051	Famine forced the Toltecs to migrate from a stricken region in what is now central Mexico	Mexico (present day)	
15	1097	Famine and plague	France	100,000
16	1230	Famine in the Republic of Novgorod	Russia	
17	1229–1232	The Kangi famine, possibly the worst famine in Japan's history. Caused by volcanic eruptions.	Japan	
18	1235	Famine in England, 20,000 died in London alone	England	
19	1255		Portugal	
20	1275–1299	Collapse of Anasazi civilization, widespread famine occurred	United States (present day)	
21	1315–1317	Great Famine of 1315–1317	Europe	
22	1333–1337		China	
23	1344–1345	Great famine in India	India	

24	1387	After Timur the Lame left Asia Minor, severe famine ensued	Anatolia	
25	1396–1407	The Durga Devi famine	India	
26	1441	Famine in Mayapan	Mexico	
27	1450–1454	Famine in the Aztec Empire, interpreted as the gods' need for sacrifices.	Mexico (present day)	
28	1460–1461	Kanshō famine in Japan	Japan	
29	1504		Spain	
30	1518	Venice	Italy (present day)	
31	1528	Famine in Languedoc	France	
32	1535	Famine in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	
33	1567–1570	Famine in Harar, combined with plague. Emir of Harar, died.	Ethiopia	
34	1586	Famine in England which gave rise to the Poor Law system	England	
35	1601–1603	One of the worst famines in all of Russian history; famine killed as many as 100,000 in Moscow and up to one-third of Tsar Godunov's subjects; see Russian famine of 1601–1603. Same famine killed about half Estonian population.	Russia	2 million
36	1618–1648	Famines in Europe caused by Thirty Years' War	Europe	
37	1619	Famine in Japan. During the Tokugawa period, there were 154 famines, of which 21 were widespread and serious.	Japan	
38	1630–1631	Deccan Famine of 1630–32 (Note: There was a corresponding famine in northwestern China, eventually causing the Ming dynasty to collapse in 1644)	India	2 million
39	1648–1660	Poland lost an estimated 1/3 of its population due to wars, famine, and plague	Poland	
40	1649	Famine in northern England	England	
41	1650–1652	Famine in the east of France	France	
42	1651–1653	Famine throughout much of Ireland during the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland	Ireland	
43	1661	Famine in India, when not a drop of rain fell for two years	India	
44	1669	Famine in Bengal	India	
45	1670s and 1680s	Plague and famines in Spain	Spain	
46	1680	Famine in Sardinia	Italy (present day)	80,000
47	1680s	Famine in Sahel		
48	1690s	Famine throughout Scotland which killed 15% of the population	Scotland	
49	1693–1694		France	2 million
			The Swedish Empire,	

50	1695–1697	Great Famine of Estonia killed about a fifth of Estonian and Livonian population (70,000–75,000 people). Famine also hit Sweden (80,000–100,000 dead)	of which Swedish Estonia and Swedish Livonia were dominions at that time	
51	1696–1697	Great Famine of Finland wiped out almost a third of the population	Finland, then part of Sweden proper	
52	1702–1704	Famine in Deccan	India	2 million
53	1708–1711	Famine in East Prussia killed 250,000 people or 41% of its population	East Prussia	250,000
54	1709–1710		France	
55	1722		Arabia	
56	1727–1728	Famine in the English Midlands	England	
57	1738–1756	Famine in West Africa, half the population of Timbuktu died of starvation	West Africa	
58	1740–1741	Great Irish Famine (1740–1741)	Ireland	
59	1750–1756	Famine in the Senegambia region		
60	1764	Famine in Naples	Italy (present day)	
61	1769–1773	Bengal famine of 1770, 10 million dead (one third of population)	India	10 million
62	1770–1771	Famines in Czech lands killed hundreds of thousands people	Czech Republic (present day)	
63	1771–1772	Famine in Saxony and southern Germany	Germany	
64	1773	Famine in Sweden	Sweden	
65	1779	Famine in Rabat	Morocco	
66	1780s	Great Tenmei famine	Japan	20,000 - 920,000
67	1783	Famine in Iceland caused by Laki eruption killed one-fifth of Iceland's population	Iceland	
68	1783–84	Chalisa famine	India	11 million
69	1784	Widespread famine throughout Egypt	Egypt	
70	1784–1785	Famine in Tunisia killed up to one-fifth of all Tunisians	Tunisia	
71	1788	The two years previous to the French Revolution saw bad harvests and harsh winters, possibly because of a strong El Niño cycle or caused by the 1783 Laki eruption in Iceland.	France	
72	1789	Famine in Ethiopia afflicted "amhara/tigray north"		
73	1789–92	Doji bara famine or Skull famine	India	
	1810,			

74	1811, 1846, and 1849	Four famines in China	China	45 million.
75	1811– 1812	Famine devastated Madrid	Spain	20,000
76	1815	Eruption of Tambora, Indonesia. Tens of thousands died in subsequent famine	Indonesia	
77	1816– 1817	Year Without a Summer	Europe	65,000
78	1830– 1833	Claimed to have killed 42% of the population	Cape Verde	30,000
79	1830s	Tenpo famine	Japan	
80	1837– 1838	Agra famine of 1837–38	India	
81	1845– 1857	Highland Potato Famine	Scotland	
82	1845– 1849	Great Famine in Ireland killed more than 1 million people and over 1.5–2 million emigrated	Ireland	1.5 million
83	1846	Famine led to the peasant revolt known as "Maria da Fonte" in the north of Portugal	Portugal	
84	1849– 1850	Demak and Grobogan in Central Java, caused by four successive crop failures due to drought.	Indonesia	83,000
85	1850– 1873	As a result of Taiping Rebellion, drought, and famine, the population of China dropped by more than 60 million	China	
86	1866	Orissa famine of 1866	India	1 million
87	1866– 1868	Finnish famine of 1866–1868. About 15% of the entire population died	Finland, northern Sweden	150,000+
88	1869	Rajputana famine of 1869	India	1.5 million
89	1870– 1871	Famine in Persia	Iran (present day)	2 million ^[unreliable source?]
90	1873– 1874	Famine in Anatolia caused by drought and floods	Turkey (present day)	
91	1879	1879 Famine in Ireland. Unlike previous famines, this famine mainly caused hunger and food shortages but little mortality.	Ireland	
92	1873– 74	Bihar famine of 1873–74. Mortality was avoided in a massive relief campaign	India	0
93	1876– 1879	ENSO Famine in India, China, Brazil, Northern Africa (and other countries). Famine in northern China killed 13 million people. 5.25 million died in the Great Famine of 1876–78 in India	India, China, Brazil, Northern Africa (and other countries).	
94	1878– 1880	Famine in St. Lawrence Island, Alaska	United States	
95	1888– 1892	Ethiopian Great famine. About one-third of the population died. Conditions worsen with cholera outbreaks (1889–92), a	Ethiopia	

		typhus epidemic, and a major smallpox epidemic (1889–90).		
96	1891–1892		Russia	375,000–500,000
97	1896–1897	ENSO famine in northern China leading in part to the Boxer Rebellion	China	
98	1896–1902	ENSO famine in India	India	
99	1907, 1911	Famines in east-central China	China	
100	1914–1918	Mount Lebanon famine during World War I which killed about a third of the population	Lebanon	
101	1916–1917	Famine caused by the British blockade of Germany in WWI	Germany	
102	1916–1917	Winter famine in Russia	Russia	
103	1917–1919	Famine in Persia. As much as 1/4 of the population living in the north of Iran died in the famine	Iran (present day)	
104	1917–1921	A series of famines in Turkestan at the time of the Bolshevik revolution killed about a sixth of the population	Turkestan	
105	1921	Russian famine of 1921	Russia	5 million
106	1921–1922	1921–1922 famine in Tatarstan	Russia	
107	1921–1922	Famine in Volga German colonies in Russia. One-third of the entire population perished	Russia	
108	1928–1929	Famine in Ruanda-Burundi, causing large migrations to the Congo	Rwanda and Burundi (present day)	
109	1928–1930	Famine in northern China. The drought resulted in 3 million deaths	China	3 million
110	1932–1933	Soviet famine of Ukraine and North Caucasus area.	Ukraine	7–10 million
111	1936		China	5 million
112	1940–1945	Famine in Warsaw Ghetto, as well as other ghettos and concentration camps (note: this famine was the result of deliberate denial of food to ghetto residents on the part of Nazis).	Occupied Poland	
113	1941–44	Leningrad famine 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).	Russia	1 million
114	1941–1944	Famine in Greece caused by the Axis occupation.	Greece	300,000
115	1943	Bengal famine of 1943	Bengal, India	1.5-7 million
116	1943	Famine in Ruanda-Urundi, causing migrations to the Congo	Rwanda and Burundi (present day)	
117	1944-	Java during World War II	Indonesia	2.4 million

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118	1944	Dutch famine of 1944 during World War II	Netherlands	20,000
119	1945	Vietnamese Famine of 1945	Vietnam	400,000–2 million
120	1947	Soviet Famine of 1947	Soviet Union	1–1.5 million
121	1958	Famine in Tigray	Ethiopia	100,000
122	1959–1961	The Great Chinese Famine. According to government statistics, there were 15 million excess deaths.	China	15–43 million
123	1966–1967	Lombok, drought and malnutrition, exacerbated by restrictions on regional rice trade	Indonesia	50,000
124	1967–1970	Biafran famine caused by Nigerian blockade	Nigeria	
125	1968–1972	Sahel drought created a famine that killed a million people	Mauritania, Mali, Chad, Niger and Burkina Faso	
126	1972–1973	Famine in Ethiopia caused by drought and poor governance; failure of the government to handle this crisis led to the fall of Haile Selassie and to Derg rule	Ethiopia	60,000
127	1974	Bangladesh famine of 1974	Bangladesh	
128	1975–1979	Khmer Rouge. An estimated 2 million Cambodians lost their lives to murder, forced labor and famine	Cambodia	
129	1980–1981	Caused by drought and conflict	Uganda	30,000
130	1984–1985	1984–1985 famine in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	
131	1991–1992	Famine in Somalia caused by drought and civil war	Somalia	300,000
132	1996	North Korean famine. Scholars estimate 600,000 died of starvation (other estimates range from 200,000 to 3.5 million).	North Korea	200,000 to 3.5 million
133	1998	1998 Sudan famine caused by war and drought	Sudan	70,000
134	1998–2000	Famine in Ethiopia. The situation worsened by Eritrean–Ethiopian War	Ethiopia	
135	1998–2004	Second Congo War. 3.8 million people died, mostly from starvation and disease	Democratic Republic of the Congo	
136	2011–2012	Famine in Somalia, brought on by the 2011 East Africa drought	Somalia	
137	2012	Famine in West Africa, brought on by the 2012 Sahel drought	Senegal, Gambia, Niger, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso	

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