

**Chart: Large Loss-of-Life Events by Type showing State with Highest Number of Events**

**DEADLIEST AMERICAN DISASTERS AND LARGE LOSS-OF-LIFE EVENTS**

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Type	State	Number of $\geq 10$ deaths events
Auto Racing Accidents	New York	1
Avalanche/Snowslide	Colorado	7
Aviation (includes 8 non-CA crashes with $\geq 10$ CA deaths)	California	107
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	New York	2
Disease (especially epidemics or infectious)	New York	382
Dust/Sand Storm	AZ, TX, CA, NM, OK	1 each
Earthquake	California	10
Environmental Smog/Pollution	New York	2
Explosions (non-maritime/mining)	Pennsylvania	32
Fire (structural)	New York	81 <sup>1</sup>
Forest/Prairie/Wildfire	California	11
Flooding	Pennsylvania	28
Fog (as a contributing factor)	California	12
Hail (Cross-listed in Aviation)	Georgia	1
Hazardous Materials Transport	California	6
Heat (exposure to excessive natural heat)	California	66
Hurricanes	Florida	43
Landslides/Mudslides/Debris Flow/Rock Fall	California	6
Lightning	AR, IL, KS, MD, MS, NV, NJ, TN, TX, UT, WV, Guam	1 each
Maritime	Massachusetts	217
Mining	Pennsylvania <sup>2</sup>	80
Rail	Pennsylvania	40 <sup>3</sup>
Road/Highway/Vehicular	California	25
Starvation	California	2
Structural Failure	Pennsylvania	16
Subsidence	Pennsylvania	1
Swimming Drownings	New York	2
Tainted/contaminated Food/Drugs/Med. Poisoning	Oregon	3
Tornadoes	Alabama	42
Tsunamis	Hawaii	4
Violence	California	75
Volcano	Hawaii	2
Wind Storms, Derechos, Severe Thunderstorms	Texas	4
Winter Weather, Cold, Hypothermia	New York	95
Wood Alcohol Poisoning	New York	6

<sup>1</sup> Includes one Boston MA event -- 12 NY residents among 498 fatalities in 11-28-1942 Cocoanut Grove club fire.

<sup>2</sup> West Virginia has 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ten or more lives lost event tally -- at 71 more-than-ten-lives-lost events (though five of those are cross-listed in Violence -- Labor Unrest, in that these were conflicts between miners and owners.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Spirit of St. Louis collision with stopped train of PA National Guard troops in OH in 1950.