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List of disasters in Great Britain and Ireland by death toll

The following **list of disasters in Great Britain and Ireland** is a list of major disasters (excluding acts of war^[a]) which relate to the United Kingdom, Ireland or the Isle of Man, or to the states that preceded them, or that involved their citizens, in a definable incident or accident such as a shipwreck, where the loss of life was forty or more.

Over 1,000 fatalities

Deaths in <i>Italics indicate an estimated figure</i>	Event	Year	Notes
<i>3,500,000</i>	<u>Black Death pandemic</u>	1347–1350	See discussion of death toll estimates at <u>the death toll section</u>
<i>1,000,000^[1] to 1,500,000</i>	<u>Great Irish Famine</u>	1845–1849	See discussion of death toll estimates at <u>the death toll section</u>
<i>300,000 to 480,000^[2]</i>	<u>Great Irish Famine of 1740–41 (The Great Frost)</u>	1740–1741	Some estimates indicate a death toll as high as 500,000 from starvation and disease. ^{[3][4]}
<i>250,000</i>	<u>1918 influenza pandemic</u>	1918 (Sep–Nov)	An estimated 200,000 people died in England and Wales. ^[5] Although the official number of deaths in Scotland due to the pandemic is 17,575, a modern estimate of total pandemic mortality in Scotland is between 27,641 and 33,771. ^[6] About 20,000 died in Ireland. ^[7]
229,765 ^[8] (estimate for UK only)	<u>COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom and COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of Ireland</u>	2020–present	The <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u> caused a worldwide death toll of 6.9 million people.
<i>200,000+^[9]</i>	<u>1557 influenza pandemic</u>	1557–1561	From 1557 to 1559 the population contracted by 2%.
<i>150,000+</i>	<u>Seven ill years</u>	1695–99	The last major famine to occur in Scotland. Marked by large-scale migration, especially to Ireland
<i>125,000^[10]</i>	<u>1889–1890 flu pandemic</u>	1889–1893	Influenza pandemic originating from <u>St Petersburg, Russia</u> .
<i>100,000+</i>	<u>Sweating sickness (<i>sudor anglicus</i>)</u>	1485 ff.	Mysterious disease which killed tens of thousands of people in each of its five outbreaks before disappearing. ^[11]
<i>80,000^{[12][13]}</i>	<u>Hong Kong flu pandemic</u>	1968–1970	<u>Influenza pandemic</u> . Figure for UK deaths only.
<i>78,319+</i>	<u>Third cholera pandemic</u>	1848–1854	First cases in Edinburgh in October 1848. Major outbreaks across Britain, including the famous 1854 <u>Broad Street cholera outbreak</u> , where <u>John Snow</u> was able to identify

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			contaminated water as being the source of the disease. ^[14] Estimate is for deaths in Great Britain only.
<i>75,000+</i> ^[15]	<u>Great Plague of London</u>	1665–1666	The last major epidemic of the bubonic plague to occur in England.
<i>65,000</i>	<u>Year Without a Summer</u>	1816	Famine and typhoid fever in Ireland ^[16] and food riots in England and France, caused by the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora affecting the weather.
<i>60,000</i> ^[17]	1847–48 <u>influenza</u> pandemic	1847–1848	Worldwide influenza outbreak.
<i>52,627</i> ^{[18][b]}	1870–1875 Europe smallpox epidemic	1870–1875	Mortality figure for England and Scotland only. The epidemic started during the Franco-Prussian War, and spread throughout Europe.
<i>41,644+</i> ^[19]	1837–1840 <u>smallpox</u> epidemic	1837–1840	Especially severe smallpox epidemic.
<i>40,000</i>	1603 London plague epidemic	1603	Bubonic plague epidemic in London. ^{[20][21][22]}
<i>40,000</i> ^[23]	1775–1776 England Influenza outbreak	1775–1776	Unusually deadly <u>influenza</u> epidemic.
<i>35,417</i>	1625 London plague epidemic	1625	Bubonic plague epidemic in London. ^[24]
<i>33,000</i> ^[12]	<u>Asian flu</u> pandemic	1957–1958	Influenza pandemic which originated in Guizhou, China.
<i>32,854</i>	<u>Second cholera</u> pandemic	1831–1833	The disease arrived in Britain from Asia in October 1831. Major outbreaks in various cities. Cases tailed off after 1833. ^[14]
<i>23,000</i> ^{[25][c]}	" <u>Laki haze</u> "	1783–1784 (Jun–Feb)	Eruption of a volcano in Iceland sent a huge toxic gas cloud across Britain, killing thousands. ^[25]
<i>20,100+</i>	<u>1563 London plague</u>	1563–1564	Bubonic plague epidemic in London. ^[26]
<i>20,000</i>	1235 <u>famine</u>	1235	London badly affected; many resort to eating tree bark for survival. ^[27]
<i>19,900+</i>	<u>1592–93 London plague</u>	1592–1593	Bubonic plague epidemic in London. ^[28]
<i>17,000+</i> ^[29]	<u>1257 Samalas eruption</u>	1258	Crop failures and famines caused by the <u>1257 Samalas</u>

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			eruption in <u>Indonesia</u> affecting the weather; around 15,000 die in London.
<i>15,785 to 16,447</i>	<u>HIV/AIDS pandemic</u>	1979–present	Approximately 12,105 had died in the UK by 1996. ^[30] Between 1997 and 2012, 2,450 died of AIDS-related illness in England and Wales. ^[31] Between 2013 and 2018, approximately 832–1,494 died because of HIV/AIDS in the UK. ^{[32][33][34][35][36][37][d]} About 398 died in Ireland by 2005. ^[38]
<i>15,548+</i>	<u>Fourth cholera pandemic</u>	1865–1873	Major outbreaks in 1865 and 1866. Smaller outbreaks in Scotland in 1873. ^[14]
<i>12,000</i>	<u>Storegga Slide</u>	6200 BC	Massive <u>submarine landslides</u> off the coast of <u>Norway</u> cause a huge tsunami to hit the eastern coast of Britain, killing 12,000 prehistoric Britons. This was one quarter of the entire population at the time. ^[39]
<i>8,000</i>	<u>Great Storm of 1703</u>	1703 (26 November)	Atlantic hurricane across southern England and the English Channel, deaths chiefly at sea, including 1083 in naval ships wrecked on <u>Goodwin Sands</u> ^[40]
<i>7,600</i>	<u>Winter of 1894–95</u>	1894–1895 (December–February)	An 8-week period of severe cold weather with a weekly death rate of around 950. ^[41]
<i>6,500+</i> ^{[42][43]}	1729 Influenza epidemic	1729 (September–December)	Influenza outbreak with very high mortality rates.
<i>5,000+</i> ^[44]	1836–37 <u>influenza pandemic</u>	1836–1837	Influenza outbreak with high mortality rates.
<i>5,000+</i>	<u>Great Famine (14th century)</u>	1315–1317	
<i>4,000 to 12,000</i>	<u>Great Smog of London</u>	1952 (December)	
<i>4,000</i>	<u>1911 United Kingdom heat wave</u>	1911 (July–September)	Newspapers ran "deaths from heat" columns. ^[45]
<i>3,500+</i>	<u>1782 Central Atlantic hurricane</u>	1782 (16–17 Sep)	Loss of HMS <i>Ramillies</i> , HMS <i>Centaur</i> ; storeships <i>Dutton</i> and <i>British Queen</i> ; captured French prize ships <i>Ville de Paris</i> , <i>Glorieux</i> , <i>Hector</i> and <i>Caton</i> ; plus other <u>merchantmen</u> .

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<i>3,200+</i> ^{[46][47]}	<u>The encephalitis lethargica pandemic of 1915–1926</u>	1917–1924	Some victims were left in a statue-like condition, and many of those who survived never returned to their pre-existing "aliveness"; it is thought that the <u>Spanish flu</u> pandemic, which coincided with the encephalitis pandemic, contributed to the seriousness of the disease ^[48]
<i>3,000+</i>	<u>Tainted blood scandal</u>	1970s–1980s (deaths up to decades later) ^[49]	Importing and use of blood products known to be contaminated with HIV, Hepatitis B, C & E. People continue to die up to the present time. ^[50]
<i>3,000</i>	<u>1212 Great Fire of London</u>	1212 (10 July)	Source for fatalities is the <i>Guinness Book of Records</i> ^[51] but historical evidence unclear
<i>3,000</i>	<u>1976 British Isles heat wave</u>	1976 (23 June – 27 August)	At the time the hottest summer in central England in 250 years ^[52]
<i>2,323</i> ^[53]	<u>2006 European heat wave</u>	2006 (26 June – 30 July)	
<i>2,234</i> ^[54]	<u>2003 European heat wave</u>	2003 (4–13 August)	
<i>2,200</i>	<u>1880 London coal smog</u>	1880	^[55]
<i>2,000+</i>	<u>1540 European drought, 1540–1541 great heat and drought, 1540 also known as the 'Big Sun Year'</u>	1540–1541	Heat and drought caused freshwater from the Thames to shrink to such an unprecedented extent that seawater flowed on the tide past <u>London Bridge</u> , polluting the water supply. The resulting <u>dysentery</u> and <u>cholera</u> killed 'thousands'. ^[56]
<i>2,000</i>	<u>Bristol Channel floods</u>	1607 (30 January) ^[57]	
<i>1,900+</i>	<u>Christmas Eve storm</u>	1811 (24 December)	<u>Wrecks HMS <i>St George</i>, <i>Defence</i> and <i>Fancy</i> off Thorsminde, Jutland; and HMS <i>Hero</i> and the transport <i>Archimedes</i> off Texel, Netherlands</u>
<i>1,550+</i>	<u>Scilly naval disaster</u>	1707 (22 October)	<u>HMS <i>Association</i>, HMS <i>Eagle</i>, <i>Romney</i> and <i>Firebrand</i></u>
<i>1,500+</i>	<u>Peasants' Revolt</u>	1381 (30 May–November)	Peasants protest against poll taxes, serfdom and the socio-economic tensions generated by the <u>Black Death</u> pandemic.

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			Some march on London demanding reform, and after initial successes are brutally suppressed. ^{[58][59]}
<i>1,500+</i>	<u>RMS <i>Titanic</i></u>	1912 (15 April)	Estimates vary but most official sources and historians put the death toll at upwards of 1500.
<i>1,200</i>	<u>Strait of Gibraltar storm</u>	1694 (1 March) ^[57]	Wrecks HMS <i>Sussex</i> and accompanying ships
<i>1,198</i>	<u>RMS <i>Lusitania</i></u>	1915 (7 May)	Struck by torpedo on starboard side. Sank in the <u>Celtic Sea</u> within 18 minutes
<i>1,012</i>	<u>RMS <i>Empress of Ireland</i></u>	1914 (29 May)	Canadian Pacific ship sank in Gulf of St. Lawrence, registered in UK with crew almost entirely from Merseyside
<i>1,000+</i> ^[60]	Storm off <u>Winterton Ness</u>	1692	200 colliers wrecked off the Norfolk coast
<i>1,000</i> ^[61]	1956 London <u>smog</u>	1956 (December)	
<i>1,000</i>	<u>1867 San Narciso hurricane</u>	1867 (29 October)	Up to 50 UK vessels driven ashore on Saint Thomas, Danish West Indies, including RMS <i>Rhone</i> and RMS <i>Wye</i> (180 deaths between these) ^[62]
<i>1,000</i>	<u>Great Hurricane of 1780 in the Caribbean</u>	1780 (10 October)	Royal Navy ships lost included HMS <i>Stirling Castle</i> , HMS <i>Laurel</i> , HMS <i>Andromeda</i> , HMS <i>Thunderer</i> and HMS <i>Phoenix</i>

200–999 fatalities

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<i>908</i>	2016 heat wave	2016 (September)	Included the hottest September day in the UK since 1911 ^[53]
<i>900+</i>	<u>Plymouth Sound storm</u>	1691 (3 September)	Wrecks HMS <i>Coronation</i> ^[63] and HMS <i>Harwich</i> ^[64] killing 600 + 300 respectively
<i>900</i>	<u>HMS <i>Victory</i> (1737)</u>	1744 (3 October)	Wrecked on the <u>Casquets</u> in the <u>Channel Islands</u>
<i>892</i>	2019 heat wave	2019 (July–August)	Temperatures were as high as 38.7C in Cambridge, the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK at the time ^[65]

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<i>890+</i>	<u>Quebec Expedition disaster</u>	1711 (22 August)	Seven transport ships and one storeship wrecked in thick fog on the <u>Saint Lawrence River</u> , Canada
<i>863</i> ^[53]	<u>2018 British Isles heat wave</u>	2018 (22 June – 7 August)	
843	<u>HMS <i>Vanguard</i> explosion</u>	1917 (9 July)	<u>Magazine</u> explosion in <u>Scapa Flow</u>
800	<u>HMS <i>Royal George</i> capsizes</u>	1782 (29 August)	At <u>Spithead</u>
<i>780</i>	1873 London <u>smog</u>	1873 (December)	The first in a series of major smog build-ups in London ^{[66][67]}
<i>779</i> ^[68]	1892 London <u>smog</u>	1892 (December)	Excess deaths from air pollution
<i>778</i> ^[53]	2017 heat wave	2017 (June)	
<i>748+</i>	<u><i>Royal Charter</i> Storm</u>	1859 (26 October)	The <i>Royal Charter</i> and other ships wrecked in <u>Lligwy Bay</u> , <u>Anglesey</u>
738	<u>HMS <i>Bulwark</i> explosion</u>	1914 (26 November)	Magazine explosion off <u>Sheerness</u>
<i>700 to 800</i> ^[69]	1948 London <u>smog</u>	1948 (26 November – 1 December)	Excess deaths from air pollution
699	<u>HMS <i>Ramillies</i></u> ^[70]	1760 (15 February)	Ran aground off <u>Bolt Head</u> , <u>Devon</u>
690	<u>HMS <i>Queen Charlotte</i> fire</u>	1800 (17 March)	Exploded in the <u>Tuscan Archipelago</u>
646	<u>SS <i>Mendi</i></u>	1917 (21 February)	Rammed by SS <i>Darro</i> off the <u>Isle of Wight</u>
<i>640</i>	<u><i>Princess Alice</i> disaster</u>	1878 (3 September)	Collision with the <i>Bywell Castle</i> in the <u>River Thames</u> near <u>Woolwich</u> (Estimates vary, but most historians put the death toll as between 600 and 700)
635	<u>SS <i>Norge</i> shipwreck</u>	1904 (28 June)	Danish ship ran aground off <u>Rockall</u>
<i>619</i>	<u>1995 Great Britain and Ireland heat wave</u>	1995 (28 June – 22 August)	The hottest August on record in England and Wales since 1659 ^[71]
612	<u>Tramore storm</u>	1816 (30 January)	Wrecks the ships <i>Sea Horse</i> , ^[72] <i>Boadicea</i> and <u>Lord Melville</u> ^[73]
600+	an unidentified troop ship	1796 (23 January)	Shipwreck possibly one of <u>Admiral Christian's West Indies convoy</u> wrecked on <u>Loe Bar</u> , <u>Cornwall</u> ^[74]
564	<u>SS <i>Utopia</i> disaster</u>	1891 (17 March)	British ship carrying (mostly) Italian migrants in collision with <u>HMS <i>Anson</i></u> off <u>Gibraltar</u> ^[75]

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546	<u>SS <i>Atlantic</i> (1870)</u>	1873 (1 April)	White Star liner struck rocks off <u>Nova Scotia</u>
<i>540 to 760</i> ^[76]	<u>2013 Great Britain and Ireland heat wave</u>	2013 (July)	Estimate for UK deaths only
<i>531+</i>	1623–24 <u>famine</u>	1623–1624	East Lancashire badly affected; ^[77] said to be the last peace-time famine in England.
531 ^[78]	<u>1953 North Sea storm and flood</u>	1953 (31 Jan – 1 Feb)	Included the ferry <u>MV <i>Princess Victoria</i></u>
520	<u>HMS <i>Namur</i></u>	1749 (14 April)	Wrecked in a storm near <u>Fort St. David, India</u>
500	<u>HMS <i>Minotaur</i></u>	1810 (22 December)	Wrecked on Haak Bank near Texel, Netherlands
500	" <u>Black Monday</u> "	1209 (<u>Easter Monday</u>)	Massacre of English settlers by Irish clans, near <u>Ranelagh, Dublin</u>
491	<u>HMS <i>York</i></u>	1804 (Jan)	Struck the <u>Inchcape rock</u> and sank with the loss of her entire crew
481	<u>HMS <i>Captain</i></u>	1870 (7 September)	Sank off <u>Cape Finisterre, Spain</u> , due to design flaws
480	<u>SS <i>City of Glasgow</i></u>	1854 (March)	Disappeared after leaving <u>Liverpool</u> for <u>Philadelphia</u>
473	<u><i>Cospatrick</i></u>	1874 (18 November)	Caught fire in the <u>South Atlantic</u>
464	<u>HMS <i>Courageux</i></u>	1796 (18 December)	Shipwrecked at Apes' Hill, <u>Barbary Coast</u> (now <u>Monte Hacho, Ceuta, Africa</u>) ^[79]
<i>457</i> ^[80]	<u>2009 swine flu pandemic</u>	2009–2010	Global <u>influenza pandemic</u> , the second involving the <u>influenza A virus subtype H1N1</u> after the <u>Spanish flu</u>
454	<i>Vryheid</i>	1802 (23 November)	Formerly <u><i>Melville Castle</i></u> , shipwrecked in a gale off the <u>Kent coast</u> between <u>Hythe</u> and <u>Dymchurch</u> ; 18 of 472 on board survived
450	<u>HMS <i>Birkenhead</i></u>	1852 (25 February)	Shipwrecked near <u>Cape Town</u>
450	<u>Royal Charter (ship)</u>	1859 (26 October)	Wrecked off <u>Dulas Bay, Anglesey</u>
439	<u>Senghenydd colliery disaster</u>	1913 (14 October)	Gas explosion at the Universal Colliery, <u>Senghenydd, Caerphilly, Glamorganshire</u> , Britain's worst mining accident
431	<u>HMS <i>Otranto</i></u>	1918 (6 October)	Shipwrecked off <u>Islay</u> . 351 <u>United States</u> troops and 80 crew perished
424	<u><i>Pomona</i></u>	1859 (30 April)	American ship carrying, mainly Irish, emigrants from <u>Liverpool</u> to <u>New York</u> , wrecked on a sandbank at <u>Ballyconigar</u> , off <u>Wexford, Ireland</u>

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421	<u>HMS <i>Natal</i></u>	1915 (30 December)	<u>Magazine explosion</u> . Precise number of deaths disputed; 421 is highest estimate
400+	<u>Sinking of <i>Rochdale</i> and <i>Prince of Wales</i></u>	1807 (20 November)	Ships carrying troops leaving <u>Dublin</u> for the <u>Napoleonic Wars</u>
400+	<u>HMS <i>Invincible</i></u>	1801 (16 March)	Sank off <u>Norfolk</u> while en route to the <u>Battle of Copenhagen</u>
400	<u>HMS <i>Winchester</i></u>	1695 (1 September)	Shipwrecked on a reef off <u>Key Largo, Florida</u>
400	<u><i>Cataraqui</i></u>	1845 (4 August)	Shipwrecked off <u>King Island (Tasmania)</u>
384	<u><i>Annie Jane</i></u>	1853 (28 September)	Emigrant ship out of Liverpool, wrecked on <u>Vatersay</u> in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland
361	<u>The Oaks explosion</u>	1866 (12 December)	<u>Colliery disaster</u> , <u>Barnsley, Yorkshire</u> (383 claimed but not verified) ^[81]
380	<u><i>Mary Rose</i></u>	1545 (18 July)	Warship sank in action off <u>Portsmouth</u>
379	<u>HMS <i>Dasher</i> (D37)</u>	1943 (27 March)	Aircraft carrier: accidental fuel explosion in <u>Firth of Clyde</u>
374	<u><i>Driver</i></u>	1856 (February)	American clipper ship carrying migrants to the US out of Liverpool, disappeared while crossing the <u>Atlantic Ocean</u>
372	<u><i>Arniston</i></u>	1815 (30 May)	Wrecked at <u>Waenhuiskrans, South Africa</u>
369 ^[82]	<u><i>Queen</i></u>	1814 (14 Jan)	Wrecked in <u>Carrick Roads, Cornwall</u>
360+	<u><i>Elizabeth</i></u>	1810 (27 December)	Chartered <u>East Indiaman</u> wrecked off <u>Dunkirk</u>
358	<u>HMS <i>Victoria</i></u>	1893 (22 June)	Rammed by HMS <u><i>Camperdown</i></u> in the <u>Mediterranean Sea</u>
352	<u>HMS <i>Princess Irene</i></u>	1915 (27 May)	Explosion while on the <u>River Medway, Sheerness</u>
349	<u>HMS <i>Sceptre</i></u>	1799 (5 November)	Wrecked during a storm in <u>Table Bay</u> , near the <u>Cape of Good Hope</u> ^[83]
347	<u>HMS <i>Athenienne</i></u>	1806 (20 October)	Wrecked off <u>Tunisia</u> ; 100 survivors crammed into the ship's <u>launch</u>
344	<u>Pretoria Pit Disaster</u>	1910 (21 December)	Underground explosion at the <u>Hulton Bank Colliery, Westhoughton, Lancashire</u>
340	<u><i>Aeneas</i></u>	1805 (23 October)	Troopship wrecked on the <u>Îles aux Mortes</u> along the <u>Canadian coastline</u> while carrying troops to <u>Quebec</u>
338	<u>HMS <i>Curaçao</i></u>	1942 (2 October)	Light cruiser run down and cut in two by <u>RMS <i>Queen Mary</i></u> north of Ireland
335	<u>SS <i>Schiller</i></u>	1875 (7 May)	German liner wrecked off the <u>Isles of Scilly</u>
329	<u>Air India Flight 182</u>	1985 (23 June)	Act of terror: destroyed by a bomb, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean while in Irish

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			airspace
317 ^[84]	<u>HMS <i>Eurydice</i></u>	1878 (22 March)	Sank off the Isle of Wight; commemorated by Gerard Manley Hopkins in the poem "The Loss of the Eurydice"
316+	<u><i>Sybelle</i></u>	1834 (11 September)	Emigrant ship out of Cromarty wrecked off St. Paul Island (Nova Scotia) ^[85]
303 ^[86]	<u><i>Kapunda</i></u>	1887 (20 January)	Emigrant ship out of London, collided with the barque <u><i>Ada Melmore</i></u> off <u>Brazil</u>
<i>300 to 400</i> ^[61]	<u>1962 London smog</u>	1962 (December)	
300	<u><i>White Ship</i></u>	1120 (25 November)	Shipwrecked off <u>Barfleur</u> , <u>Normandy</u> , taking the only legitimate son of <u>King Henry I of England</u>
300+	<u>HMS <i>Amphion</i></u>	1796 (22 September)	Magazine explosion while at Plymouth, Devon
300	<u>HMS <i>London</i></u>	1665 (7 March)	Accidental explosion while in the <u>Thames Estuary</u>
297	<u>RMS <i>Tayleur</i></u>	1854 (21 January)	Shipwrecked off <u>Lambay Island</u> , <u>Dublin Bay</u> during its maiden voyage after its iron hull deflected its compass
293	<u><i>Northfleet</i></u>	1873 (22 January)	Rammed at night by a Spanish <u>steamboat</u> while anchored off <u>Dungeness</u>
290	<u>Albion Colliery explosion</u>	1894 (23 June)	<u>Firedamp</u> explosion at <u>Cilfynydd</u> in <u>South Wales</u> ^{[87][88]}
285	<u>Gordon Riots</u>	1780 (2–13 June)	Rioters shot by troops
281	<u>HMS <i>Atalanta</i></u>	1880 (31 January)	<u>HMS <i>Eurydice</i></u> 's sister ship, disappeared after leaving <u>Bermuda</u> bound for <u>Falmouth</u> , <u>Cornwall</u>
276	<u>VOC <i>Hollandia</i></u>	1743 (13 June)	Shipwrecked off <u>Annet</u> , <u>Isles of Scilly</u>
270	<u>Great Sheffield Flood</u>	1864 (11 March)	Caused by collapse of <u>Dale Dike Reservoir</u> during its first filling
270 ^[89]	<u>Pan Am Flight 103</u>	1988 (21 December)	Blown apart at 31,000 ft over <u>Lockerbie</u> , <u>Scotland</u> , by terrorist bomb in hold
268	<u>Abercarn colliery disaster</u>	1878 (11 September)	Mining disaster at <u>Abercarn</u> , <u>Monmouthshire</u>
266	<u>Gresford Disaster</u>	1934 (22 September)	Mining accident near <u>Wrexham</u> , <u>North Wales</u>
260	<u><i>Earl of Abergavenny</i></u>	1805 (5 February)	East Indiaman shipwrecked off <u>Portland Bill</u>
253	<u>HMS <i>Saldanha</i></u>	1811 (4 December)	Shipwrecked during gale off <u>Lough Swilly</u> , <u>Donegal</u> , <u>Ireland</u>

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250+	<u>Night of the Big Wind</u>	1839 (6–7 January)	A severe windstorm sweeps across Ireland causing flooding and other damage
250+	<u>RMS <i>Royal Adelaide</i></u>	1850 (30 March)	Irish paddle steamer shipwrecked on Tongue Sands off <u>Margate</u> , Kent ^[90]
247	<u>East Indiaman <i>Doddington</i></u>	1755 (17 July)	Shipwrecked in <u>Algoa Bay</u> , <u>South Africa</u>
246	<u>HMS <i>Avenger</i></u>	1847 (20 December)	Wrecked off the <u>Galite Islands</u> , <u>Tunisia</u>
241	<u><i>Exmouth</i></u>	1847 (28 April)	Shipwrecked off <u>Islay</u> ^[91]
240	<u>HMS <i>Lutine</i></u>	1799 (9 October)	Shipwrecked off <u>Vlieland</u>
238 ^[92]	<u>MV <i>Dara</i></u>	1961 (8 April)	British-India Steam Navigation Company passenger liner evacuated in the Persian Gulf off <u>Dubai</u> following explosion and fire
237	<u>SS <i>Anglo Saxon</i></u>	1863 (27 April)	Canadian ship wrecked in dense fog off <u>Cape Race</u> , <u>Newfoundland</u> , Canada on passage from <u>Liverpool</u>
228	<u>HMS <i>Tribune</i></u>	1797 (16 November)	Wrecked during a storm off <u>Halifax</u> , <u>Nova Scotia</u> , Canada
226	<u>Quintinshill rail crash</u>	1915 (22 May)	Three-train collision in <u>Dumfries and Galloway</u> , Scotland, Britain's worst railway accident ^[93]
224	<u><i>Neva</i></u>	1835 (13 May)	Convict ship out of <u>Cork</u> wrecked on reefs off <u>King Island</u> , <u>Tasmania</u>
220	<u>SS <i>London</i></u>	1866 (11 January)	Sank during gale in the <u>Bay of Biscay</u> ^[94]
220	<u>Great Blizzard of 1891</u>	1891 (9–13 March)	Strong winds and snow across southern England lead to deaths on land and at sea ^[95]
220	<u>Hartley Colliery disaster</u>	1862 (16 January)	Caused by steam engine <u>metal fatigue</u> , in <u>Northumberland</u>
215	<u><i>Lady of the Lake</i></u>	1833 (11 May)	Struck iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank
212	<u><i>Sovereign</i></u>	1814 (18 October)	Wrecked off <u>St. Paul Island</u> (<u>Nova Scotia</u>)
210	<u>SS <i>Rinaldo</i></u>	1878 (18 December)	Collision with French steamship <i>Byzantin</i> (which sustains most casualties) in the <u>Dardanelles</u> ^[62]
208	<u><i>Harpooner</i></u>	1816 (10 November)	Military transport ship shipwrecked off <u>Newfoundland</u>
207	<u>Blantyre mining disaster</u>	1877 (22 October)	Gas explosion in a Scottish colliery
205	<u>SS <i>Hungarian</i></u>	1860 (20 February)	A Canadian Allan Line Royal Mail Steamer out of <u>Liverpool</u> and <u>Queenstown</u> (<u>Cobh</u>)

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			wrecked off <u>Cape Sable Island</u> (Nova Scotia) ^[96]
201	<u>HMY Iolaire</u>	1919 (1 January)	Admiralty yacht returning soldiers to the Isle of Lewis after World War I sank off Holm near <u>Stornoway</u> in the <u>Outer Hebrides</u> ^[97]

100–199 fatalities

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193	<u>MS <i>Herald of Free Enterprise</i></u>	1987 (6 March)	Ferry capsized off <u>Zeebrugge</u> in under one minute after its RORO bow doors were left open. <u>Unlawful killing</u> verdict.
192	Transport ship <u><i>Dispatch</i></u> and Brig-of-War <u>HMS <i>Primrose</i></u>	1809 (22 January)	Both ships sank after hitting <u>The Manacles</u> . ^[98]
191	<u>SS <i>City of Boston</i></u> (Inman Line)	1870 (after 28 January)	Ship out of New York City and Halifax, Nova Scotia, bound for Liverpool disappeared in the Atlantic Ocean, possibly struck an iceberg
189	<u>Lundhill Colliery explosion</u>	1857 (19 February)	<u>Colliery</u> disaster, <u>Wombwell</u> , <u>Yorkshire</u> .
189	<u>Wood Pit Colliery explosion</u>	1878 (7 June)	Colliery disaster, Haydock, Lancashire. The total fatalities, which included one man and all of his five sons, may have been 204 or more. ^[99]
189	<u>HMS <i>Orpheus</i></u>	1863 (7 February)	Sank off Auckland due to outdated <u>nautical charts</u> and shortcuts.
189	<u>Eyemouth Disaster</u>	1881 (14 October)	Local fishing fleet sank during a <u>European windstorm</u> that struck the southeast coast of Scotland. [1] (http://sites.scran.ac.uk/secf_final/danger/links/link3.php)
186	<u>Exeter Theatre Royal fire</u>	1887 (5 September)	Fire at the Theatre Royal, Exeter caused by gas lights.
186	<u>PS <i>Pacific</i></u>	1856 (after 23 January)	American ship lost at sea out of Liverpool [sister ship of <u>SS <i>Arctic</i></u>]
183	<u>Victoria Hall disaster</u>	1883 (16 June)	Stampede at Sunderland after a children's Variety show to get prizes and gifts resulted in <u>compressive asphyxia</u> and trampling.
179	<u>SS <i>Cambria</i></u>	1870 (19	Shipwrecked at <u>Inishtrahull</u>

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		October)	
178	<u>United Kingdom BSE outbreak</u>	1996–2001	Variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease outbreak in the UK. Known colloquially as "mad cow disease", victims contracted the disease through eating infected beef. ^{[100][101]}
178	<u>First Ferndale Colliery disaster</u>	1867 (8 November)	Mining disaster in the Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, caused by gas accumulation and miners tampering with safety lamps
178	<u><i>Ocean Monarch</i></u>	1848 (24 August)	Shipwreck and fire off <u>Great Orme</u> , <u>Llandudno</u> caused by <u>steerage</u> passengers' smoking materials
178	<u>Clifton Hall Colliery explosion</u>	1885 (18 June)	Explosion of firedamp gas in a colliery at <u>Salford</u>
176	<u>Turkish Airlines Flight 981</u>	1974 (3 March)	Crashed in the Ermenonville Forest, France due to cargo door design flaw. ^[102] The flight was headed to London Heathrow and most of the passengers were British
176	<u>Llannerch, Cwmnantddu</u>	1890 (6 February)	Colliery gas explosion near <u>Pontypool</u> , <u>Monmouthshire</u> after the mine refused <u>safety lamps</u> by its MD two months earlier
173	<u>Bethnal Green tube station panic</u>	1943 (3 March)	Crowd stampede caused by British <u>anti-aircraft battery salvo</u>
172	<u>HMS <i>Serpent</i></u>	1890 (9 November)	Royal Navy torpedo cruiser launched in 1887 shipwrecked off <u>Camariñas</u> , <u>Galicia</u>
168	<u>Burns Pit Disaster</u>	1909 (16 February)	Mining disaster at <u>Stanley</u> , <u>County Durham</u>
167	<u>Piper Alpha</u>	1988 (6 July)	Oil platform gas leak, explosion and fire 30m above cold seas in the <u>North Sea</u>
164	<u>Seaham Colliery accident</u>	1880 (8 September)	Mining accident at <u>Seaham</u> , <u>County Durham</u>
163 ^[103]	<u>The John Bodkin Adams murders</u>	1946–1956	Though controversially acquitted in court of the murder of a patient in 1957, Doctor John Bodkin Adams is widely suspected to have murdered around 163 of his patients over 10 years ^[104]
160	1991 London smog	1991 (12–15 December)	^[105]
157	<u><i>Deutschland</i></u>	1875 (6 December)	Shipwrecked during a blizzard on Kentish Knock sandbank, Thames Estuary. Tugboat rescue delayed until the next day, most died of <u>hypothermia</u>

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155	<u>Minnie Pit disaster</u>	1918 (12 January)	Mining disaster at <u>Podmore Hall</u> , <u>Halmer End</u> , <u>Staffordshire</u>
<i>150</i>	<u>Clifford's Tower fire massacre</u>	1190 (16 March)	Massacre of Jews in <u>York</u> by a mob
146	<u>Risca Blackvein Disaster</u>	1860 (1 December)	Coal mining disaster at <u>Risca</u> , <u>Monmouthshire</u> caused by a gas explosion
146	<u>Dan-Air Flight 1008</u>	1980 (25 April)	<u>Air traffic control</u> instructed the plane to fly an unpublished <u>holding pattern</u> , which led the plane into the dangerously high terrain of <u>Mount Esperanza</u> , <u>Tenerife</u>
146	<u>Aberfan disaster</u>	1966 (21 October)	Coal-waste spoil tip collapsed onto a junior school, <u>Glamorganshire</u>
143	<u>Swaithe Main Colliery disaster</u>	1875 (6 December)	Mining disaster at <u>Worsbrough</u> , <u>Yorkshire</u>
141	<u>SS Berlin</u>	1907 (21 February)	Great Eastern Railway steamship out of <u>Harwich</u> wrecked off <u>Hook of Holland</u>
140	<u>HMS Condor</u>	1901 (3 December)	Ship lost with all hands in a gale off <u>Vancouver Island</u>
140	<u>2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami</u>	2004 (26 December)	UK victims only; see <u>Countries affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake</u>
139	<u>George III</u>	1835 (12 April)	Convict ship wrecked in <u>D'Entrecasteaux Channel</u> , <u>Tasmania</u>
139	<u>Combs Pit disaster</u>	1893 (4 July)	Mining disaster at <u>Thornhill</u> , <u>Yorkshire</u>
137	<u>National Shell Filling Factory explosion</u>	1918 (1 July)	Munitions explosion at <u>Chilwell</u> in <u>Nottinghamshire</u> . Eight <u>tons</u> of <u>TNT</u> exploded
136	<u>Wellington Pit disaster</u>	1910 (11 May)	Coal mining disaster at <u>Whitehaven</u> , <u>Cumberland</u>
135	<u>Fifth cholera pandemic</u>	1893	The last outbreak of cholera in Britain took place in 1893 ^[14]
135	<u>Alexander</u>	1815 (27 March)	Ship out of <u>Bombay</u> wrecked near <u>Portland</u> within sight of shore. The ship was caught in a gale and ran aground at night
133	<u>Amphitrite</u>	1833 (31 August)	Convict ship from <u>Woolwich</u> to <u>Australia</u> wrecked off <u>Boulogne</u>
133	<u>MV Princess Victoria</u>	1953 (31 January)	Early roll-on/roll-off ferry disaster in the <u>North Channel</u> during a storm.
131	<u>Lincoln typhoid fever epidemic</u>	1904 (November) – 1905 (April)	

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130	<u><i>Rothsay Castle</i></u>	1831 (18 August)	Paddle steamer from Liverpool shipwrecked in the Menai Strait under the command of a drunken captain.
129	John Franklin's Northwest Passage expedition	1845–1848	<u>HMS Erebus</u> and <u>HMS Terror</u> caught in pack ice; the crews endured botulism, lead poisoning and cannibalism before starvation.
128	<u>TSMS Lakonia</u>	1963 (22 December)	Caught fire and sank off Madeira. Resulted in 98 (mainly British) passenger deaths, plus 33 crew fatalities.
128	<u>HMS Gladiator</u>	1908 (25 April)	Shipwrecked in a collision with an American steamship during a snowstorm, <u>Isle of Wight</u> .
125	<u>HMS Primrose</u>	1809 (22 January)	Shipwrecked on <u>The Manacles</u> , Cornwall.
125	<u>SS Hilda</u>	1905 (18 November)	London & South Western Railway steamship wrecked in snow squalls off <u>Saint-Malo</u> .
124	<u>BOAC Flight 911</u>	1966 (5 March)	Aircraft broke up in flight near Mount Fuji, Japan. A significant percentage of the fatalities were American and Japanese citizens.
124	<u>SS Daphne</u>	1883 (3 July)	Capsized during her ship naming and launching, <u>River Clyde</u> , <u>Glasgow</u> .
123	<u>Ocean Queen</u>	1856 (February)	Clipper ship out of London disappeared in the <u>Atlantic Ocean</u> .
121	<u>Dunbar</u>	1857 (20 August)	Clipper out of Plymouth wrecked at <u>Sydney Cove</u> , Australia.
120	<u>New Risca pit explosion</u>	1880 (5 July)	Coal mining disaster, <u>Risca</u> , <u>Monmouthshire</u> .
120+	<u>Bibighar Massacre</u>	1857 (15 July)	Massacre of European women and children at Cawnpore (Kanpur), India during the Indian Rebellion of 1857.
119	<u>National Colliery explosion</u>	1905 (11 July)	Coal mine explosion at <u>Wattstown</u> , <u>Rhondda Valley</u> , <u>Glamorganshire</u> .
118	<u>British European Airways Flight 548</u>	1972 (18 June)	Crashed into a field at <u>Staines</u> . Possible heart attack suffered by the pilot after takeoff.
114	<u>Cymmer Colliery explosion</u>	1856 (15 July)	Coal mine explosion at <u>Cymmer</u> , <u>Porth</u> , <u>Glamorganshire</u> .
112	<u>Parc Slip Colliery gas explosion</u>	1892 (26 August)	Gas explosion due to a damaged <u>Davy lamp</u> , <u>Tondu</u> , <u>Glamorganshire</u>
112	<u>SS Stella</u>	1899 (30 March)	London & South Western Railway steamship wrecked on a granite reef in

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			fog at full speed, sinking in 8 minutes, at the <u>Casquets</u> , <u>Channel Islands</u> .
112	<u>Harrow and Wealdstone rail crash</u>	1952 (8 October)	Three trains collided in patchy fog in morning rush hour. Death toll second only to Quintinshill rail crash. ^[106]
112	<u>Dan-Air Flight 1903</u>	1970 (3 July)	De Havilland Comet crashed into a mountain in <u>Catalonia</u> , Spain
111	<u>Caledonian Airways Flight 153</u>	1962 (4 March)	Crashed after take-off from <u>Douala</u> , Cameroon
110 ^[107]	<u>RMS Amazon (1851)</u>	1852 (4 January)	Steam engine of a wooden mail paddle steamer caught fire in the <u>Bay of Biscay</u>
109	<u>Faversham gunpowder mill explosion</u>	1916 (2 April)	
108	<u>Invicta International Airlines Flight 435</u>	1973 (10 April)	Crashed into a forested, snowy hillside near <u>Hochwald</u> , <u>Switzerland</u>
106	<u>SS Mohegan</u>	1898 (14 October)	Shipwrecked off <u>The Manacles</u> , <u>Cornwall</u>
104	William Pit disaster	1947 (15 August)	Coal mining disaster at <u>Whitehaven</u> , <u>Cumberland</u> ^[108]
104	<u>HMS Brazen</u>	1800 (26 January)	Shipwrecked off <u>Newhaven</u> , <u>Sussex</u> .
102	<u>Pelican</u>	1793 (20 March)	Sank in the <u>River Mersey</u> .
102	<u>HMS Feversham</u>	1711 (7 October)	Shipwrecked off <u>Scatarie Island</u> , <u>Louisbourg</u> , <u>Nova Scotia</u> .
102	<u>Wallsend Colliery explosion</u>	1835 (18 June)	Colliery explosion, <u>Wallsend</u> , <u>Northumberland</u> . ^[109]
101	<u>Naval Steam Colliery explosion</u>	1880 (10 December)	Colliery explosion, <u>Tonypandy</u> , <u>Rhondda Valley</u> . 4 bodies unidentified. ^[110]
100+	<u>HMS Lizard</u>	1748 (27 February)	Wrecked on the <u>Seven Stones reef</u> . ^[111]
100 to 240 ^{[112][113][114]}	<u>Windscale fire</u>	1957 (10 October) (deaths up to decades later)	One of the world's worst <u>nuclear accidents</u> . ^[112] <u>Radioactive material</u> released, causing many <u>local cancer deaths</u> in the long term. ^[115] Number of deaths disputed. ^[115]
100	<u>"Battle" of May Island</u>	1918 (31 January – 1 February)	Two Royal Navy submarines sunk after collisions during naval exercise
100	<u>Moray Firth fishing disaster</u>	1848 (19 August)	Open hulled fishing fleet storm disaster
100	<u>HMS Confiance</u>	1822 (21 September)	36-gun, 393 ton brig sloop was wrecked between <u>Mizen Head</u> and <u>Three Castles</u>

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			Head, at the south-westernmost point of Ireland
100 ^[116]	<i>Avalanche</i>	1877 (11 September)	Ship out of London for Wellington, New Zealand, collided with American <i>Forest Queen</i> off Isle of Portland, English Channel, both sinking, with a further 20+ casualties from the <i>Forest Queen</i>

Fewer than 100 fatalities

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99	<u>Meikle Ferry disaster</u>	1809 (16 August)	Over-laden ferryboat sank in <u>Dornoch Firth</u> , Scotland
99	<u>HMS <i>Thetis</i> submarine disaster</u>	1939 (1 June)	Flooded through torpedo tube during pre-war sea trials, <u>Liverpool Bay</u> , salvaged but sunk by <u>depth charges</u> with all hands in 1943
98	<i>Edmond</i>	1850 (19 November)	A chartered passenger sailing vessel sunk at Edmond Point in <u>Kilkee</u> , <u>County Clare</u> with 216 on board
98	<u>Britannia Airways Flight 105</u>	1966 (1 September)	Britannia Airways Bristol Britannia G-ANBB from <u>Luton Airport</u> , <u>aircrash</u> at <u>Ljubljana</u>
97	<u>Hillsborough Stadium Disaster</u>	1989 (15 April)	97 people died after being crushed against perimeter fencing after thousands of people tried to enter the stadium through a narrow tunnel
95	<u>Haswell Colliery explosion</u>	1844 (28 September)	County Durham
95	<u>"Fatal Vespers"</u>	1623 (26 October)	Floor collapse at house in <u>Blackfriars</u> , <u>London</u> , being used as a chapel
94	<u>Carlingford Lough disaster</u>	1916 (3 November)	SS <i>Connemara</i> and a coalship SS <i>Retriever</i> collided and sank, <u>Carlingford Lough</u> , <u>County Down</u>
93	<u>St Scholastica Day riot, Oxford</u>	1355 (10–12 February)	A "town and gown" dispute over beer escalates over three days
92	<u>Felling mine disaster, County Durham</u>	1812 (25 May)	Firedamp explosion, ushers in safety lamps by <u>George Stephenson</u> and <u>Humphry Davy</u>
91	<u>Carrick-on-Suir disaster</u>	1799 (9 February)	Barge capsize under bridge, in Ireland ^[117]
91	<u>Cadeby Main pit disaster</u>	1912 (9 July)	Two underground coal mine explosions at <u>Cadeby</u> , <u>South Yorkshire</u>

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90	<u>Lewisham rail crash</u>	1957 (4 December)	Railway signals missed in the <u>rush hour</u> fog
88	<u>Armagh rail disaster</u>	1889 (12 June)	10 runaway railway <u>passenger cars</u> on a Sunday School day trip
88	<u>1967 Air Ferry DC-4 accident</u> ,	1967 (3 June)	<u>Douglas C-54 G-APYK</u> , from <u>Kent International Airport</u> , <u>Mont Canigou</u> , France
87	<u>Morfa Mine</u> , <u>Port Talbot</u>	1890 (10 March)	Glamorganshire, Colliery gas explosion
86	<u>SS <i>Egypt</i></u>	1922 (20 May)	Shipwreck, off <u>Ushant</u> , <u>Brittany</u>
85	<u>Rohilla</u>	1914 (30 October)	Ran aground off <u>Whitby</u> , with a survivor of the sinking of the <u>RMS <i>Titanic</i></u> two years earlier rescued again
84	<u>British Eagle</u>	1964 (29 February)	International Airlines aircrash <u>Bristol Britannia G-AOVO</u> from <u>Heathrow Airport</u> , <u>Innsbruck</u> , Austria,
84	<u>Paisley canal disaster</u>	1810 (10 November)	Canal pleasure boat capsize, <u>Paisley</u> , Scotland
83	<u>East Side pit</u> , <u>Senghenydd</u>	1901 (24 May)	Glamorganshire, Colliery gas explosion, precursor to the 1913 disaster
81	<u>Mardy Colliery</u> , <u>Rhondda Valley</u>	1885 (23 December)	Glamorganshire, mining disaster
81	<u>Easington Colliery</u>	1951 (29 May)	County Durham, coal mine explosion,
81	<u>Holmfirth Flood</u>	1852 (5 February)	<u>Bilberry Reservoir</u> collapsed, <u>Holme Valley</u> , <u>West Yorkshire</u>
80+	<u>PS <i>Queen Victoria</i></u>	1853 (15 February)	Wrecked below a lighthouse in a night-time snowstorm, off <u>Howth Head</u> , <u>Dublin</u>
80	<u>Llandow air disaster</u>	1950 (12 March)	Fairflight Avro Tudor G-AKBY, <u>Sigginstone</u> , Glamorganshire, with returning <u>Welsh Rugby Union</u> supporters on board (<i>highest confirmed death toll of any civil aviation disaster up to that date</i>)
80	<u>Creswell Colliery</u>	1950 (26 September)	Mining accident caused by smoke inhalation, <u>Creswell</u> , <u>Derbyshire</u>
79	<u>Great Yarmouth Suspension bridge</u>	1846 (2 May)	Collapse above a river, killing children watching a clown
79	<i>British Admiral</i> out of <u>Liverpool</u> wrecked off <u>Tasmania</u>	1874 (23 May)	
79	<u>HMS <i>Glatton</i></u>	1918 (16 September)	Wrecked by accidental explosion, <u>Dover harbour</u>
79	<u>Markham Colliery disaster</u>	1938 (10 May)	Underground explosion <u>Derbyshire</u>
78	<u>Burwell</u> , <u>Cambridgeshire Barn</u>	1727 (8 September)	Occurred during a <u>puppet show</u> with the doors nailed shut

Deaths	fire		
<i>Italics indicate an estimated figure</i>	<i>Ocean Event</i>	1856 (5 September)	American ship sinks after collision with <i>Cherubim</i> off Lizard Point, Cornwall
77	Diglake Colliery Disaster	1895 (14 January)	Inrush of water into Diglake Colliery, North Staffordshire
76	Third plague pandemic	1896–1926	Series of outbreaks across Britain and Ireland as part of a pandemic, with Glasgow and Suffolk being particularly badly affected (the last death of plague in Britain occurred in 1926) ^{[118][119]}
76	Maypole Colliery disaster	1908 (18 August)	Underground explosion at Abram, Lancashire
75	Tay Bridge disaster	1879 (28 December)	Cast iron bridge collapse with a train crossing during an evening storm, Dundee
75	HMS Affray	1951 (17 April)	Mysterious submarine disaster in English Channel
75	STV Royston Grange	1972 (11 May)	A Houlder Line cargo liner, destroyed by fire after a collision with Liberian-registered tanker <i>Tien Chee</i> in the Rio de la Plata
74	SS Naronic	1893 (19 February)	Lost at sea, possibly due to iceberg strike off Nova Scotia, out of Liverpool, with no Wireless Telegraph to make a distress call
73	Udston mining disaster	1887 (28 May)	Hamilton, Scotland, firedamp explosion
73	Silvertown explosion	1917 (19 January)	Explosion in a TNT factory in West Ham [2] (https://web.archive.org/web/20110927122816/http://www.lalamy.demon.co.uk/sivex.htm)
72	Stockport Air Disaster	1967 (4 June)	British Midland Airways Argonaut G-ALHG, an unrecognised flaw in the fuel system made the plane returning from Majorca uncontrollable.
72	Grenfell Tower fire	2017 (14 June)	Residential tower block in North Kensington, London ^[120]
71	Glen Cinema Disaster	1929 (31 December)	Paisley, Scotland ^[121]
70+	1900 English beer poisoning	1900	6,000 people poisoned by consuming arsenic-tainted beer, with Manchester being the worst affected area ^[122]
70	Great Gale of 1871	1871 (10 February)	Bridlington 100 shipwrecks, incl. Royal National Lifeboat <i>Harbinger</i> , plus other losses at sea, estimated total of 70 marine fatalities
70	RAF Fauld	1944 (27 November)	Munitions explosion during World War II, Staffordshire ^[123]
69	HMS M1	1925 (12 November)	Submarine wreck in collision with Swedish surface vessel off Plymouth
69 ^[124]	Trimdon Grange colliery disaster	1882 (16 February)	Underground explosion in County Durham
67	September 11, 2001 attacks	2001 (11 September)	<i>[UK victims only]</i>

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66	<u>BEA Comet G-ARCO bombing</u>	1967 (12 October)	Off <u>Rhodes</u> <i>[all nationalities]</i> ^[3] (http://aviation-safety.net/database/record.php?id=19671012-0&lang=en)
66	<u>Ibrox disaster</u>	1971 (2 January)	Compressive asphyxia spectator crush on stairway at <u>Ibrox Park</u> football stadium, Glasgow
65	Theatre Royal, Dunlop Street, Glasgow	1849 (17 February)	Panic ensuing from a false fire alarm
65	<u>Cherokee class brig-sloop HMS Jasper</u>	1817 (20 January)	Wrecked in hurricane-force winds on either <u>Rame Head</u> , Cornwall or <u>Bear's Head</u> , <u>Mount Batten</u> , Devon ^[125]
64	<u>Middle Duffryn Mine</u>	1852 (14 May)	Colliery explosion near <u>Aberdare</u> , Glamorganshire ^[126]
64	<u>Masbrough boat disaster</u>	1841 (5 July)	<i>John and William</i> overturns on launch near <u>Rotherham</u> ^[127]
64	<u>HMS Truculent</u>	1950 (12 January)	Submarine collision on the surface, <u>Thames Estuary</u> , survivors died of <u>hypothermia</u> on mid-winter mudbanks
63	<u>British Airways Flight 576</u>	1976 (10 September)	Mid-air collision with <u>Inex-Adria Aviopromet Flight 550</u> above <u>Zagreb</u> , caused by ATC error ^[128]
63	<u>Peckfield Colliery Disaster</u>	1896 (30 April)	<u>Micklefield</u> , <u>Yorkshire</u>
63	<u>Victoria coal pit</u> , <u>Nitshill</u> near <u>Glasgow</u>	1851 (15 March)	Explosion ^[129]
63	<u>Great Western Mine</u>	1893 (11 April)	<u>Rhondda Valley Colliery</u> mining disaster, South Wales
63	<u>BEA Flight 706</u> aircrash	1971 (2 October)	A <u>Vickers Vanguard</u> G-APEC flight 706, <u>Aarsele</u> , <u>Belgium</u>
63	<u>Mauricewood Colliery disaster</u>	1889 (5 September)	Underground fire, <u>Penicuik</u> , Scotland ^[130]
63	<u>Dinas Rhondda</u>	1879 (13 January)	Colliery gas explosion at <u>Llantrisant</u> , <u>Rhondda Valley</u> , Glamorganshire ^[131]
62	<u>PS Comet II</u>	1825 (21 October)	Sank in collision off <u>Gourock</u> , <u>Scotland</u>
61	<u>SS Thames</u>	1841 (4 January)	Steamship shipwrecked in a night-time storm, <u>Isles of Scilly</u>
61	<u>Freckleton Air Disaster</u>	1944 (23 August)	A <u>USAAF Consolidated B-24 Liberator</u> heavy bomber crashed into a village school in a storm, <u>Freckleton</u> , <u>Lancashire</u> , (3 aircrew, 58 ground fatalities)
60+	<u>Harwich ferry disaster</u>	1807 (18 April)	A 'grossly overladen' coastal vessel capsizes while transporting soldiers and their families

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60	<i>Dalhousie</i>	1853(October)	"Blackwall frigate" sank off <u>Beachy Head</u>
60	<u>HMS M2</u> British M class submarine	1932 (26 January)	Floods through her <u>Parnall Peto</u> seaplane hangar doors, <u>Lyme Bay</u>
58	<u>Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Colliery</u>	1936 (6 August)	Underground explosion caused by an electrical fault
58	<i>Garland of Topsham</i>	1649 (30 January)	A vessel carrying Charles I's possessions wrecked on <u>Godrevy Island</u> , <u>Cornwall</u> ^[132]
57	<u>Tylorstown</u>	1896 (27 January)	Rhondda Valley Colliery mining disaster, South Wales
57	<u>Sneyd Colliery Disaster</u>	1942 (1 January)	<u>Burslem</u> , <u>Staffordshire</u>
57	<u>HMS K5</u>	1921 (24 January)	A submarine sank in deep water, 120 miles south-west of the <u>Isles of Scilly</u> during sea trials
56	<u>Bradford City stadium fire</u>	1985 (11 May)	<u>Bradford City A.F.C.</u> 's <u>Valley Parade</u> stadium caught fire after a discarded cigarette set fire to rubbish underneath the wooden stands
56	<u>7 July 2005 London bombings</u>	2005 (7 July)	By suicide bombers on public transport
55	<u>Manchester air disaster</u>	1985 (22 August)	Flight 28M, a Boeing 737-236 engine fire before takeoff on a holiday flight to <u>Corfu</u>
53	<u>Second Ferndale Colliery disaster</u>	1869 (10 June)	Explosion in Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire
53	<u>Great fire of Newcastle and Gateshead</u>	1854 (6 October)	<u>Firestorm</u> and explosion
52	<u>Lletty Shenkin Colliery, Cwmbach</u>	1849 (10 August)	Underground explosion, <u>Aberdare</u> , South Wales ^[133]
52	<u>Yellow fever outbreak, HMS Firebrand</u>	1861 (July)	<u>West Indies</u> ^[134]
52	<i>Loch Ard</i>	1878 (1 June)	A clipper out of <u>Gravesend</u> , <u>Kent</u> , wrecked off <u>Loch Ard Gorge</u> , just off the <u>Shipwreck Coast</u> of <u>Victoria</u> , <u>Australia</u> in thick fog
52	<u>HMS Wasp</u>	1884 (22 September)	Wrecked on <u>Tory Island</u> , <u>County Donegal</u>
52	<u>Marine Colliery</u>	1927 (1 March)	<u>Gwm</u> near <u>Ebbw Vale</u> , <u>Monmouthshire</u> , coal mine disaster
51	<u>Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum</u> fire, London	1903 (27 January)	In an early <u>psychiatric hospital</u> holding up to 3,500 patients
51	<i>Marchioness</i> disaster, <u>River Thames</u>	1989 (20 August)	A pleasure boat rammed by a <u>dredger</u> under a bridge
51	<u>St Hilda Colliery</u> , South Shields, coal pit explosion	1839 (28 June)	^[135]

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50+	<u>Winter of 1962–63</u>	1962–63	One of the coldest winters on record in the United Kingdom. The <u>river Thames</u> froze solid ^[136]
50	<u>Ariana Afghan Airlines Flight 701</u> aircrash	1969 (5 January)	Crashed into a house, <u>Boeing 727</u> YA-FAR, <u>Gatwick</u>
50	<u>Summerland fire disaster</u>	1973 (2 August)	<u>Douglas, Isle of Man</u> , a fire in a <u>leisure centre</u>
50	<u>Whiddy Island disaster</u>	1979 (8 January)	Explosion of oil tanker <i>Betelguese</i> in <u>Bantry Bay</u> , <u>Ireland</u>
49?	<u>SS Nile</u>	1854 (30 November)	All the crew and passengers died when she hit The Stones reef off <u>Godrevy Head</u> , <u>Cornwall</u> ; leading to building of the <u>lighthouse</u> ^[137]
49	<u>Booth's clothing factory fire</u> , <u>Huddersfield</u>	1941 (31 October)	Fire at a major clothing factory in <u>Huddersfield</u> , <u>West Riding of Yorkshire</u> ^[138]
49	<u>HMS Punjabi</u> collision with the battleship <u>HMS King George V</u>	1942 (1 May)	Sinking 469 miles north-west of <u>Shetland</u> .
49	<u>Hither Green rail crash</u>	1967 (5 November)	In London, a broken rail caused <u>derailment</u> of an express train
48	<u>Stardust fire</u>	1981 (14 February)	A nightclub fire in <u>Artane</u> , <u>Dublin</u> , 841 people had attended a disco there, of whom 48 died and 214 were injured as a result of the fire
48	<u>A British Eagle International Airlines Vickers Viscount</u>	1968 (9 August)	En route from London to <u>Innsbruck</u> , <u>Austria</u> , breaks up in mid-air over <u>Bavaria</u>
47 ^[139]	<u>Burns' Day Storm</u>	1990 (25 January)	Violent storm that started on <u>Burns' day</u> and affected north-western Europe, <u>hurricane-force</u> winds in some areas
47	<u>Emma</u>	1828 (29 February)	Capsizes after launching, <u>Mersey and Irwell Navigation</u> , <u>Manchester</u> ^[140]
47	<u>Gethin Pit disaster</u>	1862 (19 February)	First of two underground colliery explosions at <u>Abercanaid</u> , near <u>Merthyr Tydfil</u> . <u>South Wales</u>
47	<u>R101</u> airship crash	1930 (5 October)	<u>Beauvais</u> , <u>France</u>
47	<u>SS Samtampa</u>	1947(23 April)	Wrecked off <u>Sker Point</u> in the <u>Bristol Channel</u> (death toll includes 8 crew of <u>Mumbles</u> lifeboat)
47	<u>Auchengeich coal mining disaster</u>	1959 (18 September)	<u>Auchinloch</u> , <u>Lanarkshire</u> , <u>Scotland</u>
47	<u>Kegworth Air Disaster</u>	1989 (8 January)	<u>British Midland Flight 92</u> , <u>Leicestershire</u> , the pilot shut down the wrong engine (just missed the <u>M1 Motorway</u>)

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47	<u>1973 Nantes mid-air collision</u>	1973 (5 March)	<i>[British victims only]</i> Two aircraft heading to <u>London Heathrow</u> collided due to <u>ATC</u> error. ^[141]
46	<u>Wreck of Confederate States of America blockade runner PS <i>Lelia</i></u>	1865 (14 January)	(39 fatalities) and lifeboat crew (7 fatalities) in <u>Liverpool Bay</u>
45	<u>Bentley Coal mine disaster</u>	1931 (20 November)	<u>Bentley, South Yorkshire</u>
45	<u>Six Bells Colliery Disaster</u>	1960 (28 June)	<u>Aberbeeg, Monmouthshire</u>
45	<u>Aquila Airways Short Solent flying boat crash</u>	1957 (15 November)	<u>Isle of Wight</u>
45	<u>Sumburgh disaster</u>	1986 (6 November)	A Brent oilfield <u>CH-47 Chinook</u> helicopter crashed at sea
45	<u>PS <i>Nimrod</i></u>	1860 (28 February)	An Irish steamer sank off <u>St David's Head</u>
45	<u>Cleggan Bay Disaster</u>	1927 (27 October)	A strong gale killed 45 fishermen off the coast of <u>County Galway</u>
44	<u>R38 (ZR-2) airship crash</u>	1921 (24 August)	<u>River Humber, near Hull</u>
44	<u>MV <i>Derbyshire</i></u>	1980 (9 September)	<u>Bibby Line</u> bulk carrier sank during <u>Typhoon Orchid</u> , south of <u>Japan</u> (by tonnage the largest UK-flagged ship loss)
43	<u>Croydon typhoid outbreak of 1937</u>	1937 (October–December)	Outbreak originating from a polluted <u>chalk</u> water well; 341 cases ^[142]
43	<u>Bourne End rail crash</u>	1945 (30 September)	Derailment taking crossover at speed near <u>Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire</u> ; driver had worked for 26 consecutive days
43	<u>Moorgate tube crash</u>	1975 (28 February)	<u>London Underground</u> train runs at speed into dead-end tunnel in the morning rush hour
41	<u>Little Baldon air crash</u>	1965 (6 July)	<u>Handley Page Hastings</u> aircraft crashed at <u>Little Baldon, Oxfordshire</u> , during parachute training flight from <u>RAF Abingdon</u> , caused by <u>metal fatigue</u>
40	<u>Garden Pit Disaster</u>	1844 (14 February)	40 men and boys are crushed or drowned when water from the <u>River Cleddau</u> broke through the roof of their coalmine at <u>Landshipping, Pembrokeshire, Wales</u> ^[143]
40	<u>Regent's Park ice-skating disaster</u>	1867 (15 January)	Ice covering the boating lake collapsed and 200 people plunged in ^[144]
40	<u>Low Moor Explosion</u>	1916 (21 August)	Explosion at a picric acid plant producing explosives for the war effort in the First World War ^[145]

See also

- [European windstorm](#)
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- [List of accidents and incidents involving commercial aircraft](#)
- [List of disasters in Antarctica by death toll](#)
- [List of disasters in Australia by death toll](#)
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- [List of disasters in Poland by death toll](#)
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Notes

- a. Military and civilian casualties from conflicts in which the United Kingdom was involved are listed at [United Kingdom casualties of war](#).
- b. Assuming the population of England as 21,361,235 (1871 census) and of Scotland as 3,360,018 (1871 census).
- c. Estimate of mortality in Britain.
- d. While the annual government statistics in these years all record the number of people who died whilst being **infected** with HIV, only the two most recent reports (2018 and 2019) specify the number of these deaths that are assumed to be attributable to "AIDS-defining illnesses". However, the most recent report (2019) specifies that 22% to 47% of deaths of those living with a HIV infection can be assumed to have been as a result of an AIDS-defining illness, and, using these figures, it can be estimated that approximately 832–1494 have died from AIDS-defining illness between 2013 and 2018.

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