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Summary: A run of four consecutive years when overall insurance losses from natural catastrophes have topped \$100bn, previously the mark of a remarkably bad year, has spooked executives. In the US, a repricing of risks has sparked a significant rise in premiums. Last year saw a record-breaking number of natural catastrophes causing at least \$1bn in insurance losses: 37 separate events, according to data from insurance broker Aon. That included 25 so-called severe convective storms, of which 21 were in the US. The cost of property catastrophe reinsurance cover, which they use to share the burden of natural disaster claims, is at its highest in a generation. If yearly losses stick above the \$100bn level, and firms are forced into further price rises and pullbacks to protect their balance sheets, it could "harm the whole proposition of the insurance sector to society", says one reinsurance chief executive. There will be growing "patches" where buying insurance is uneconomical, Swiss Re has predicted.

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