

# RepData\_PeerAssessment2

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The following timelines show the different time spans for each period of unique data collection and processing procedures. Select below for detailed descriptions of each data collection type. <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/details.jsp>

## Loading Raw Data

```
url <- "https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/repdata%2Fdata%2FStormData.csv.bz2"
download(url, "Storm_Data.bz2", mode = "wb") #Download dataset from specific URL
bunzip2("Storm_Data.bz2", "Storm_data.csv", remove = FALSE, skip = TRUE) # unzip data file

## [1] "Storm_data.csv"
## attr(,"temporary")
## [1] FALSE

Storm_Data <- read.csv("Storm_data.csv") #

dim(Storm_Data) # Original dataset dimension

## [1] 902297      37

names(Storm_Data) # Variables name in the original dataset

## [1] "STATE_"      "BGN_DATE"    "BGN_TIME"    "TIME_ZONE"   "COUNTY"
## [6] "COUNTYNAME" "STATE"       "EVTYPE"      "BGN_RANGE"   "BGN_AZI"
## [11] "BGN_LOCATI"  "END_DATE"    "END_TIME"    "COUNTY_END" "COUNTYENDN"
## [16] "END_RANGE"   "END_AZI"     "END_LOCATI"  "LENGTH"     "WIDTH"
## [21] "F"           "MAG"         "FATALITIES"  "INJURIES"    "PROPDMG"
## [26] "PROPDMGEXP"  "CROPDGMG"    "CROPDMGEXP"  "WFO"         "STATEOFFIC"
## [31] "ZONENAMES"   "LATITUDE"    "LONGITUDE"   "LATITUDE_E"  "LONGITUDE_"
## [36] "REMARKS"     "REFNUM"
```

## Process/transform the data into a format suitable for the analysis

```
ds1 <- as_tibble(Storm_Data)
# variable must have a unique name in the dataset
names(ds1)[names(ds1)=="STATE_"] <- "STATE_NUM"
names(ds1)[names(ds1)=="LONGITUDE_"] <- "LONGITUDE_E"
names(ds1) <- str_to_lower(names(ds1)) # Force lowercase dataset columb names
names(ds1) <- str_replace(names(ds1), "_+$", "") # Remove final underscore from columb names
names(ds1) <- str_replace(names(ds1), "_", ".") #
names(ds1)

## [1] "state.num"    "bgn.date"     "bgn.time"     "time.zone"    "county"
## [6] "countyname"  "state"        "evtype"       "bgn.range"    "bgn.azi"
## [11] "bgn.locati"   "end.date"     "end.time"     "county.end"   "countyendn"
## [16] "end.range"    "end.azi"      "end.locati"   "length"       "width"
## [21] "f"           "mag"          "fatalities"   "injuries"     "propdmg"
## [26] "propdmgexp"  "croptdmg"     "croptdmgexp"  "wfo"          "stateoffic"
## [31] "zonenames"   "latitude"     "longitude"    "latitude.e"   "longitude.e"
## [36] "remarks"     "refnum"
```

```
# Remove the observation with no interest for answer the question for this analysis
ds2 <- ds1[ds1$fatalities > 0 | ds1$injuries > 0 | ds1$cropdmg > 0 | ds1$propdmg > 0,]
dim(ds2)
```

```
## [1] 254633      37
```

1. Across the United States, which types of events (as indicated in the `evtype` variable) are most harmful with respect to population health?

The variables of interest, for analyzing the impact on population health are `fatalities` and `injuries` so we create a subset from the original dataset with only the variable of interest.

```
# Create a dataset with only the column/variable of interest to answer this question
ds3 <- select(ds2, fatalities, injuries, evtype)
# Force all `evtypes` to uppercase
ds3$evtype <- str_to_upper(ds3$evtype)
# replace multiple spaces with single space
ds3$evtype <- gsub(" +", " ", ds3$evtype)
# Summarize fatalities and injuries value grouped by `evtype`
ds4 <- ds3 %>% group_by(evtype) %>%
  summarise(tot.fatalities = sum(fatalities), tot.injuries = sum(injuries))

# Dimension for summarized dataset
dim(ds4) #
```

```
## [1] 443      3
```

```
# Re-organize the dataset
fatalities <- arrange(ds4, desc(tot.fatalities))
head(fatalities)
```

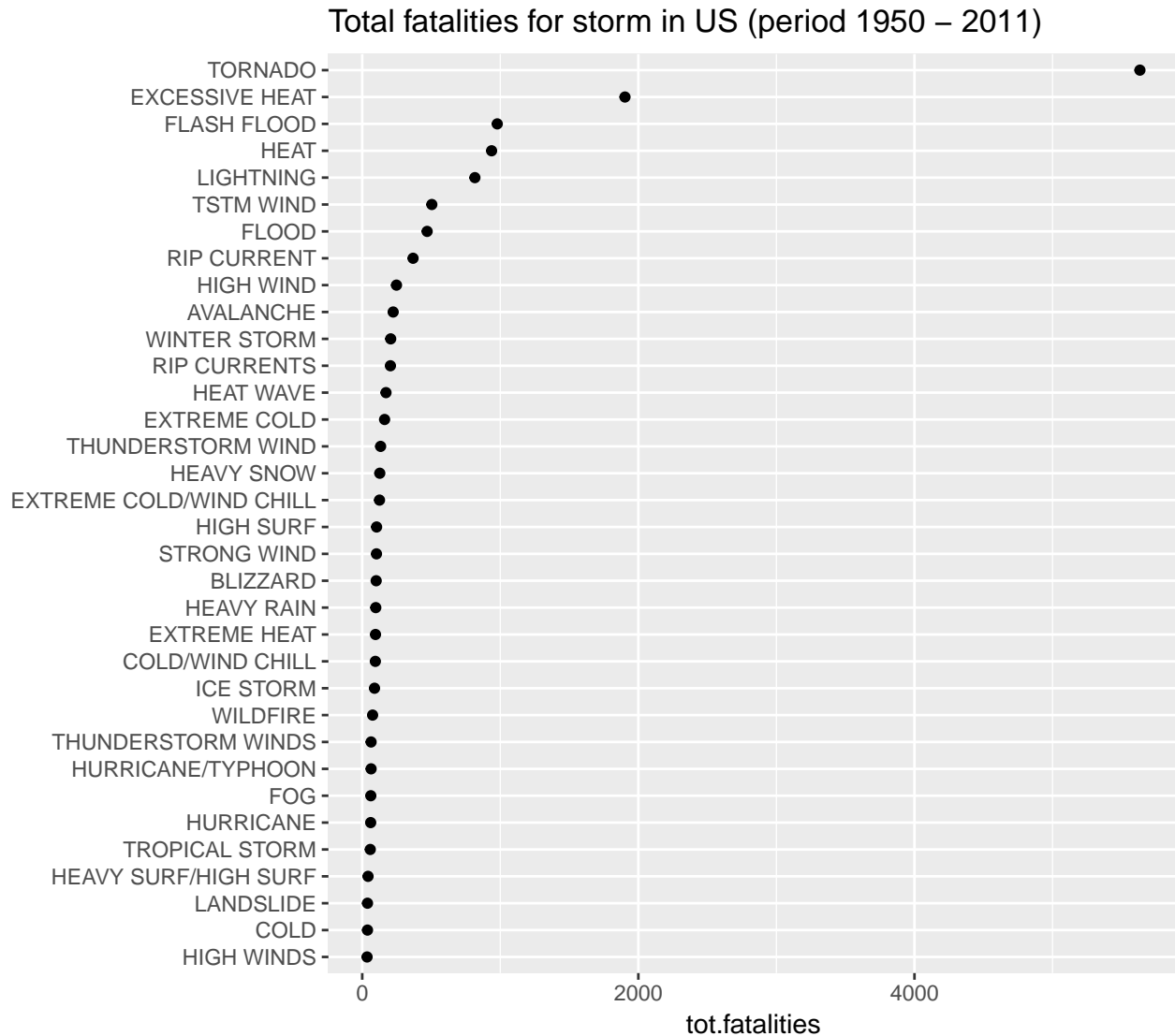
```
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##       evtype tot.fatalities tot.injuries
##       <chr>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 TORNADO             5633             91346
## 2 EXCESSIVE HEAT       1903              6525
## 3 FLASH FLOOD          978              1777
## 4 HEAT                 937              2100
## 5 LIGHTNING            816              5230
## 6 TSTM WIND            504              6957
```

**Fatalities analysis** For this analysis we will consider only the events with n. of fatalities greater than the mean

```
plot_fatalities <- fatalities[fatalities$tot.fatalities > mean(fatalities$tot.fatalities), ]
nrow(plot_fatalities) # Events with n. of fatalities greater than the mean
```

```
## [1] 34
```

```
ggplot(plot_fatalities, aes(tot.fatalities, fct_reorder(evtype, tot.fatalities))) + geom_point() + labs
```



The TORNADO event has most harmful impact on public health with n. **5633** total fatalities.

*The first 10th Fatalities events*

```
library(knitr)
kable(plot_fatalities[1:10,])
```

evtype	tot.fatalities	tot.injuries
TORNADO	5633	91346
EXCESSIVE HEAT	1903	6525
FLASH FLOOD	978	1777
HEAT	937	2100
LIGHTNING	816	5230
TSTM WIND	504	6957
FLOOD	470	6789
RIP CURRENT	368	232
HIGH WIND	248	1137

evtype	tot.fatalities	tot.injuries
AVALANCHE	224	170
Injuries analys	is**	
For this analysis	we will consider	only the events with n. of injuries greater that the mean

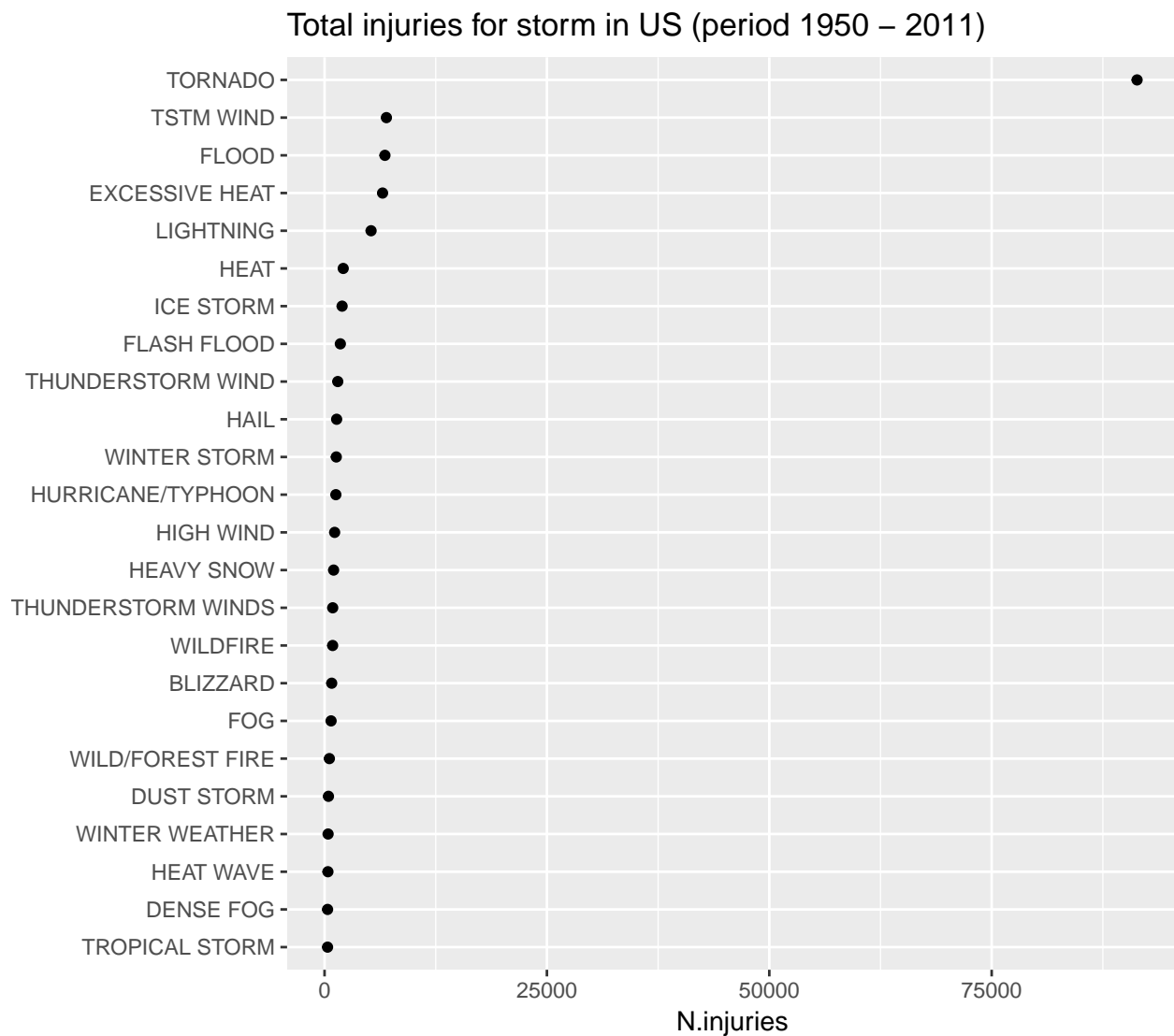
```
injuries <- arrange(ds4, desc(tot.injuries))
mean(injuries$tot.injuries) # Mean value for injuries
```

```
## [1] 317.219
```

```
plot_injuries <- injuries[injuries$tot.injuries > mean(injuries$tot.injuries), ]
nrow(plot_injuries) # Events with n. of injuries greater that the mean
```

```
## [1] 24
```

```
ggplot(plot_injuries, aes(tot.injuries, fct_reorder(evtype, tot.injuries))) + geom_point() + labs(title=
```



The TORNADO event has most harmful impact on public health with n. **91346** total injuries.

*The first 10th injuries events*

```
library(knitr)
kable(plot_injuries[1:10,])
```

evtype	tot.fatalities	tot.injuries
TORNADO	5633	91346
TSTM WIND	504	6957
FLOOD	470	6789
EXCESSIVE HEAT	1903	6525
LIGHTNING	816	5230
HEAT	937	2100
ICE STORM	89	1975
FLASH FLOOD	978	1777
THUNDERSTORM WIND	133	1488
HAIL	15	1361

## 2. Across the United States, which types of events have the greatest economic consequences?

The variables of interest for analyzing the **greatest economic consequences of a Storm event** are Property damage and Crop damage, so we create a subset from the original dataset with only the variables of interest

```
damage <- select(ds2, evtype, propdmg, propdmgexp, cropdmg, cropdmgexp)
```

Due to the particular form for storm data damage in the original dataset, we need to convert these variables into a form suitable for the correct analysis and representation.

```
# Convert cropdmgexp and propdmgexp variables
damage$propdmgexp <- as.character(damage$propdmgexp)
damage$cropdmgexp <- as.character(damage$cropdmgexp)
damage$propdmgexp <- str_to_upper(damage$propdmgexp)
damage$cropdmgexp <- str_to_upper(damage$cropdmgexp)
#
damage$propdmg.value <- 0 # New dataset column for property damage value
damage[damage$propdmgexp == "K", ]$propdmg.value <- 3
damage[damage$propdmgexp == "M", ]$propdmg.value <- 6
damage[damage$propdmgexp == "B", ]$propdmg.value <- 7
#
damage$cropdmg.value <- 0 # New dataset column for crop damage value
damage[damage$cropdmgexp == "K", ]$cropdmg.value <- 3
damage[damage$cropdmgexp == "M", ]$cropdmg.value <- 6
damage[damage$cropdmgexp == "B", ]$cropdmg.value <- 7
#
damage$totdmg.value <- 0 # New dataset column for total damage value
names(damage)
```

```
## [1] "evtype"      "propdmg"      "propdmgexp"    "cropdmg"
## [5] "cropdmgexp"  "propdmg.value" "cropdmg.value" "totdmg.value"
```

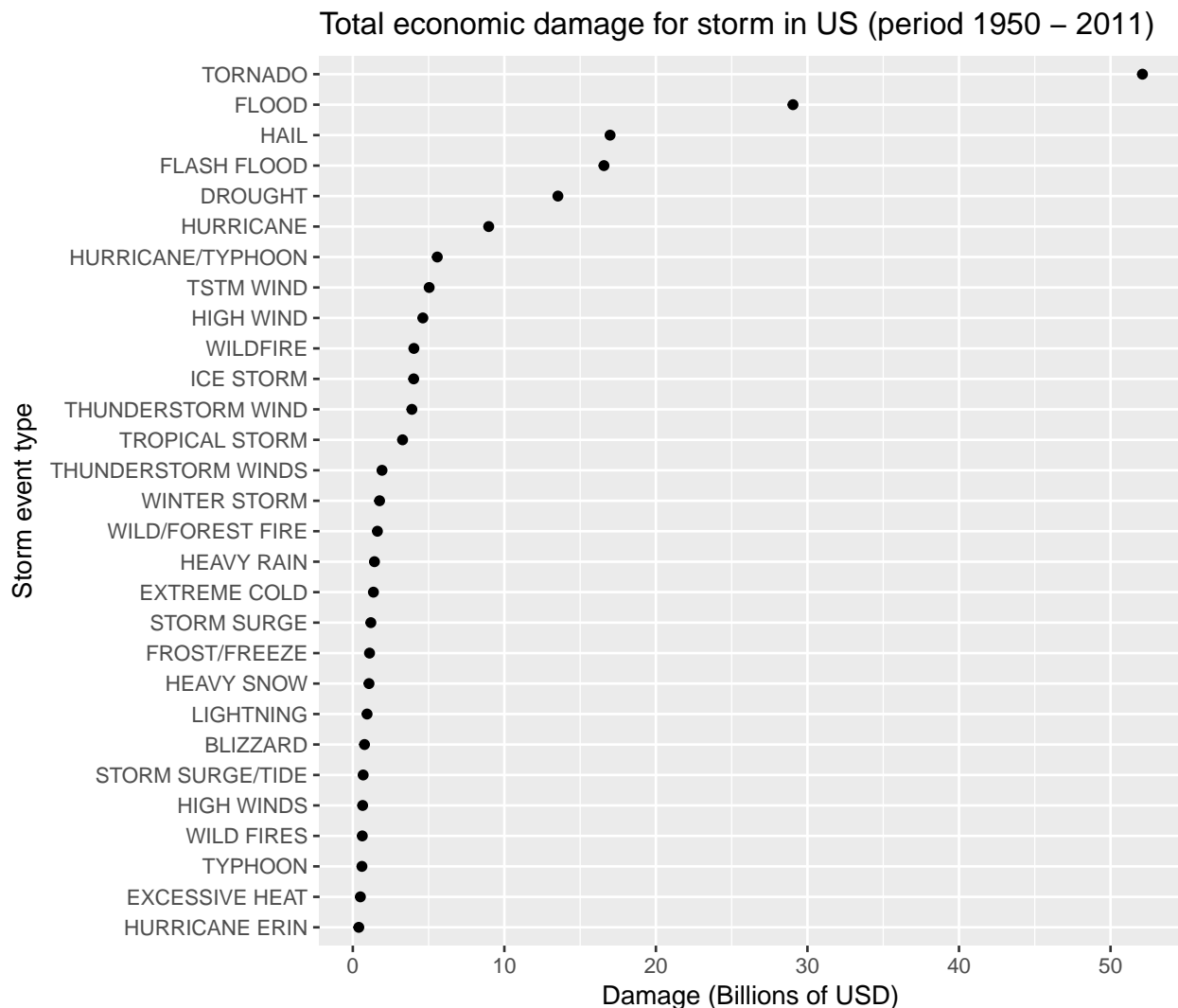
Now valorize the new total damage value column as a total property damage and total crop damage value sum

```
damage$totdmg.value <- damage$propdmg*(10^damage$propdmg.value) + damage$cropdmg*(10^damage$cropdmg.val
```

```
# Summarize property damage and crop damage value grouped by `evtype`
ds5 <- damage %>% group_by(evtype) %>% summarise(total = sum(totdmg.value))
plot_damage <- arrange(ds5, desc(total))
# For the plot porpuose we consider only events with total damage value greater that the mean
plot_damage <- plot_damage[plot_damage$total > mean(plot_damage$total), ]
nrow(plot_damage) # Events with total damage amount greater that the mean

## [1] 29

ggplot(plot_damage, aes(total/10^9, fct_reorder(evtype, total))) + geom_point() + labs(title="Total economic damage for storm in US (period 1950 – 2011)")
```



The TORNADO event has the greatest economic consequences with **52 Billions of USD** total damage value.

*The first 10th great economic events*

```
library(knitr)
kable(plot_damage[1:10,])
```

evtype	total
TORNADO	52105114049

evtype	total
FLOOD	29044678257
HAIL	16976221521
FLASH FLOOD	16572129167
DROUGHT	13533672000
HURRICANE	8967229010
HURRICANE/TYPHOON	5573812800
TSTM WIND	5038935845
HIGH WIND	4621617595
WILDFIRE	4030986800