

In the United States, tornadoes are the most damaging events to the health of the population and floods have the greatest economic consequences

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## 1. Synopsis

In this file we have the task of analyzing severe climatic events that have happened in the United States in relation to public health and the economic consequences that have occurred. The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) storm database is used, which records the characteristics of major storms and weather events, such as when and where they occur, as well as estimates of any fatalities, injuries and material damage. The purpose of this analysis is to avoid these negative results as far as possible.

## 2. Data Processing

### 2.1 Data Loading

```
input <- read.csv(file = "repdata_data_StormData.csv", sep = ",",
                 stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
input$BGN_DATE <- as.Date(input$BGN_DATE, "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S")
```

### 2.2 Data Selection

The events in the bank started in the year 1950 and end in November 2011.

```
summary(input$BGN_DATE)

##           Min.     1st Qu.    Median      Mean     3rd Qu.      Max.
## "1950-01-03" "1995-04-20" "2002-03-18" "1998-12-27" "2007-07-28" "2011-11-30"
recentdata<-input[input$BGN_DATE>as.Date("2002-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d"),]
selectNames <- c("EVTYPE", "FATALITIES", "INJURIES", "PROPDAMG", "PROPDAMGEXP", "CROPDAMG", "CROPDAMGEXP")
data<-select(recentdata, selectNames)

## Note: Using an external vector in selections is ambiguous.
## i Use `all_of(selectNames)` instead of `selectNames` to silence this message.
## i See <https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/faq-external-vector.html>.
## This message is displayed once per session.
```

## 2.3 Regrouping EVTYPE

```
data$EVTYPE[grep1("FLOOD", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "FLOOD"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("TORNADO", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "TORNADO"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("TSTM|THUNDERSTORM", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "TSTM"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("TROPICAL|STORM", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "STORM"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("HURRICANE", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "HURRICANE"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("ICE|SNOW|FROST|SLEET", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "SNOW"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("FOG", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "FOG"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("COLD|WINDCHILL|FREEZE|WINTER", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "COLD"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("HEAT|WARM|HOT", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "HEAT"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("CLOUD|FUNNEL", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "CLOUD"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("HAIL", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "HAIL"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("DROUGHT|DRY", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "DROUGHT"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("LIGHTNING", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "LIGHTNING"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("FIRE", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "FIRE"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("RAIN|SHOWER", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "RAIN"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("WATERSPOUT", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "WATERSPOUT"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("SURF", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "SURF"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("CURRENT", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "CURRENT"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("WIND|MICROBURST", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "WIND"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("BLIZZARD", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "BLIZZARD"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("SLIDE", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "LANDSLIDE"
data$EVTYPE[grep1("DUST", data$EVTYPE, ignore.case = TRUE)] <- "DUST"
data$EVTYPE<-factor(data$EVTYPE)
```

## 2.4 Calculation of Property and Corp Damage

Property damage is indicated by two variables PROPDGMG and PROPDGMGEXP, same for crop damage. This step firstly converts magnitude characters in PROPDGMGEXP and CROPDMGEXP to numeric values and multiplies the values with PROPDGMG and CROPDMG respectively.

```
data$PROPDGMGEXP<-recode(data$PROPDGMGEXP, 'K'=1000, 'M'=1000000, 'B'=1000000000,.default=1)
data$CROPDMGEXP<-recode(data$CROPDMGEXP, 'K'=1000, 'M'=1000000, 'B'=1000000000,.default=1)
data$PROPDGMGVALUE <- data$PROPDGMG*data$PROPDGMGEXP
data$CROPDMGVALUE <- data$CROPDMG*data$CROPDMGEXP
```

## 3. Result

### 3.1 Most harmful event types to population health

The harm of events to population health is evaluated by -fatalities and - injuries caused collectively.

The top 10 most harmful event types are illustrated below.

```
healthdata<-(data %>% group_by(EVTYPE) %>%
  summarise(FATALITIES = sum(FATALITIES), INJURIES = sum(INJURIES) )
  %>% arrange(desc(FATALITIES+INJURIES)))

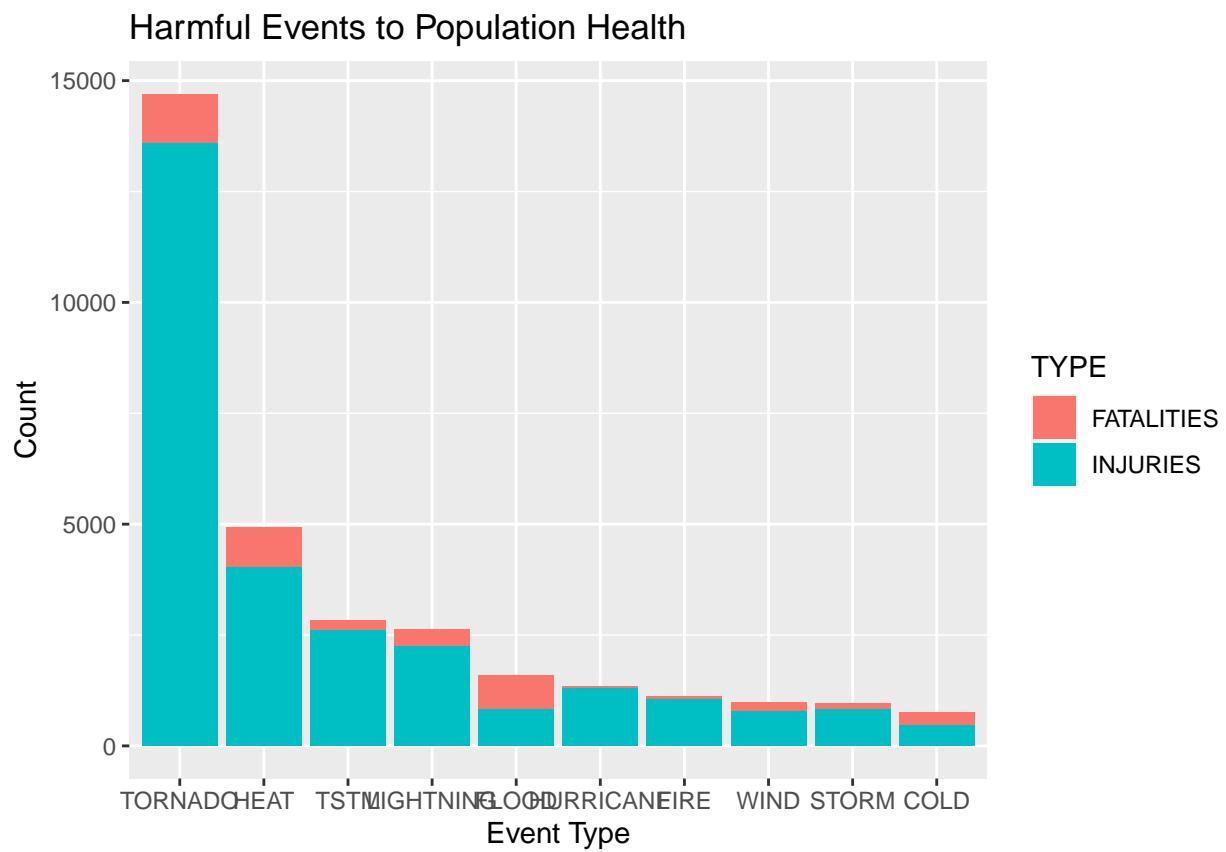
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with ` `.groups` argument)
mostHarm<-healthdata[1:10,]
print(mostHarm)
```

```

## # A tibble: 10 x 3
##   EVTYPE    FATALITIES  INJURIES
##   <fct>      <dbl>     <dbl>
## 1 TORNADO     1112     13588
## 2 HEAT         920      4019
## 3 TSTM         227      2599
## 4 LIGHTNING    370      2250
## 5 FLOOD        789      820
## 6 HURRICANE    67       1291
## 7 FIRE          76      1051
## 8 WIND          217      767
## 9 STORM         139      823
## 10 COLD         297      454

plotdata<-gather(mostHarm, TYPE, VALUE, FATALITIES:INJURIES)
ggplot(plotdata, aes(x=reorder(EVTYPE,-VALUE), y=VALUE, fill=TYPE))+
  geom_bar(stat="identity") + labs(title="Harmful Events to Population Health",
  x="Event Type", y="Count")

```



### 3.2 Event types with the greatest economic consequences

The greatest economic consequences are evaluated by -property and -crop damage collectively.

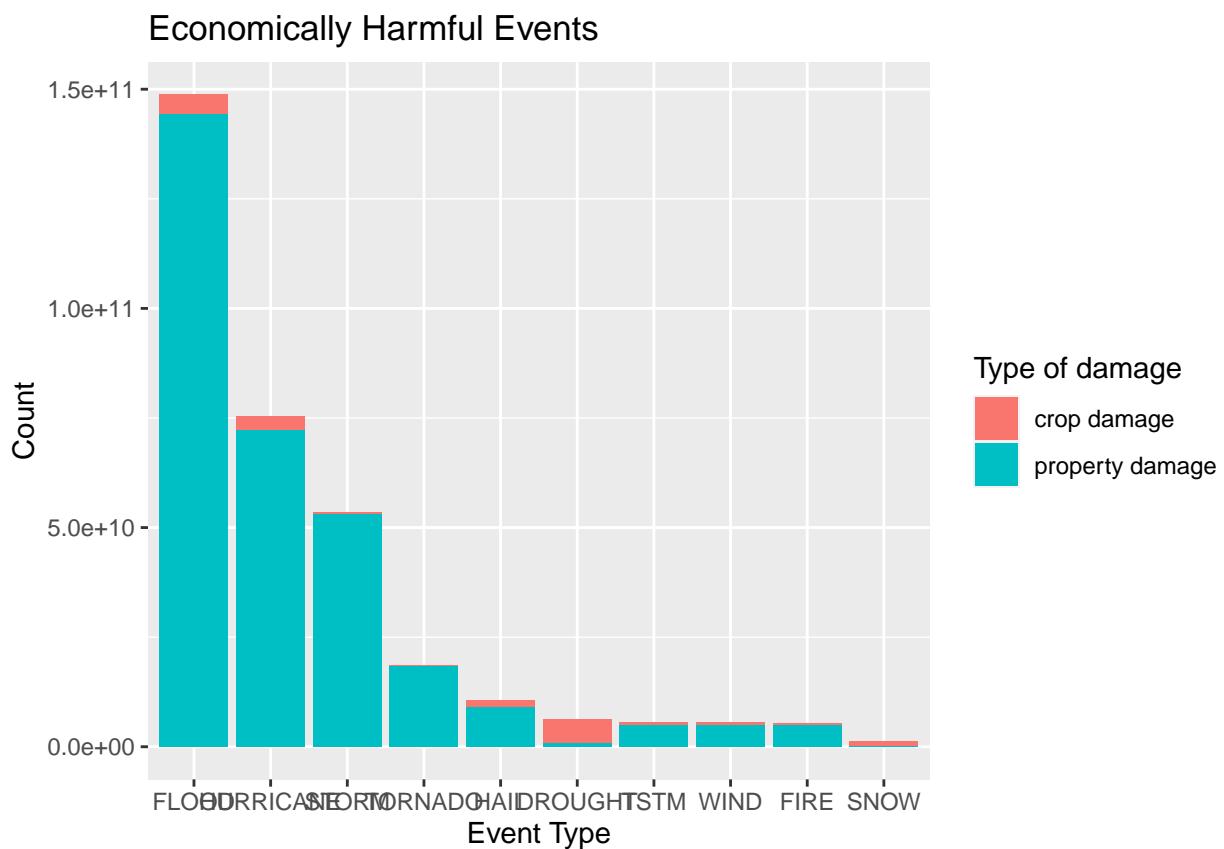
The top 10 event types with greatest economic consequences are shown below.

```

econdata<-(data %>% group_by(EVTYPE) %>% summarise(PROPDMGVALUE =
sum(PROPDMGVALUE), CROPDMGVALUE = sum(CROPDMGVALUE) ) %>%
arrange(desc(PROPDMGVALUE+CROPDMGVALUE)))

## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.`groups` argument)
mostEcon<-econdata[1:10,]
plotdata2<-gather(mostEcon, TYPE, VALUE, PROPDMGVALUE:CROPDMGVALUE)
ggplot(plotdata2, aes(x=reorder(EVTYPE,-VALUE),
y=VALUE, fill=factor(TYPE,
labels=c("crop damage", "property damage"))))+
geom_bar(stat="identity")+labs(title="Economically Harmful Events",
x="Event Type", y="Count")+guides(fill = guide_legend(title = "Type of damage"))

```



## 4. General Conclusion

By analyzing the data, we can conclude that in the United States, tornadoes are the most damaging event to the health of the population; Across the United States, floods have the greatest economic consequences.