

Recording the Toll of Atomic Bombs

By the end of 1945, the atomic bombs had killed an estimated 214,000 people in Japan.
To remember the victims, Hiroshima and Nagasaki began keeping lists of people killed by the bombs.

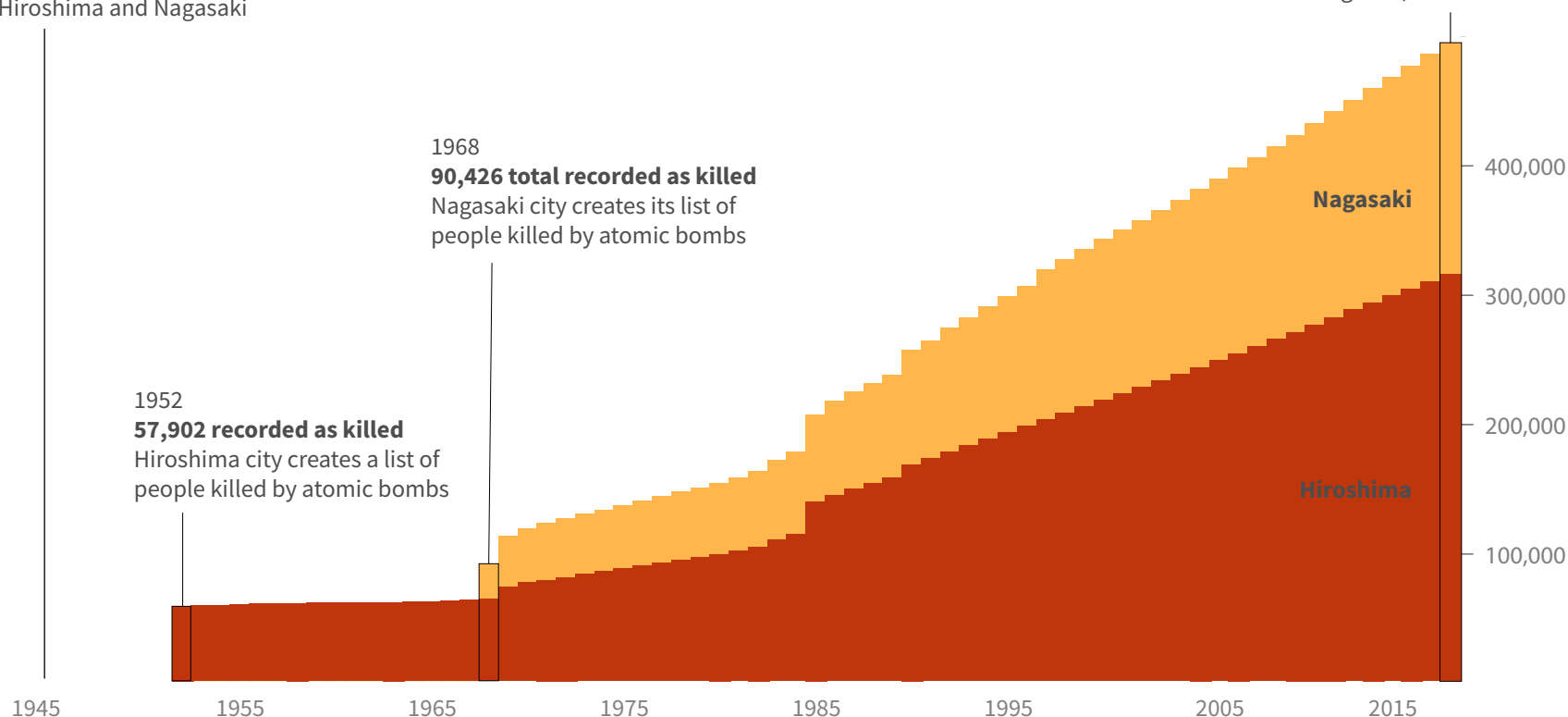
August 1945

The United States drops atomic bombs
on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

2018

493,344 total recorded as killed

The most recent data as of August 5, 2019



Sources: Hiroshima and Nagasaki city hall

Notes: Each city hall keeps a list of people who were killed by bombs dropped on their respective cities.

Relatives of the deceased apply to the city halls to register the deaths. Many victims are unidentified, and the lists do not include everyone who was killed by the atomic bombs.