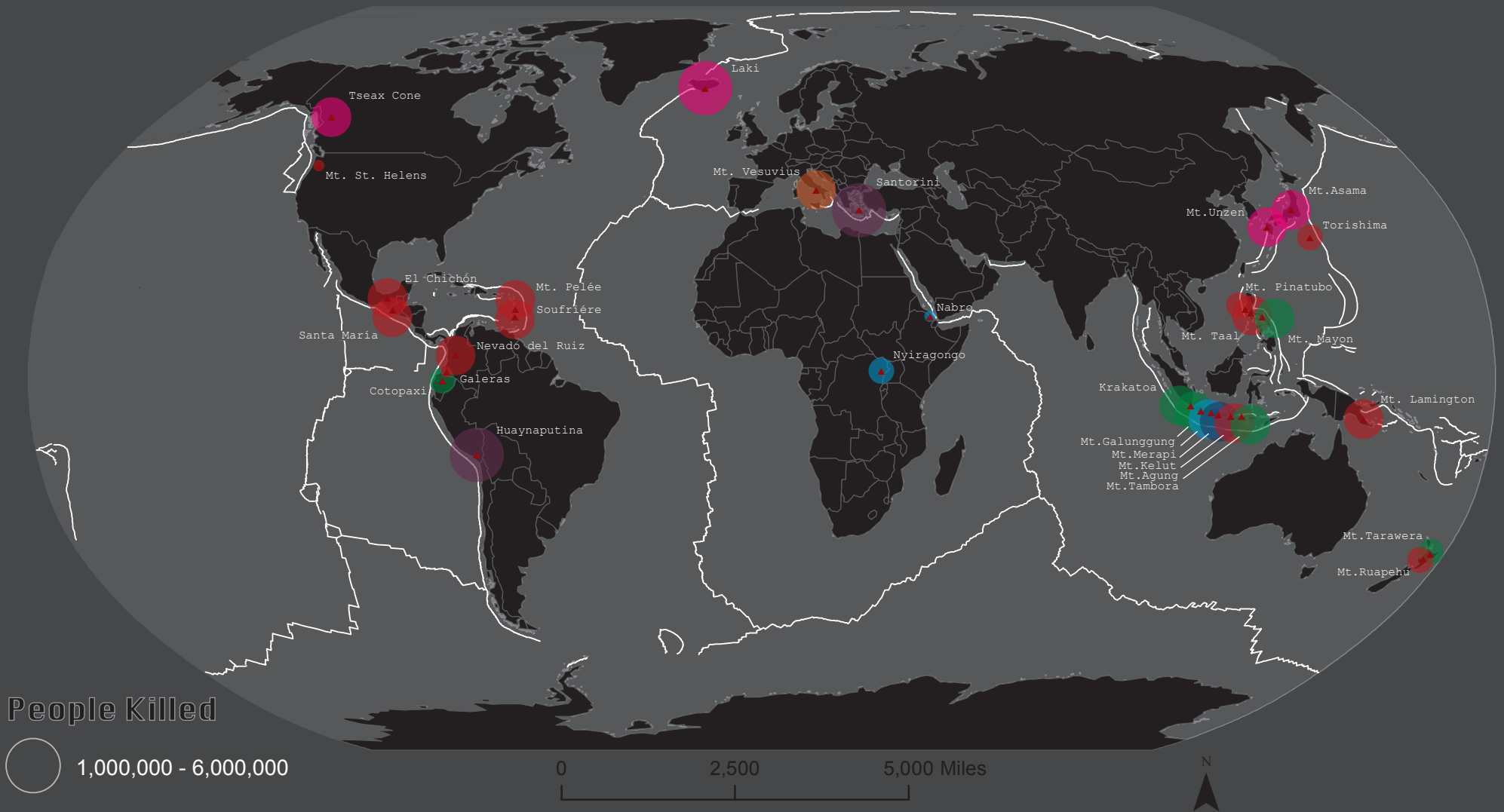


The Deadliest Volcanoes on Earth



Volcanoes are usually caused by tectonic plates converging or diverging. They can cause destruction and death in a variety of ways, as a result of the huge amounts of lava, volcanic ash, and gases that spew out of their tops. These dangerous aspects of volcanoes impact the immediate area most directly, but can also cause atmospheric changes globally due to ash blocking out the sun. The 20th century saw the greatest number of catastrophic eruptions, although clearly they have been a danger throughout history. We now have more advanced forms of predicting eruptions and methods of evacuation, so hopefully killer volcanoes are a thing of the past.

Projection: Robinson Projection
Central Meridian: 0.0° (Greenwich)
Cartographer: Megan Howell

Data Sources:
Natural Earth-basemap
ESRI Major Volcanoes Shapefile

Wikipedia List of Volcanic Eruptions by Death Toll
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