# Harmful historical weather events in the US

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On this document, we will be briefly analyzing US weather data. We will be particularly looking for information about harmful event since 1950 till recent years that have hit the country.

For this, we will be using Government weather data freely available.

### Require Packages

There are a couple of packages that we will be using throughout this analysis. Here is the list of them:

```
require(dplyr)
## Loading required package: dplyr
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
require(reshape2)
## Loading required package: reshape2
require(ggplot2)
## Loading required package: ggplot2
require(gridExtra)
## Loading required package: gridExtra
```

### **Data Processing**

This dataset presents several issues that we need to deal with it. Since we will working with 'dplyr', we will be converting the data frame into a table data frame object.

```
df <- read.csv("repdata-data-StormData.csv.bz2")
data <- tbl_df(df)</pre>
```

First, lets take a look at the dataset dimensions and column names:

#### dim(data)

## [1] 902297 37

#### names (data)

```
[1] "STATE "
                      "BGN DATE"
                                    "BGN_TIME"
                                                  "TIME ZONE"
                                                               "COUNTY"
    [6] "COUNTYNAME" "STATE"
                                    "EVTYPE"
                                                  "BGN_RANGE"
##
                                                               "BGN_AZI"
                                    "END_TIME"
       "BGN LOCATI"
                      "END DATE"
                                                  "COUNTY END" "COUNTYENDN"
        "END_RANGE"
                      "END AZI"
                                    "END LOCATI" "LENGTH"
##
  [16]
                                                               "WIDTH"
##
   [21]
        "F"
                      "MAG"
                                    "FATALITIES"
                                                 "INJURIES"
                                                               "PROPDMG"
                                                               "STATEOFFIC"
## [26] "PROPDMGEXP" "CROPDMG"
                                    "CROPDMGEXP" "WFO"
  [31] "ZONENAMES"
                      "LATITUDE"
                                    "LONGITUDE"
                                                 "LATITUDE_E" "LONGITUDE_"
## [36] "REMARKS"
                      "REFNUM"
```

Let's have a little deeper look at the data:

#### summary(data)

```
BGN DATE
                                                         BGN TIME
##
       STATE
##
    Min.
           : 1.0
                    5/25/2011 0:00:00:
                                         1202
                                                 12:00:00 AM: 10163
                                                                7350
##
    1st Qu.:19.0
                    4/27/2011 0:00:00:
                                         1193
                                                 06:00:00 PM:
##
    Median:30.0
                    6/9/2011 0:00:00 :
                                         1030
                                                 04:00:00 PM:
                                                                7261
                    5/30/2004 0:00:00:
                                         1016
                                                                6891
##
    Mean
            :31.2
                                                 05:00:00 PM:
##
    3rd Qu.:45.0
                    4/4/2011 0:00:00 :
                                         1009
                                                 12:00:00 PM:
                                                                6703
            :95.0
##
    Max.
                    4/2/2006 0:00:00 :
                                           981
                                                 03:00:00 PM:
                                                                6700
##
                    (Other)
                                       :895866
                                                             :857229
                                                 (Other)
##
      TIME_ZONE
                          COUNTY
                                             COUNTYNAME
                                                                 STATE
##
    CST
            :547493
                             : 0.0
                                       JEFFERSON:
                                                     7840
                                                             TX
                                                                     : 83728
                      Min.
    EST
            :245558
                      1st Qu.: 31.0
                                       WASHINGTON:
                                                     7603
                                                             KS
                                                                     : 53440
##
##
    MST
            : 68390
                      Median: 75.0
                                       JACKSON
                                                     6660
                                                             OK
                                                                     : 46802
##
    PST
            : 28302
                              :100.6
                                       FRANKLIN
                                                     6256
                                                             MO
                                                                     : 35648
                      Mean
##
    AST
              6360
                      3rd Qu.:131.0
                                                     5937
                                       LINCOLN
                                                             ΙA
                                                                     : 31069
##
    HST
           :
              2563
                      Max.
                              :873.0
                                       MADISON
                                                  :
                                                     5632
                                                             NE
                                                                     : 30271
                                                  :862369
##
    (Other):
              3631
                                        (Other)
                                                             (Other):621339
##
                   EVTYPE
                                   BGN RANGE
                                                         BGN AZI
##
    HAIL
                      :288661
                                 Min.
                                             0.000
                                                             :547332
##
    TSTM WIND
                      :219940
                                 1st Qu.:
                                             0.000
                                                             : 86752
                                                     N
##
    THUNDERSTORM WIND: 82563
                                 Median:
                                             0.000
                                                     W
                                                             : 38446
##
    TORNADO
                      : 60652
                                 Mean
                                             1.484
                                                     S
                                                             : 37558
    FLASH FLOOD
##
                      : 54277
                                 3rd Qu.:
                                             1.000
                                                     Ε
                                                             : 33178
##
    FLOOD
                      : 25326
                                 Max.
                                         :3749.000
                                                     NW
                                                             : 24041
##
    (Other)
                      :170878
                                                      (Other):134990
            BGN_LOCATI
##
                                           END_DATE
                                                                 END_TIME
##
                  :287743
                                               :243411
                                                                      :238978
##
    COUNTYWIDE
                  : 19680
                             4/27/2011 0:00:00: 1214
                                                          06:00:00 PM:
                                                                         9802
                      993
                             5/25/2011 0:00:00: 1196
                                                          05:00:00 PM:
                                                                         8314
##
    Countywide
##
    SPRINGFIELD
                      843
                             6/9/2011 0:00:00 : 1021
                                                          04:00:00 PM:
                                                                         8104
##
    SOUTH PORTION:
                      810
                             4/4/2011 0:00:00 :
                                                  1007
                                                          12:00:00 PM:
                                                                         7483
                             5/30/2004 0:00:00:
##
    NORTH PORTION:
                      784
                                                   998
                                                          11:59:00 PM:
                                                                         7184
##
                             (Other)
                                               :653450
    (Other)
                  :591444
                                                          (Other)
                                                                      :622432
      COUNTY END COUNTYENDN
##
                                    END_RANGE
                                                          END AZI
```

```
Min.
           :0
                 Mode:logical
                                Min. : 0.0000
                                                           :724837
   1st Qu.:0
##
                 NA's:902297
                                 1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                                           : 28082
                                                    N
                                Median :
##
   Median:0
                                          0.0000
                                                    S
                                                           : 22510
##
   Mean
          :0
                                Mean
                                          0.9862
                                                           : 20119
                                                    W
##
   3rd Qu.:0
                                 3rd Qu.:
                                          0.0000
                                                    Ε
                                                           : 20047
##
   Max. :0
                                Max.
                                        :925.0000
                                                    NE
                                                           : 14606
##
                                                    (Other): 72096
                                                      WIDTH
##
              END LOCATI
                                 LENGTH
##
                   :499225
                             Min.
                                        0.0000
                                                  Min.
                                                             0.000
                   : 19731
                                         0.0000
                                                             0.000
##
   COUNTYWIDE
                             1st Qu.:
                                                  1st Qu.:
   SOUTH PORTION
                       833
                             Median :
                                        0.0000
                                                  Median :
                                                             0.000
                       780
##
   NORTH PORTION
                                         0.2301
                                                             7.503
                             Mean
                                                  Mean
   CENTRAL PORTION:
                       617
                             3rd Qu.:
                                         0.0000
                                                  3rd Qu.:
                                                             0.000
##
   SPRINGFIELD
                       575
                             Max. :2315.0000
                                                  Max.
                                                         :4400.000
##
    (Other)
                   :380536
##
          F
                          MAG
                                          FATALITIES
                                                               INJURIES
##
                                 0.0
                                        Min. : 0.0000
                                                                       0.0000
   Min.
          :0.0
                     Min.
                            :
                                                           Min. :
                                        1st Qu.: 0.0000
   1st Qu.:0.0
                     1st Qu.:
                                 0.0
                                                           1st Qu.:
                                                                       0.0000
##
   Median:1.0
                     Median:
                                50.0
                                        Median: 0.0000
                                                           Median :
                                                                       0.0000
                                             : 0.0168
##
   Mean :0.9
                     Mean
                                46.9
                                        Mean
                                                           Mean
                                                                       0.1557
##
   3rd Qu.:1.0
                     3rd Qu.:
                                 75.0
                                        3rd Qu.: 0.0000
                                                           3rd Qu.:
                                                                       0.0000
##
   Max.
          :5.0
                     Max.
                             :22000.0
                                        Max.
                                               :583.0000
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :1700.0000
   NA's
##
           :843563
##
       PROPDMG
                        PROPDMGEXP
                                           CROPDMG
                                                            CROPDMGEXP
##
   Min.
          :
               0.00
                              :465934
                                        Min.
                                               : 0.000
                                                                  :618413
   1st Qu.:
               0.00
                      K
                              :424665
                                        1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                          K
                                                                  :281832
##
   Median :
               0.00
                              : 11330
                                        Median : 0.000
                                                                     1994
                      Μ
                                                          М
                                  216
   Mean
          : 12.06
                      0
                              :
                                        Mean
                                               : 1.527
                                                          k
                                                                       21
##
                                   40
                                                                       19
   3rd Qu.:
               0.50
                      В
                                        3rd Qu.: 0.000
                                                          0
                              :
           :5000.00
                                   28
##
   Max.
                      5
                             :
                                        Max.
                                               :990.000
                                                          В
                                                                        9
##
                      (Other):
                                   84
                                                           (Other):
                                                                        9
##
         WFO
                                                    STATEOFFIC
##
           :142069
                                                          :248769
   OUN
           : 17393
                     TEXAS, North
##
                                                          : 12193
                     ARKANSAS, Central and North Central: 11738
##
    JAN
           : 13889
##
   LWX
           : 13174
                     IOWA, Central
                                                         : 11345
##
   PHI
           : 12551
                     KANSAS, Southwest
                                                         : 11212
##
   TSA
           : 12483
                     GEORGIA, North and Central
                                                         : 11120
##
    (Other):690738
                     (Other)
                                                          :595920
##
##
##
   GREATER RENO / CARSON CITY / M - GREATER RENO / CARSON CITY / M
##
##
   GREATER LAKE TAHOE AREA - GREATER LAKE TAHOE AREA
   JEFFERSON - JEFFERSON
##
   MADISON - MADISON
##
    (Other)
##
       LATITUDE
                     LONGITUDE
                                       LATITUDE_E
                                                      LONGITUDE
   Min.
         :
                   Min.
                          :-14451
                                    Min.
                                           :
                                                0
                                                    Min.
                                                           :-14455
##
   1st Qu.:2802
                   1st Qu.: 7247
                                     1st Qu.:
                                                0
                                                    1st Qu.:
                                                                  0
##
   Median:3540
                   Median: 8707
                                    Median :
                                                0
                                                                  0
                                                    Median:
                             6940
##
   Mean
          :2875
                   Mean
                          :
                                    Mean
                                           :1452
                                                    Mean
                                                           : 3509
##
   3rd Qu.:4019
                   3rd Qu.: 9605
                                     3rd Qu.:3549
                                                    3rd Qu.: 8735
                   Max. : 17124
## Max. :9706
                                    Max.
                                            :9706
                                                    Max.
                                                           :106220
```

```
##
                                                REMARKS
                                                                   REFNUM
##
                                                    :287433
##
                                                               1st Qu.:225575
                                                    : 24013
##
    Trees down.\n
                                                       1110
                                                               Median :451149
   Several trees were blown down.\n
                                                         568
                                                               Mean
                                                                      :451149
##
  Trees were downed.\n
                                                         446
                                                               3rd Qu.:676723
## Large trees and power lines were blown down.\n:
                                                         432
                                                               Max.
                                                                      :902297
    (Other)
                                                    :588295
data
## Source: local data frame [902,297 x 37]
##
      STATE__
##
                         BGN_DATE BGN_TIME TIME_ZONE COUNTY COUNTYNAME STATE
##
        (db1)
                                    (fctr)
                                               (fctr)
                                                       (dbl)
                                                                  (fctr) (fctr)
            1 4/18/1950 0:00:00
## 1
                                       0130
                                                  CST
                                                           97
                                                                  MOBILE
               4/18/1950 0:00:00
                                                  CST
## 2
            1
                                       0145
                                                           3
                                                                 BALDWIN
                                                                              AL
               2/20/1951 0:00:00
## 3
            1
                                       1600
                                                  CST
                                                          57
                                                                 FAYETTE
                                                                              AL
## 4
                6/8/1951 0:00:00
                                       0900
                                                                              AL
            1
                                                  CST
                                                          89
                                                                 MADISON
            1 11/15/1951 0:00:00
## 5
                                       1500
                                                  CST
                                                          43
                                                                 CULLMAN
                                                                              AL
## 6
            1 11/15/1951 0:00:00
                                       2000
                                                  CST
                                                          77 LAUDERDALE
                                                                              AL
## 7
            1 11/16/1951 0:00:00
                                       0100
                                                  CST
                                                                  BLOUNT
                                                                              AL
                                                           9
```

NA's

:40

## .. ## Variables not shown: EVTYPE (fctr), BGN\_RANGE (dbl), BGN\_AZI (fctr), BGN\_LOCATI (fctr), END\_DATE (fctr), END\_TIME (fctr), COUNTY\_END (dbl), ## COUNTYENDN (lgl), END\_RANGE (dbl), END\_AZI (fctr), END\_LOCATI (fctr), ## LENGTH (dbl), WIDTH (dbl), F (int), MAG (dbl), FATALITIES (dbl), ## ## INJURIES (dbl), PROPDMG (dbl), PROPDMGEXP (fctr), CROPDMG (dbl), CROPDMGEXP (fctr), WFO (fctr), STATEOFFIC (fctr), ZONENAMES (fctr), ## ## LATITUDE (db1), LONGITUDE (db1), LATITUDE\_E (db1), LONGITUDE\_ (db1), ## REMARKS (fctr), REFNUM (dbl)

0900

2000

2000

CST

CST

CST

123 TALLAPOOSA

125 TUSCALOOSA

FAYETTE

57

AL

AL

AL

It seems that the most important columns are:

1 1/22/1952 0:00:00

1 2/13/1952 0:00:00

1

2/13/1952 0:00:00

• EVTYPE

## 8

## 9

## 10

NA's

:47

- FATALITIES
- INJURIES
- PROPDMG
- PROPDMGEXP
- CROPDMG
- CROPDMGEXP

Let's reduce the dataset to use only these columns:

```
STATE,
FATALITIES,
INJURIES,
PROPDMG,
PROPDMGEXP,
CROPDMG,
CROPDMGEXP)
```

We need to make sure there are no missing values on the Event type column:

```
any(is.na(data$EVTYPE))
```

## ## [1] FALSE

No missing values on this columns. How about bad data?

## summary(data\$EVTYPE)

##	HAIL	TSTM WIND	THUNDERSTORM WIND
##	288661	219940	82563
##	TORNADO	FLASH FLOOD	FLOOD
##	60652	54277	25326
##	THUNDERSTORM WINDS	HIGH WIND	LIGHTNING
##	20843	20212	15754
##	HEAVY SNOW	HEAVY RAIN	WINTER STORM
##	15708	11723	11433
##	WINTER WEATHER	FUNNEL CLOUD	MARINE TSTM WIND
##	7026	6839	6175
##	MARINE THUNDERSTORM WIND	WATERSPOUT	STRONG WIND
##	5812	3796	3566
##	URBAN/SML STREAM FLD	WILDFIRE	BLIZZARD
##	3392	2761	2719
##	DROUGHT	ICE STORM	EXCESSIVE HEAT
##	2488	2006	1678
##	HIGH WINDS	WILD/FOREST FIRE	FROST/FREEZE
##	1533	1457	1342
##	DENSE FOG	WINTER WEATHER/MIX	TSTM WIND/HAIL
##	1293	1104	1028
##	EXTREME COLD/WIND CHILL	HEAT	HIGH SURF
##	1002	767	725
##	TROPICAL STORM	FLASH FLOODING	EXTREME COLD
##	690	682	655
##	COASTAL FLOOD	LAKE-EFFECT SNOW	FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD
##	650	636	624
##	LANDSLIDE	SNOW	COLD/WIND CHILL
##	600	587	539
##	FOG	RIP CURRENT	MARINE HAIL
##	538	470	442
##	DUST STORM	AVALANCHE	WIND
##	427	386	340
##	RIP CURRENTS	STORM SURGE	FREEZING RAIN
##	304	261	250

##	URBAN FLOOD	HEAVY SURF/HIGH SURF	EXTREME WINDCHILL
##	249	228	204
##	STRONG WINDS	DRY MICROBURST	ASTRONOMICAL LOW TIDE
##	196	186	174
##	HURRICANE	RIVER FLOOD	LIGHT SNOW
##	174	173	154
##	STORM SURGE/TIDE	RECORD WARMTH	COASTAL FLOODING
##	148	146	143
##	DUST DEVIL	MARINE HIGH WIND	UNSEASONABLY WARM
##	141	135	126
##	FLOODING	ASTRONOMICAL HIGH TIDE	MODERATE SNOWFALL
##	120	103	101
##	URBAN FLOODING	WINTRY MIX	HURRICANE/TYPHOON
##	98	90	88
##	FUNNEL CLOUDS	HEAVY SURF	RECORD HEAT
##	87	84	81
##	FREEZE	HEAT WAVE	COLD
##	74	74	72
##	RECORD COLD	ICE	THUNDERSTORM WINDS HAIL
##	64	61	61
##	TROPICAL DEPRESSION	SLEET	UNSEASONABLY DRY
##	60	59	56
##	FROST	GUSTY WINDS	THUNDERSTORM WINDSS
##	53	53	51
##	MARINE STRONG WIND	OTHER	SMALL HAIL
##	48	48	47
##	FUNNEL	FREEZING FOG	THUNDERSTORM
##	46	45	45
##	Temperature record	TSTM WIND (G45)	Coastal Flooding
##	43	39	38
##	WATERSPOUTS	MONTHLY PRECIPITATION	WINDS
##	37	36	36
##	(Other)		
##	2940		

# (summarize(group\_by(data, EVTYPE), n()) %>% arrange(desc(`n()`)))[1:20,]

```
## Source: local data frame [20 x 2]
##
##
                       EVTYPE
                                 n()
##
                       (fctr) (int)
## 1
                         HAIL 288661
## 2
                    TSTM WIND 219940
## 3
            THUNDERSTORM WIND 82563
## 4
                      TORNADO 60652
## 5
                  FLASH FLOOD 54277
## 6
                        FLOOD 25326
## 7
           THUNDERSTORM WINDS 20843
## 8
                    HIGH WIND 20212
## 9
                    LIGHTNING 15754
## 10
                   HEAVY SNOW 15708
## 11
                   HEAVY RAIN 11723
## 12
                WINTER STORM 11433
## 13
              WINTER WEATHER
                               7026
```

```
FUNNEL CLOUD
                                   6839
## 15
              MARINE TSTM WIND
                                   6175
## 16 MARINE THUNDERSTORM WIND
                                   5812
                     WATERSPOUT
## 17
                                   3796
## 18
                    STRONG WIND
                                   3566
## 19
          URBAN/SML STREAM FLD
                                   3392
## 20
                       WILDFIRE
                                   2761
```

There are several repeated Event Types, E.g.: TSTM WIND, THUNDERSTORM WIND, THUNDERSTORM WINDS. We will try to normalize these fields:

```
data[data$EVTYPE == "TSTM WIND" | data$EVTYPE == "THUNDERSTORM WINDS", ]$EVTYPE = factor("THUNDERSTORM Thunderstorm winds")
data[data$EVTYPE == "MARINE TSTM WIND", ]$EVTYPE = factor("MARINE THUNDERSTORM WIND")
data[data$EVTYPE == "HURRICANE", ]$EVTYPE = factor("HURRICANE/TYPHOON")
data[data$EVTYPE == "RIVER FLOOD", ]$EVTYPE = factor("FLOOD")
```

Let's now fix the dates:

```
data <- mutate(data, BGN_DATE = as.Date(BGN_DATE, format = "%m/%d/%Y"))
data <- mutate(data, END_DATE = as.Date(END_DATE, format = "%m/%d/%Y"))</pre>
```

It seems that PROPDMGEXP, and CROPDMGEXP have some issues:

```
summary(data$PROPDMGEXP)
                         ?
                                                                                  5
                                         0
                                                 1
                                                         2
                                                                 3
                                                                          4
##
                                 +
   465934
                                 5
                                       216
                                                25
                                                        13
                                                                                 28
                 1
##
                 7
                         8
                                 В
                                                 Η
                                                         K
         6
                                         h
                                                                          М
                                40
                                         1
                                                 6 424665
                                                                     11330
summary(data$CROPDMGEXP)
                         0
                                 2
                                         В
                                                 k
                                                         K
                                                                         М
## 618413
                 7
                        19
                                 1
                                         9
                                                21 281832
                                                                      1994
```

There should only be "K" for Thousands, "M" for Millions, "B" for Billions. Let's clean that up:

I think this is a much cleaner data set, let's find answers to our questions.

#### summary(tidy\_data)

```
##
                   EVTYPE
                                     BGN_DATE
                                                            END_DATE
##
    THUNDERSTORM WIND: 323120
                                         :1950-01-03
                                                                :1986-04-10
                                 Min.
                                                        Min.
##
    HAIL
                       :288609
                                 1st Qu.:1995-04-20
                                                        1st Qu.:2000-09-01
##
    TORNADO
                                 Median :2002-03-19
                                                        Median :2005-04-30
                       : 60625
    FLASH FLOOD
                       : 54261
                                         :1998-12-28
                                                                :2004-09-26
##
                                 Mean
                                                        Mean
##
    FLOOD
                       : 25498
                                 3rd Qu.:2007-07-28
                                                        3rd Qu.:2008-08-10
##
    HIGH WIND
                       : 20210
                                 Max.
                                         :2011-11-30
                                                        Max.
                                                                :2011-11-30
##
    (Other)
                       :129598
                                                                :243063
                                                        NA's
                         FATALITIES
                                              INJURIES
##
        STATE
##
    TX
            : 83723
                      Min.
                              :
                                 0.0000
                                           Min.
                                                       0.0000
##
    KS
            : 53435
                      1st Qu.:
                                 0.0000
                                           1st Qu.:
                                                       0.0000
                                 0.0000
##
    OK
             46799
                      Median:
                                           Median:
                                                       0.0000
##
    MO
            : 35637
                      Mean
                                 0.0168
                                                       0.1557
                              :
                                           Mean
##
    ΙA
            : 31039
                      3rd Qu.:
                                 0.0000
                                           3rd Qu.:
                                                       0.0000
                              :583.0000
                                                   :1700.0000
##
    NF.
            : 30267
                      Max.
                                           Max.
##
    (Other):621021
##
       PROPDMG
                             CROPDMG
##
    Min.
            :0.000e+00
                          Min.
                                  :0.000e+00
                          1st Qu.:0.000e+00
##
    1st Qu.:0.000e+00
##
    Median :0.000e+00
                          Median :0.000e+00
            :4.737e+05
##
    Mean
                          Mean
                                  :5.435e+04
    3rd Qu.:5.000e+02
                          3rd Qu.:0.000e+00
##
            :1.150e+11
                                  :5.000e+09
    Max.
                          Max.
##
```

#### tidy\_data

```
## Source: local data frame [901,921 x 8]
##
##
       EVTYPE
                 BGN_DATE END_DATE
                                      STATE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG CROPDMG
##
       (fctr)
                    (date)
                                                   (dbl)
                                                             (dbl)
                                                                      (dbl)
                                                                               (dbl)
                              (date) (fctr)
                                                                      25000
## 1
      TORNADO 1950-04-18
                                <NA>
                                          AL
                                                       0
                                                                15
                                                                                   0
## 2
      TORNADO 1950-04-18
                                <NA>
                                          AL
                                                       0
                                                                 0
                                                                       2500
                                                                                   0
## 3
      TORNADO 1951-02-20
                                < NA >
                                          AL
                                                       0
                                                                 2
                                                                      25000
                                                                                   0
## 4
      TORNADO 1951-06-08
                                <NA>
                                                       0
                                                                 2
                                                                       2500
                                                                                   0
                                          AL
                                                                 2
## 5
      TORNADO 1951-11-15
                                <NA>
                                          AL
                                                       0
                                                                       2500
                                                                                   0
                                                       0
                                                                 6
                                                                                   0
## 6
      TORNADO 1951-11-15
                                <NA>
                                          AL
                                                                       2500
## 7
      TORNADO 1951-11-16
                                <NA>
                                                       0
                                                                       2500
                                                                                   0
                                          AL
                                                                 1
## 8
      TORNADO 1952-01-22
                                < NA >
                                          AL
                                                       0
                                                                 0
                                                                       2500
                                                                                   0
## 9
      TORNADO 1952-02-13
                                <NA>
                                          AL
                                                       1
                                                                14
                                                                      25000
                                                                                   0
## 10 TORNADO 1952-02-13
                                <NA>
                                                       0
                                                                 0
                                                                      25000
                                                                                   0
                                          AL
## ..
```

### Results

There should be a section titled Results in which your results are presented.

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

Let's explore the data into this question:

```
health <- summarize(group_by(tidy_data, EVTYPE), sum(FATALITIES), sum(INJURIES))
names(health) <- c("type", "fatalities", "injuries")
top_health <- arrange(health, desc(fatalities), desc(injuries))[1:10,]
top_health</pre>
```

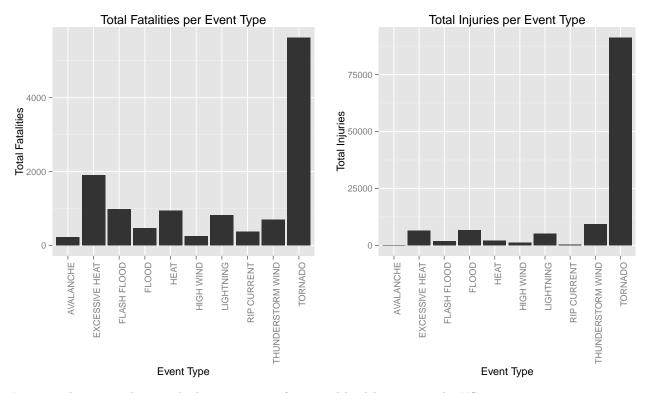
```
## Source: local data frame [10 x 3]
##
##
                    type fatalities injuries
##
                 (fctr)
                              (dbl)
                                        (dbl)
                TORNADO
                               5630
                                       91285
## 1
## 2
         EXCESSIVE HEAT
                               1903
                                        6525
## 3
            FLASH FLOOD
                                978
                                        1777
## 4
                                        2100
                   HEAT
                                937
## 5
              LIGHTNING
                                        5230
                                816
## 6
      THUNDERSTORM WIND
                                701
                                        9352
## 7
                  FLOOD
                                472
                                        6791
## 8
            RIP CURRENT
                                368
                                         232
## 9
              HIGH WIND
                                246
                                         1137
## 10
              AVALANCHE
                                224
                                         170
```

Let's plot this:

```
fatal_plot <- ggplot(top_health, aes(x = type, y = fatalities)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") +
xlab("Event Type") + ylab("Total Fatalities") + ggtitle("Total Fatalities per Event Type") +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))

injure_plot <- ggplot(top_health, aes(x = type, y = injuries)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") +
xlab("Event Type") + ylab("Total Injuries") + ggtitle("Total Injuries per Event Type") +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))

grid.arrange(fatal_plot, injure_plot, ncol=2)</pre>
```



It seems that Tornados are the biggest cause of personal health issues in the US.

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

Let's explore the data into this question:

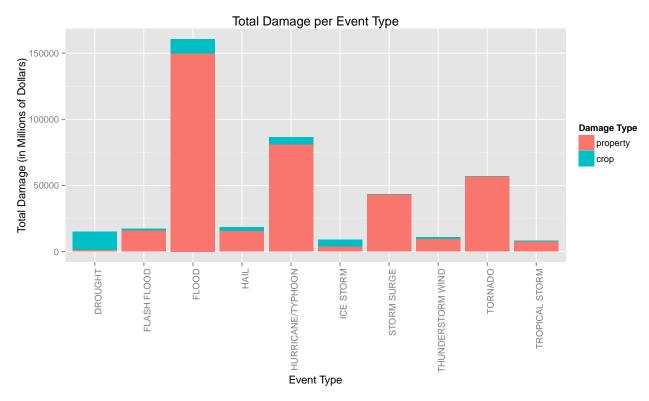
```
damage <- summarize(group_by(tidy_data, EVTYPE), sum(PROPDMG), sum(CROPDMG))
names(damage) <- c("type", "property", "crop")
damage <- mutate(damage, total = property + crop)
top_damage <- arrange(damage, desc(total), desc(property), desc(crop))[1:10,]
top_damage <- select(top_damage, type, property, crop)
top_damage <- mutate(top_damage, property = property / 1000000)
top_damage <- mutate(top_damage, crop = crop / 1000000)
top_damage <- melt(top_damage, id.var="type")
top_damage</pre>
```

```
##
                    type variable
                                         value
## 1
                  FLOOD property 149776.6553
## 2
      HURRICANE/TYPHOON property
                                   81174.1590
## 3
                TORNADO property
                                   56925.4855
## 4
            STORM SURGE property
                                   43323.5360
## 5
                    HAIL property
                                   15727.1658
##
  6
            FLASH FLOOD property
                                   16140.8117
##
                DROUGHT property
                                    1046.1060
## 8
      THUNDERSTORM WIND property
                                    9701.2391
## 9
              ICE STORM property
                                    3944.9278
## 10
         TROPICAL STORM property
                                    7703.8906
## 11
                  FLOOD
                             crop
                                   10691.4274
## 12 HURRICANE/TYPHOON
                                    5349.7828
                             crop
```

```
## 13
                 TORNADO
                                       364.9501
                              crop
             STORM SURGE
                                         0.0050
##
  14
                              crop
                                      3000.5375
##
  15
                    HAIL
                              crop
## 16
            FLASH FLOOD
                                     1420.7271
                              crop
##
  17
                 DROUGHT
                              crop
                                    13972.5660
## 18 THUNDERSTORM WIND
                                     1159.4986
                              crop
                              crop
## 19
               ICE STORM
                                     5022.1100
         TROPICAL STORM
                                      678.3460
## 20
                              crop
```

And the plot that would give us the answer.

```
ggplot(top_damage, aes(x = type, y = value, fill = variable)) +
geom_bar(stat="identity") +
scale_fill_discrete(name="Damage Type") +
xlab("Event Type") + ylab("Total Damage (in Millions of Dollars)") +
ggtitle("Total Damage per Event Type") +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```



It seems that Flood is the biggest cause of money damage on a weather event.