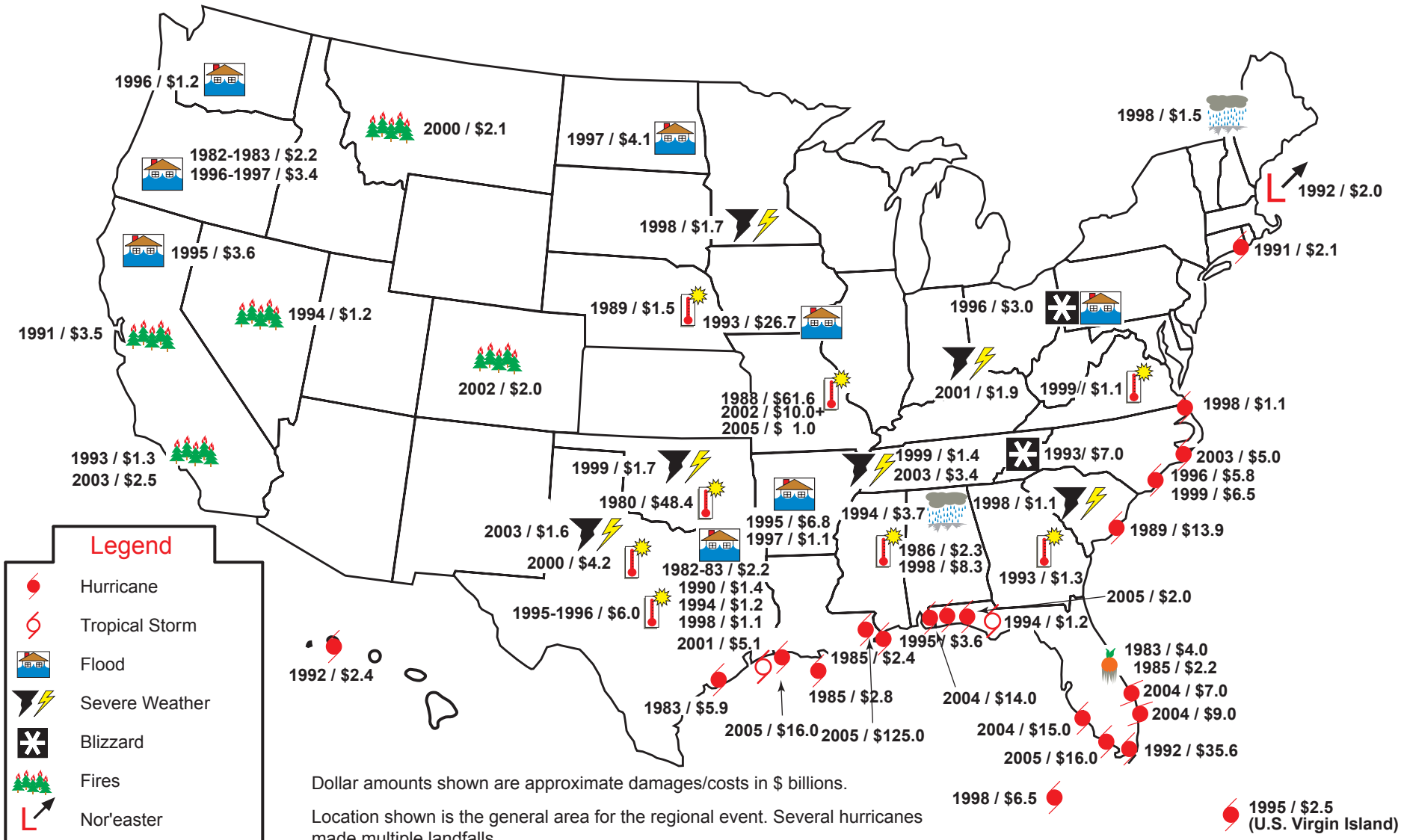
Billion Dollar Weather Disasters 1980 - 2005



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- Hurricane
- Tropical Storm
- Flood
- Severe Weather
- Blizzard
- Fires
- Nor'easter
- Ice Storm
- Heat Wave/drought
- Freeze

Dollar amounts shown are approximate damages/costs in $ billions.

Location shown is the general area for the regional event. Several hurricanes made multiple landfalls.

Additional information for these events is available at NCDC WWW site www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ol/reports/billionz.html

The U.S. has sustained 67 weather related disasters over the last 26 years with overall damages/costs exceeding $1.0 billion for each event. 55 of the disasters occured during or after 1990. Total costs for the 67 events were approximately $540 billion using an inflation/wealth index.

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