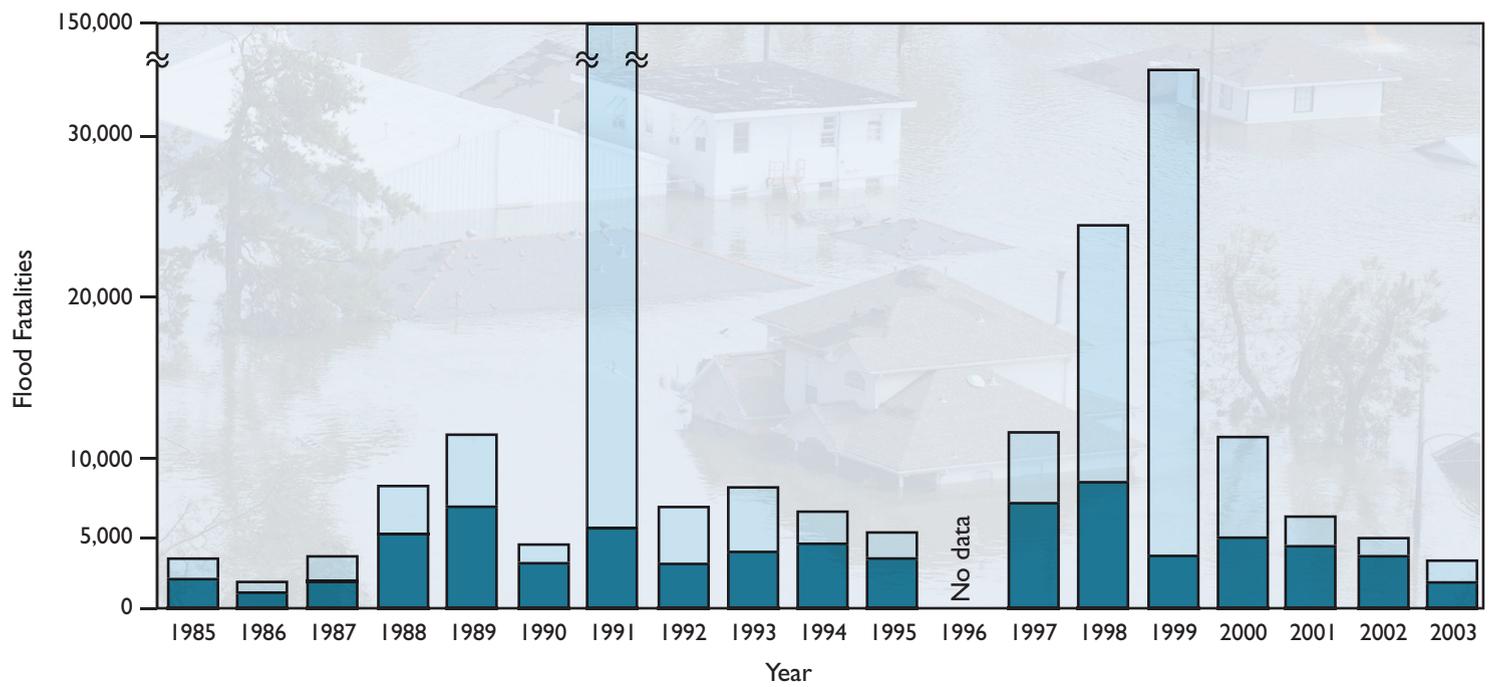


Frequency of flood events around the world from 1985 to 2003. The darker the blue, the better the data reliability.



The number of fatalities caused by floods from 1985 to 2003. The vertical blue bars represent the fatality totals, with the lighter blue part of the bar representing the number of fatalities during the worst three floods of the year. For example, the worst flood in 1991 was caused by a tropical cyclone in Bangladesh that killed 138,000 people. The number of fatalities decreased between 2000 and 2003, while flood frequency was increasing. (Source: Dartmouth Flood Observatory.)