

# Japan quake world's most expensive disaster

The World Bank estimates that rebuilding in northern Japan will cost around \$235 billion and take five years, with private insurers likely to pay around \$33bn. Tokyo plans to spend \$12bn in the current national budget



<b>Japan earthquake and tsunami</b>	2011	Death toll from magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami now estimated at 20,000+	<b>\$235 billion</b>
<b>Sichuan earthquake, China</b>	2008	Magnitude 8.0 quake claimed up to 88,000 lives in southwestern China	<b>\$147 billion</b>
<b>Great Hanshin earthquake, Japan</b>	1995	Magnitude 6.8 quake claimed 6,434 lives, around 75% in Kobe city	<b>\$145 billion</b>
<b>Hurricane Katrina, U.S.</b>	2005	Category 3 storm with winds up to 280km/h flooded 80% of New Orleans and killed 1,800	<b>\$137 billion</b>
<b>Irpinia earthquake, Italy</b>	1980	Magnitude 6.8 quake killed 2,914, left 300,000 homeless	<b>\$52 billion</b>
<b>Northridge earthquake, U.S.</b>	1994	33 dead, 9,000 injured in 6.7 quake near Los Angeles, California	<b>\$43 billion</b>
<b>Pakistan floods</b>	2010	1,750 killed, 20% of country submerged, affecting around 18 million people	<b>\$43 billion</b>
<b>Hurricane Andrew, U.S.</b>	1992	Category 5 storm demolished coasts of southern Florida and Louisiana	<b>\$41 billion</b>
<b>Yangtse floods, China</b>	1998		<b>\$40 billion</b>
<b>Chuetsu earthquake, Japan</b>	2004		<b>\$32 billion</b>
<b>Hurricane Ike, U.S./Caribbean</b>	2008		<b>\$30 billion</b>
<b>Izmit earthquake, Turkey</b>	1999		<b>\$26 billion</b>
<b>Indian Ocean tsunami</b>	2004	Over 230,000 dead in 14 countries from Indonesia to Africa. Actual cost remains unknown – \$14bn in humanitarian aid alone, \$4.4bn rebuilding in Indonesia, \$6bn in India	