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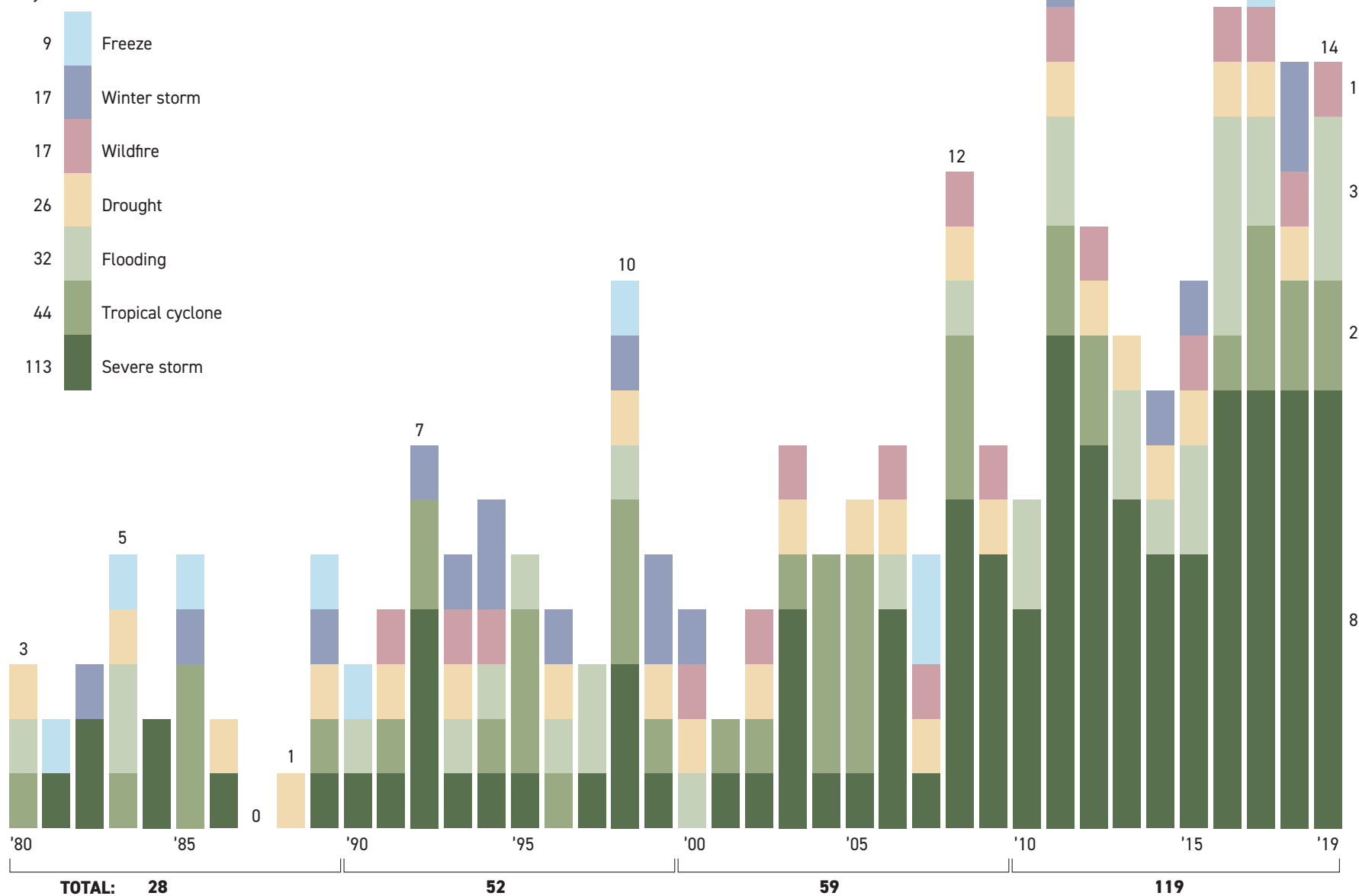
## 2010s set record for major U.S. weather disasters

The past decade saw twice as many billion-dollar weather disasters as the previous decade, according to NOAA, with the economic costs of the past 20 years tripling over the previous 20 years. The overall increase in number and severity of weather disasters has been linked to human-caused global warming.

### Number of billion-dollar weather disasters

ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION, STACKS ORDERED BY TOTAL NUMBER OVER 40 YEARS

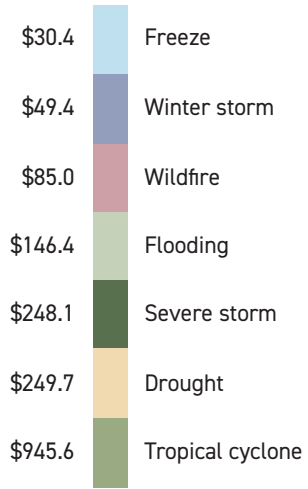
40-year total



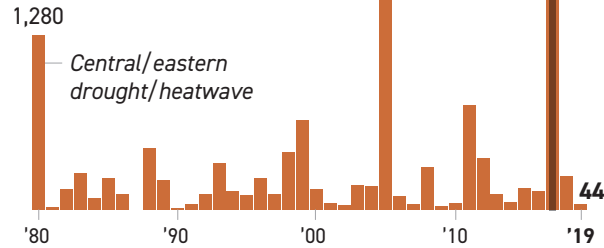
# Costs of weather disasters

IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION, STACKS ORDERED BY TOTAL COSTS OVER 40 YEARS

40-year total

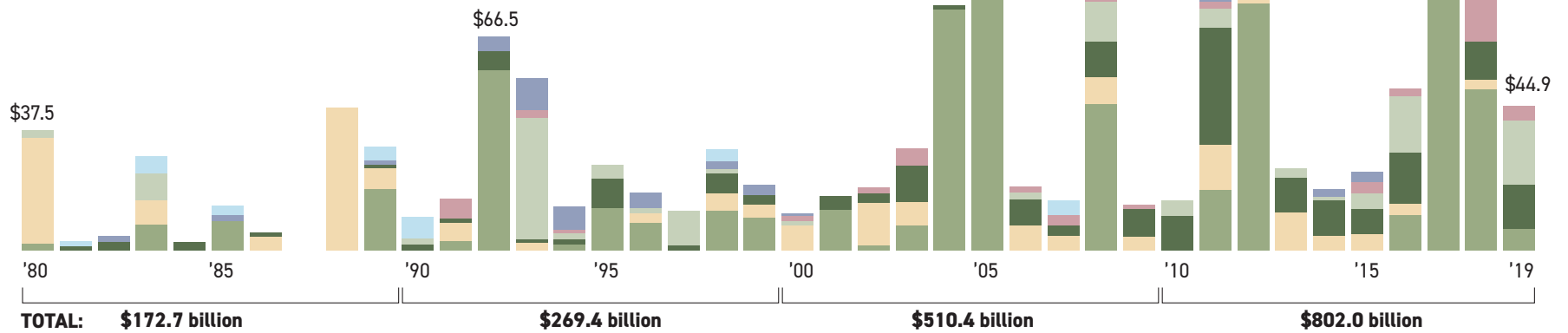


## DEATHS



2017's tropical cyclones, including hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, caused \$275.6 billion in damages and 3,167 deaths.

Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma



Source: NOAA

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