

DEATH TOLL

[HIGHEST TO LOWEST]

200M

Black Death (Bubonic Plague)
1347-1351

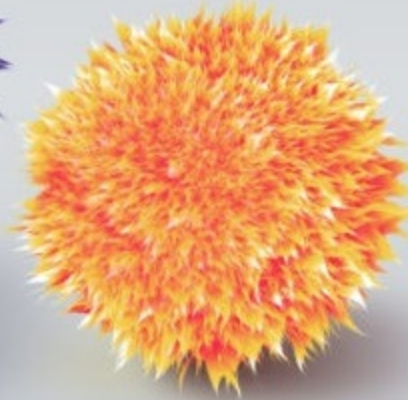


The plague originated in rats and spread to humans via infected fleas.

The outbreak wiped out 30-50% of Europe's population. It took more than 200 years for the continent's population to recover.

56M

Small Pox
1520



Smallpox killed an estimated 90% of Native Americans. In Europe during the 1800s, an estimated 400,000 people were being killed by smallpox annually. The first ever vaccine was created to ward off smallpox.

40-50M

Spanish Flu
1918-1919



30-50M

Plague of Justinian
541-542



The death toll of this plague is still under debate as new evidence is uncovered, but many think it may have helped hasten the fall of the Roman Empire.



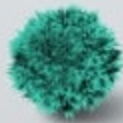
25-35M

HIV/AIDS
1981-PRESENT



12M

The Third Plague
1855



5M

Antonine Plague
165-180



3M

17th Century Great Plagues
1665



1.1M

Asian Flu
1957-1958



1M

Russian Flu
1889-1890



1M

Hong Kong Flu
1968-1970



1M

Cholera 6 outbreaks
1817-1923

A series of **Cholera** outbreaks spread around the world in the 1800s killing millions of people. There is no solid consensus on death tolls.



1M

Japanese Smallpox Epidemic
735-737



600K

18th Century Great Plagues
1817-1923



200K

Swine Flu
2009-2010



100-150K

Yellow Fever
LATE 1800s



11.3K

Ebola
2014-2016



850

MERS
2015-PRESENT



770

SARS
2002-2003

4.7K*

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
2019-PRESENT