

# Return Period

How often a defined event tends to happen in a set period of time, e.g. 5 times in 100 years is a return period of 1 in 20 years. However, events are not spaced out equally according to the return period (e.g. you can have two consecutive years that have events of 1 in 20 years, but you can also go 40 years without a 1-in-20 year event occurring).