

# Hurricane Data Sheet — Number

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**Earth and Space Science**  
**Unit 4**

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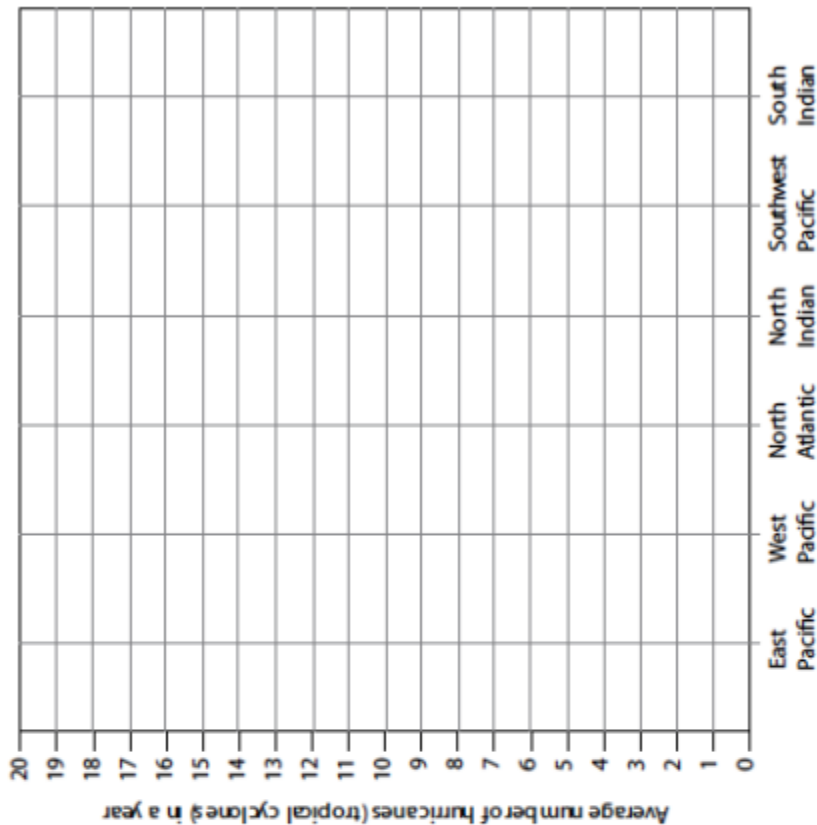
## How many hurricanes happen?

The number of hurricanes (tropical cyclones) that happen varies a bit from year to year. But the average number can tell you how many are likely. Take a look at the data table below. This shows the time of hurricane season and the average number of hurricanes in each region. What do you think? Do regions get the same number of hurricanes?

Hurricane Region	Hurricane Season	Number of hurricanes per year (average)
East Pacific Ocean	May - November	9
West Pacific Ocean	April - January	17
North Atlantic	June - November	6
Southwestern Pacific	October - May	5
North Indian Ocean	April - December	2
South Indian Ocean	October - May	10

Average hurricanes data from NOAA based on data from 1968-1989 and rounded to closest whole number.

**Make a bar graph!** A bar graph is a great way to show relative differences in number. Each bar is the amount of hurricanes for each region. Draw each bar using the same colors that you used for the map on the previous page.



Now what do you think?  
 Does the same number of hurricanes happen in each region? (Look at your bar graph to help you answer this question.)

YES       NO