

Strongest earthquakes

The 8.8 magnitude earthquake which struck central Chile was among the strongest ever recorded



Magnitude

9.5 Chile, 1960: Up to 1,900 people killed and 3,000 injured in Valdivia-Puerto Montt area

9.2 Alaska, 1964: Earthquake and tsunami takes 128 lives around Prince William Sound

9.1 Indonesia, 2004: Indian Ocean tsunami up to 30m high causes 230,000 deaths – more than any natural event in recorded history

9.0 Russia, 1954: Quake in Kamchatcka peninsula, tsunami reaches as far as Hawaii

9.0 Arica, Peru (now Chile), 1868

9.0 U.S, Canada, 1700: Largest quake to hit west coast of N. America

8.8-9.2 Indonesia, 1833: Sumatra

8.8 Maule, Chile, 2010: Over 700 people reported dead, with over two million affected by quake