Latin America's deadliest earthquakes

The region, crisscrossed by complex fault zones, has been struck by major tremors, causing widespread destruction and heavy loss of life



	Year	Country	Magnitude	Death toll
1	2010	**Haiti**	7.0	**316,000**
2	1868	**Ecu.-Col.***	7.7	**70,000**
3	1970	**Peru**	7.9	**66,794**
4	1797	**Ecuador**	8.3	**40,000**
5	1939	**Chile**	8.3	**30,000**

	Year	Country	Mag.	Death
6	1812	**Venezuela**	7.7	**26,000**
7	1868	**Chile**	8.5	**25,000**
8	1976	**Guatemala**	7.5	**23,000**
9	1797	**Venezuela**	N/A	**16,000**
10	1861	**Argentina**	N/A	**14,000**

Sources: Reuters, USGS *40,000 deaths in Ecuador, 30,000 in Colombia

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