

China: Earthquake (as of 18 May 2008)



• 21,500 dead
• 150,000 injured
• 14,000 buried
• 13,400 pulled out alive from debris
• 571,400 houses collapsed
• 279,900 houses destroyed
• 5.7 million people evacuated

SITUATION

- A major earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Wenchuan County, Aba Prefecture in Sichuan Province at 14:28 Beijing time (06:28 GMT) on Monday, 12 May.
- A 5.9 magnitude aftershock struck near Jiangyou at 12:08 AM on Sunday, 18 May.
- Brought down big number of houses, damaged 377 km of roads and 6 bridges
- Government is actively welcoming assistance from the international community

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