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Earthquake Shaking Green Alert

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M 5.5, 20 km ENE of Onagawa Ch, Japan

Origin Time: 2023-09-18 19:33:03 UTC (Tue 04:33:03 local)
Location: 38.5224° N 141.6574° E Depth: 51.0 km

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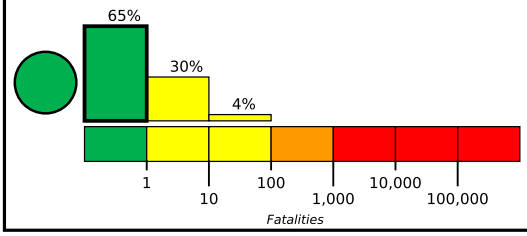
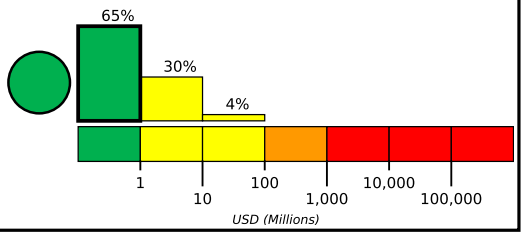
Created: 6 days, 21 hours after earthquake

Estimated Fatalities

Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.



Estimated Economic Losses



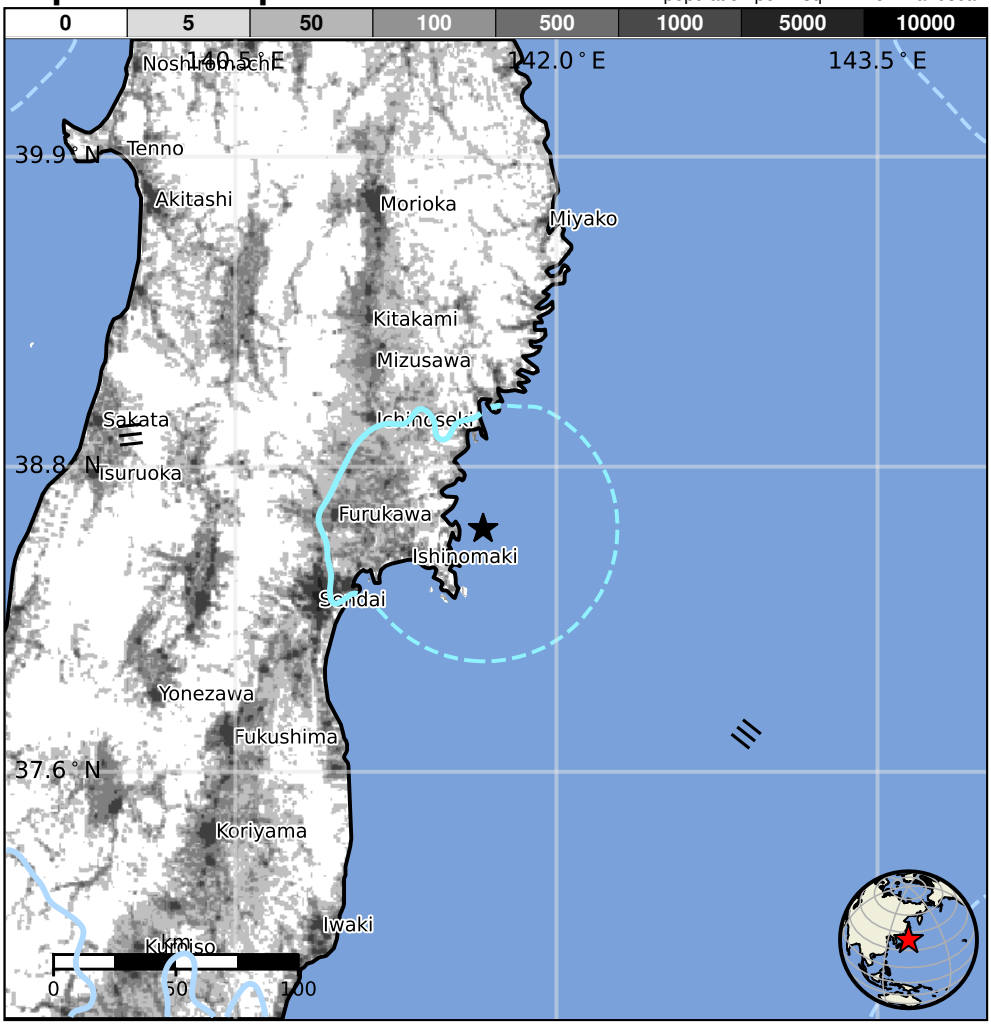
Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		–*	7,183k	1,047k	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure

population per 1 sq. km from Landscan



Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are resistant to earthquake shaking, though vulnerable structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are heavy wood frame and reinforced/confined masonry construction.

Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1987-12-17	365	6.5	VII(8,018k)	2
1994-12-28	271	7.7	VII(130k)	3
1983-05-26	308	7.7	VII(174k)	104

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides and fires that might have contributed to losses.

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
IV	**Ishinomaki**	**117k**
IV	Yamoto	32k
IV	Wakuya	18k
IV	Kogota	20k
IV	Rifu	35k
IV	**Furukawa**	**76k**
III	**Sendai**	**1,063k**
III	**Fukushima**	**294k**
III	Yamagata	255k
III	**Morioka**	**295k**
III	Akita	326k

bold cities appear on map. (k=x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

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