

Post-ShakeAlert® Message Summary

Earthquake:

Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS):

M 4.2 - 20.3 km (12.6 mi) N of Indio

ANSS location: 33.899, -116.170

ANSS depth: 4.2 km (2.6 mi)

ANSS origin (Local): 2026-01-21 00:30:07.7

ANSS origin (UTC): 2026-01-21 08:30:07.7

ShakeAlert first Message (UTC): 2026-01-21 08:30:13.4

ShakeAlert Event ID: ew1768984210

ShakeAlert Messages Issued (after origin time):

Initial: 5.7 sec

Peak: 6.8 sec

Final: 12.7 sec

ShakeAlert System Magnitude Estimates:

Initial: M 4.3

Peak: M 4.5

Final: M 4.4

ShakeAlert System Location Accuracy:

Initial: 2.1 km (1.3 mi) NE

At peak: 2.4 km (1.5 mi) N

Final: 1.8 km (1.1 mi) NE

Wireless Emergency Alert:

Magnitude below threshold for WEA system.

WEA alerts are distributed to the MMI 4+ area if ShakeAlert Peak M>=5.0

Number of Stations Reporting:

1 within 10 km of epicenter

79 within 100 km of epicenter

26 used in final ShakeAlert Message

Nearby Cities:

City	Distance km / (mi)	Time* sec	Shaking (MMI**)
Indio	20 / (13)	--	Weak (III)
Twenty-nine Palms	28 / (18)	--	V. Weak (II)
San Bernardino	106 / (66)	--	Not felt
San Diego	160 / (100)	--	Not felt

Radius shaken before message release: 20 km (12 mi)

Footnotes:

* Time -- Time from message release to predicted S-wave arrival at the location. "--" for weak or imperceptible shaking.

** MMI -- Modified Mercalli Intensity - a numeric shaking severity scale

*** For earthquakes deeper than ~15 km, the ShakeAlert Message may be available before peak shaking reaches the surface.

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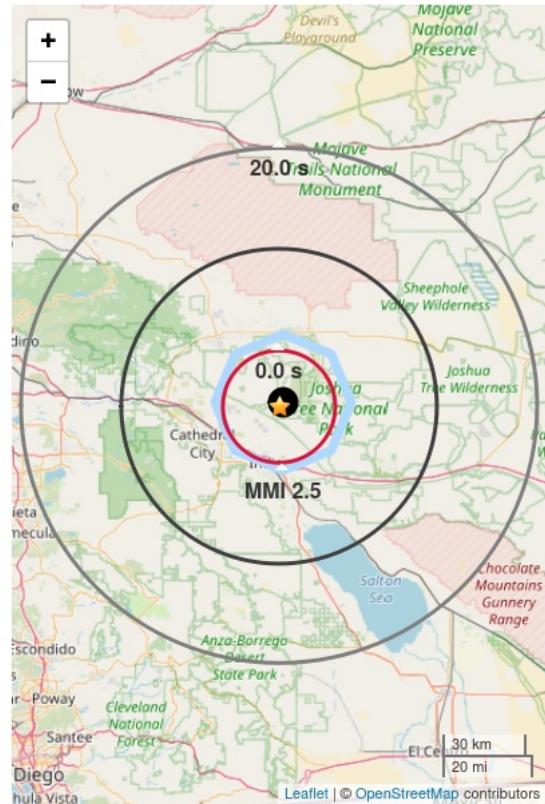


Figure 1. ShakeAlert initial earthquake location (black dot). Star is ANSS earthquake epicenter. Polygon approximates the outer range for felt ground motion. If shown, red circle is front of peak shaking when the Message was released***. Shaking takes 10 s to expand from circle to circle.

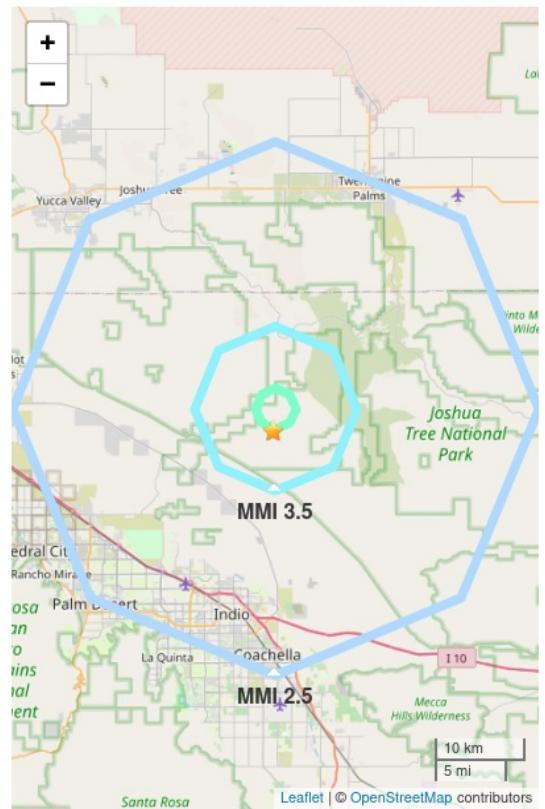


Figure 2. Polygons show shaking intensity contours for the peak magnitude estimate. Shaking of MMI 3 or less is often not felt. Star shows the ANSS earthquake epicenter.