

INTRODUCTION

This map is one of a series of seismicity maps produced by the U. S. Geological Survey that show earthquake data for individual states or groups of states on the scale of 1:1,000,000. The map shows only those earthquakes with intensities listed within the boundaries of Texas, even though earthquakes in nearby states or countries may have been felt or may have caused damage in Texas.

The data in table 1 were used to compile the seismicity map; these data are a corrected, expanded, and updated (through 1983) version of the data used by Algermissen (1969) for a study of seismicity in the United States. The locations and intensities of some earthquakes were revised and intensities were assigned where none had been before. Many earthquakes were added to the original list from new data sources, as well as from some old data sources that had not been previously used. The data in table 1 represent best estimates of the location of the epicenter, magnitude, and intensity of each earthquake on the basis of historical and current information. Some of the aftershocks from large earthquakes are listed, but not all, especially for earthquakes that occurred before seismic instruments were universally used.

The latitude and longitude coordinates of each epicenter were rounded to the nearest tenth of a degree and sorted so that all identical locations were grouped and counted. These locations are represented on the map by a triangle. The number of earthquakes at each location is given to the right of the triangle. A Roman numeral to the left of a triangle is the maximum Modified Mercalli intensity (Wood and Neumann, 1931) of all earthquakes at that geographic location. The absence of an intensity value indicates that no intensities have been assigned to earthquakes at that location. The year shown below each triangle is the latest year for which the maximum intensity was recorded.

EXPLANATION OF THE TABLES

The data in table 1 are listed chronologically in the following categories: date, origin time in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), N. latitude, W. longitude, depth, hypocenter quality and reference, magnitude, intensity (Modified Mercalli), and intensity reference. The letter F is recorded in the intensity column if an earthquake was felt but not enough information was available to assign an intensity. Table 1 has some basic limitations in terms of the size (magnitude or intensity) of the earthquakes listed. All felt earthquakes, those with computed magnitudes, those with intensities, and those magnitude was computed, those with no intensity assigned, were included. If no magnitude was computed, those with computed magnitude, those with intensity assigned, and those with no intensity assigned, were felt or an epicenter published, it was included in the earthquake list. The low-magnitude events located in recent years with data from dense seismograph networks have not been included.

Listed below is an explanation of the symbols and codes used in table 1:

1. Leaders (...) indicate information not available.
2. Latitude and longitude are listed to a hundredth of a degree if they have been published with that degree of accuracy or greater; however, most historical events have assigned locations based on felt or damage information and are listed in table 1 with the nearest degree. The latitude and longitude are to the right of the longitude indicator; thus the latitude and longitude were not given in the source reference, but were assigned by the compilers of the data file. An x to the right of the longitude indicates that the event is an explosion, a suspected explosion, a rockburst, or some other nontectonic event; these have not been plotted on the map. A question mark (?) to the right of the longitude indicates that published descriptions of the event are incomplete.
3. The letter code in the HYPOCENTER, ORIGIN TIME, LAT., LONG., and INTENSITY columns may not be an earthquake.
4. Determinations of instrumental hypocenters are estimated to be accurate within the ranges of latitude and longitude (in decimal degrees) listed below; each range is letter coded as indicated:

A. 0.0-0.1  
B. 0.1-0.2  
C. 0.2-0.5  
D. 0.5-1.0  
E. 1.0 or larger

b. Determinations of noninstrumental epicenters from felt data are estimated to be accurate within the ranges of latitude and longitude (in decimal degrees) listed below; each range is letter coded as indicated:

F. 0.0-0.5  
G. 0.5-1.0  
H. 1.0-2.0  
I. 2.0 or larger

5. The reference identification numbers in the HYPOCENTER, REF and INTENSITY, REF columns indicate the sources of the hypocenter and intensity data. They are listed in numerical order in the list of data sources.
6. The magnitudes listed under USGS are (mb) (modified from Gutenberg and Richter, 1956) or Ms (Bath, 1966) values published in the Preliminary Determination of Epicenters (PDE) or by the National Earthquake Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey, and previous organizations. Associated with the magnitude values listed under OTHER are the source code, type, T, and duration defined by mb (Gutenberg and Richter, 1956), MD (duration or code length), Mf (magnitude based on felt areas or attenuation), ML (Richter, 1958), Mn (Nuttli, 1973). Magnitudes computed solely from epicentral intensity have not been included. Moment magnitudes (Mw) are listed by value and source. The value was computed using the formula by Hanks and Kanamori (1979). The source codes are listed below:

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DAV - Davis, S. D., 1985, Master of Arts Thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 238 p.

DE - Dewey, J. W., and Gordon, D. W., 1984, U. S. Geological Survey, Miscellaneous Field Studies Map MF-1699 Pamphlet, 39 p.

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GS - National Earthquake Information Center (and predecessor organizations), U. S. Geological Survey, Golden, Colo.

NMI - New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology, Socorro, N. Mex.

SLM - St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

TEC - Tennessee Earthquake Information Center, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.

TUL - Oklahoma Geological Observatory, Oklahoma Geological Survey, Leonard, Okla.

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Table 1.—Chronological listing of earthquakes for the State of Texas

DATE	ORIGIN TIME	LAT.	LONG.	DEPTH	HYPOCENTER	MAGNITUDE	INTENSITY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	H M S	(KM)	USGS	OTHER	MOMENT	INTENSITY	MM	REF
1966	AUG 14	15 25	53.7	32.115N	102.339W	.003	C 349	3.4	3.2Mn	DG								81
								Kernit, Texas. Several street signs were toppled, windows broken. Also felt at Wink, Texas and at Loco Hills, New Mexico.										
1966	NOV 26	20 05	41	30.9	N. 105.4 W.	.005	B 169		2.6Mn	NMI								
1969	FEB 02	12 45	32.0	33.3	N. 105.8 W.	.005	C 178		2.8Mn	GS								42
1969	MAY 12	08 23	19.6	31.1	853N 105.1W	.013	C 349		3.4Mn	GS								
								El Paso, Texas. One house had hairline cracks in the ceiling and cracks in a cement driveway. The name "One hundred and one hundred and one" was assigned to "One hundred and one hundred and one" in the original list of "One hundred and one hundred and one" assigned to this shock.										
1969	MAY 12	10 39		31.8	N. 106.4 W.	.016	B 42											42
1971	JUL 01	01 45	51.4	31.644N	103.173W	.005	B 349	3.0	3.6Mn	DG								173
1971	JUL 31	14 53	49	31.652N	103.119W	.002	B 349	3.4	3.2Mn	DG							173	
1971	SEP 01	01 54	49	31.652N	103.119W	.001	B 349	3.4	3.2Mn	DG							173	
1972	DEC 09	05 58	44.3	31.8	N. 106.5 W.	.005	B 45										45	
1972	DEC 25	02 46		28.82	N. 98.2 W.	.005	B 342										46	
1974	FEB 15	13 33	49.2	36.399N	100.688W	.005	A 349	4.5	4.5Mn	DG	4.4	HRN	V	47				
1974	DEC 08	05 01	42	30.9	N. 103.1 W.	.005	B 111		3.7Mn	GS							48	
1976	AUG 07	07 21	43.8	30.567N	100.489W	.005	B 349	4.8	3.8Mn	GS							49	
1976	JAN 19	04 23	31.6	31.98N 103.2W	.003	A 214			2.6Mn	GOR				</td				