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1964 Great Alaska Earthquake Facts and Figures

- The earthquake struck at 5:36 p.m. Alaska Standard Time
- It was a 9.2 magnitude quake
- The duration of the quake was estimated at three minutes
- 128 lives were lost – 15 from the quake and another 113 from the tsunami
- \$311 million in property damage
- Anchorage, Chitina, Glennallen, Homer, Hope, Kasilof, Kenai, Kodiak, Moose Pass, Portage, Seldovia, Seward, Sterling, Valdez, Wasilla and Whittier all suffered heavy damage
- About 30 blocks of downtown Anchorage were severely damaged
- The tsunami generated by the quake claimed lives and devastated communities from the Gulf of Alaska to the west coast of the United States and Canada to Hawaii
- The maximum recorded wave height of 67 meters was in Valdez Inlet