

## A look at earthquake's impact on California region

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Two men walk past the earthquake-damaged building that housed the Carpe Diem wine bar Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Napa, Calif. The San Francisco Bay Area's strongest earthquake in 25 years struck the heart of California's wine country early Sunday, igniting gas-fed fires, damaging some of the region's famed wineries and historic buildings, and sending dozens of people to hospitals. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

A strong earthquake rattled a swath of Northern California's wine country in the early hours of Sunday morning, unleashing most of its



damage on the city of Napa in the heart of the vineyard-studded region.

No deaths were reported, but more than 200 people sought medical attention and Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for southern Napa County.

Here's a look at the quake and its fallout:

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude-6.0 earthquake was the strongest to hit the San Francisco Bay Area since the 6.9-magnitude Loma Prieta temblor in 1989, the U.S. Geological Survey said. That quake collapsed roadways and killed more than 60 people.

EPICENTER: About 5 miles (8 kilometers) south of Napa.

INJURIES: A Napa hospital reported Monday that 208 people sought treatment for cuts, <u>broken bones</u>, bruises and other ailments immediately after the quake until 11 p.m. PDT Sunday. Hospital officials could not say how many of them were there for injuries suffered in the quake and how many for more routine injuries and illnesses.

Seventeen patients were admitted, a dozen of them for broken bones and other medical problems directly related to the earthquake. The hospital didn't release details on the other five admitted patients.





A garbage truck moves past rubble in front of the earthquake damaged Vintners Collective multi-winery tasting room Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Napa, Calif. The building dates from the late 1800s. The San Francisco Bay Area's strongest earthquake in 25 years struck the heart of California's wine country early Sunday, igniting gas-fed fires, damaging some of the region's famed wineries and historic buildings, and sending dozens of people to hospitals. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

In addition, a 13-year-old Napa boy was flown to the children's hospital at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center for a neurological evaluation. His condition was listed as serious, hospital spokeswoman Phyllis Brown said.

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE: Four mobile homes in Napa were destroyed and two others damaged in fires caused by the earthquake.



Mark Ghilarducci, director of California's Office of Emergency Service said at a press conference Sunday that as many 100 homes in the region have been deemed unsafe to enter. The office didn't return a phone call Monday seeking an update.

Rick Tooker, Napa's community development director, confirmed that 49 homes and buildings in the city have been deemed unsafe to enter. In nearby Vallejo, seven commercial buildings are uninhabitable.

Many other structures sustained more moderate damage, including broken windows, toppled furniture and broken liquor bottles and kegs. The quake broke thousands of bottles of wine and toppled barrels.

## ELECTRICITY

Pacific Gas and Electric says it has restored power to nearly all the 75,000 customers who lost electricity after the earthquake.





Skateboarder Bayley Lorenzen, 12, launches himself off buckled pavement in Napa, Calif., following an earthquake Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Officials in the city of Napa say 15 to 16 buildings are no longer inhabitable after Sunday's magnitude-6.0 earthquake, and there is only limited access to numerous other structures. (AP Photo/Noah Berger)

## WATER

Napa officials report 90 water main breaks. The nearby city of Vallejo reported a dozen main breaks.

## SCHOOLS

The public school district in Napa canceled classes Monday.

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