

THIS PAST FRIDAY MORNING A 4.8 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE STRUCK NEW JERSEY. WITH AN EPICENTER FOUR MILES NORTH OF WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, THE QUAKE WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA AND EVEN AS FAR AS PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON. LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AN AFTER-SHOCK READING AT 3.8 ON THE RICHTER SCALE HIT IN THE AREA AROUND GLADSTONE NEW JERSEY. SINCE 1957, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT EARTHQUAKES OVER 2.5 MAGNITUDE HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE REGION. ONLY SEVEN OF THOSE HAVE BROKEN A READING OF 4.5 MAGNITUDE, WITH FRIDAY'S QUAKE BEING THE THIRD LARGEST TO STRIKE THE AREA.