

School Shootings FACTS. May 30, 2022

Using Wikipedia, the following mass school shooting events where more than 5 deaths occurred. were listed.

Note that before 1990(from 1940 to 1989) there were only three events where more than 5 people were killed. Congress passed two bills in the 1990 that forced schools to be “gun free zones” then allowing criminals to be the only ones with guns. Each state had a varied approach to defend their schools. Many allowed the school employees to carry their own weapons, while others had agreements with the local police agencies.

1990/1996 Gun-Free Schools Zone Act (Supreme Court struck down in 95, a more limited version was 1996. It made it a federal crime for a citizen to bring a firearm onto campus- stopping any American from defending themselves. Gun Free Schools Act of 1994 -forces federally funded schools to expel any student who has a weapon on campus.

Had Congress NOT interfered, it can be argued that there may NOT have been an increase in mass school shootings based on the previous 150 years of history.

Summary of events by decade where more than 5 deaths occurred. In the 150 years from 1840 to 1989, only 3 events occurred. In the 30 years since Congress passed gun control laws, there have been 15 events

	Events	Deaths	Injured
1840-1989	3	17	35
1990-1999	3	26	32
2000-2009	4	55	56
2010-2019	7	78	54
2020-	1	22	18
Total	18	198	195

Details of these events are on the following pages.

		Deaths	Injured	
Dec 13, 1898	Charleston, West Virginia	6	3	During the school exhibition, a group of young men tried to break up a student performance. When teacher Mr. Fisher tried to throw them out, they turned on him. Audience members joined the fray. Harry Flasher was shot and instantly killed, Henry Carney was fatally shot in the back, Ralph Jones and two others were also fatally shot, and George Gibson was shot in the hand; Haz Harding had his skull crushed, and several others received minor wounds.[35]
6-May-40	South Pasadena, California	5	2	Verlin Spencer, the 38-year-old principal of South Pasadena Junior High School, killed five of his colleagues and left another seriously injured in shootings at two locations. Spencer had a long history of clashes with faculty and staff and was forced to serve a three-week involuntary leave of absence the year prior. When cornered by police, he shot himself in a suicide attempt but survived and was sentenced to 5 consecutive life sentences. Three years later, Spencer learned that the blood sample taken after his arrest was found to have high levels of bromide, a popular painkiller he took for headaches. While the amount was high enough to render him legally insane at the time of the shooting, he did not receive a retrial but was released from in prison in 1970. ^{[86][87][88]}
17-Jan-89	Stockton, California	6	32	Stockton schoolyard shooting: 24-year-old Patrick Edward Purdy fatally shot five children and wounded 32 others at the Cleveland Elementary School before taking his own life. The victims were children of refugees from Southeast Asia. Purdy had a history of violence, alcoholism and drug addiction, and criminality. ^{[301][303]}

1-Nov-91	Iowa City, Iowa	<u>6</u>	1	<p>University of Iowa shooting: 28-year-old former graduate student Gang Lu killed four members of the University of Iowa's faculty and a research student and seriously wounded another student. 47-year-old professor of physics and astronomy Christoph K. Goertz, 45-year-old associate professor of physics and astronomy Robert Alan Smith, 44-year-old chairman of the physics and astronomy department Dwight R. Nicholson, 56-year-old associate vice president for academic affairs Dr. Theresa Anne Cleary were shot in the head and died the following day, and 27-year-old research investigator in physics and astronomy Dr. Shan Linhua. Twenty-three-year-old Miya Rodolfo-Sioson, Dr. Cleary's temporary student receptionist in the grievance office, survived but was left paralyzed from the neck down. Lu then shot himself in the head and died shortly after police arrived.^{[317][318][319][320]}</p>
24-Mar-98	Craighead County, Arkansas	5	10	<p>Westside Middle School shooting: 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson and 11-year-old Andrew Golden killed a teacher and four students and wounded ten others as Westside Middle School emptied during a fire alarm intentionally set off by Golden. Both shooters were sentenced to confinement until their 21st birthdays.^{[435][436]}</p>
20-Apr-99	Columbine, Colorado	<u>15</u>	21	<p>Columbine High School massacre: 18-year-old Eric Harris and 17-year-old Dylan Klebold, students at Columbine High School, killed 12 students and one teacher. They injured 21 additional people, and three more were injured while attempting to escape the school. The pair committed suicide in the library after a brief gunfight with police at the end of the massacre.^{[436][447]}</p>

21-Mar-05	Red Lake, Minnesota	10	7	Red Lake shootings: 16-year-old student Jeff Weise, killed his grandfather and grandfather's companion at their home, where he had been living, at the Red Lake Indian Reservation. He then drove to Red Lake Senior High School. Armed with his grandfather's police weapons, Weise killed five students, one teacher and one security guard, wounding seven others, before entering a gunfight with police officers, that resulted in him committing suicide. ^[40]
2-Oct-06	Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania	6	5	West Nickel Mines School shooting: 32-year-old milk truck driver, Charles Carl Roberts IV, killed five Amish girls and wounded five others before killing himself in an Amish school in the hamlet of Nickel Mines, in Bart Township, Lancaster County. ^[62]
16-Apr-07	Blacksburg, Virginia	33	23	Virginia Tech shooting: A 23-year-old student, Seung-Hui Cho, armed with two pistols, a Glock 19 and a Walther P22, killed thirty-two students and faculty members at Virginia Tech and wounded another seventeen students and faculty members in two separate attacks before committing suicide. The first attack was on the second floor of West Ambler Johnston Hall, where he shot a young girl and another student who came to help. He then changed his clothes, recorded multiple videos stating that he "had to do it for his brothers and sisters", and made several pictures of himself with hammers, large knives, and guns. He then chained the doors of Norris Hall shut and shot and killed thirty more students and staff. He also shot seventeen more students and staff, wounding them. Six more students were also wounded from non gunshot injuries. He was described as extremely quiet and lonely. During the rampage he wore a black T-shirt, a russet vest, a backwards baseball cap, black military cargo pants, black boots, and grip gloves. The incident is the third deadliest shooting by a lone gunman, and the deadliest school shooting, in modern U.S. history.

14-Feb-08	DeKalb, Illinois	6	21	Northern Illinois University shooting: 27-year-old Steven Kazmierczak, shot multiple people with a shotgun in a classroom of Northern Illinois University, killing five and injuring 21, before taking his own life. Kazmierczak was not enrolled at the university, but had attended in the years prior to the attack. ^[78]
2-Apr-12	Oakland, California	7	3	Oikos University shooting: 43-year-old One L. Goh, was accused of shooting dead seven students with a handgun and wounding three others at Oikos University, a Christian college. He fled the scene, stealing a victim's car, and was apprehended hours later nearby. Goh was charged with seven counts of murder. In January 2013, Goh was determined to be mentally unfit for trial and committed for treatment. ^[120]
14-Dec-12	Newtown, Connecticut	27	2	Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting: 20-year-old Adam Lanza killed twenty-six people and himself. He first killed his mother at their shared home before taking four of her guns and driving to the school, where he killed 20 first-grade children aged six and seven along with six adults, including four teachers, the principal, and the school psychologist. Two other persons were injured. Lanza then killed himself as police arrived at the school. ^{[118][135]}

7-Jun-13	Santa Monica, California	6	4	<p>2013 Santa Monica shooting: 23-year-old John Zawahri, began a killing spree at his home. After killing his 55-year-old father, Samir "Sam" Zawahri, and 25-year-old brother, Chris Zawahri, he set the house ablaze. Dressed all in black with body armor and wielding an AR-15-type semi-automatic rifle, Zawahri carjacked 41-year-old Laura Siska, shooting 50-year-old Debra Fine, as she attempted to intervene, before forcing Siska to drive to Santa Monica College. Upon arriving on the college campus, Zawahri began shooting at passing vehicles, including a police car and a city bus, leaving three people with minor injuries. Zawahri next targeted a Ford Explorer, killing the driver, 68-year-old campus groundskeeper, Carlos Navarro Franco, and fatally wounding the passenger, his 26-year-old daughter Marcela Diaz-Franco, a student at the college, who died two days later. 68-year-old Margarita Gomez, who was collecting cans outside the library, died after being shot in the abdomen and chest. Zawahri opened fire on students who were trying to run away. It ended at the college library where he opened fire on students studying for finals, before being fatally wounded in an exchange of gunfire with responding police officers.^[156]</p>
24-Oct-14	Marysville, Washington	5	1	<p>Marysville Pilchuck High School shooting. 15-year-old freshman, Jaylen Fryberg, shot five students in the school cafeteria of Marysville Pilchuck High School, fatally wounding four, before committing suicide.^{[118][201]}</p>
1-Oct-15	Roseburg, Oregon	10	9	<p>Umpqua Community College shooting: At around 10:40 a.m. PDT, a gunman, later identified as 26-year-old student Christopher Harper-Mercer, opened fire in a hall on the Umpqua Community College campus, killing eight students and one teacher, and injuring nine others. The gunman later committed suicide after engaging responding police officers in a brief gunfight.^[226]</p>

14-Nov-17	Rancho Tehama Reserve, California	6	18	Rancho Tehama shootings: Neighbor on a rampage injured one student at Rancho Tehama Elementary School and fatally shot five adults at several locations. ^[264] The secretary heard the gunfire near the school and ordered the school to go on lockdown. After a custodian and the teachers put it into action, 43 year-old Kevin Neal rammed a truck into the gate of the school and fired at the classrooms hitting one student when a bullet pierced the wall. Neal fatally shot himself after sheriff's deputies rammed his vehicle during a pursuit. ^{[264][265]}
14-Feb-18	Parkland, Florida	17	17	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting: A 19-year-old former student (Nikolas Cruz) whose behavior had led to his expulsion began shooting students and staff members with a semi-automatic rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Seventeen people were killed, and 17 others were injured. The suspect shot the students in hallways and classrooms on the first and third floor of the complex. The suspected shooter blended in with the crowd of fleeing students and was arrested in a residential area of neighboring Coral Springs after walking away from the school. ^[282] He was later charged with murder and attempted murder. ^[283] The suspect had sat down at a McDonald's, then went to a nearby Subway.
24-May-22	Uvalde, Texas	22	18	Robb Elementary School shooting: An 18-year-old suspect entered the school and shot various students. 21 people were killed; 19 students and 2 teachers. The gunman was killed in a shootout with responding police officers. ^{[492][493]}

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