

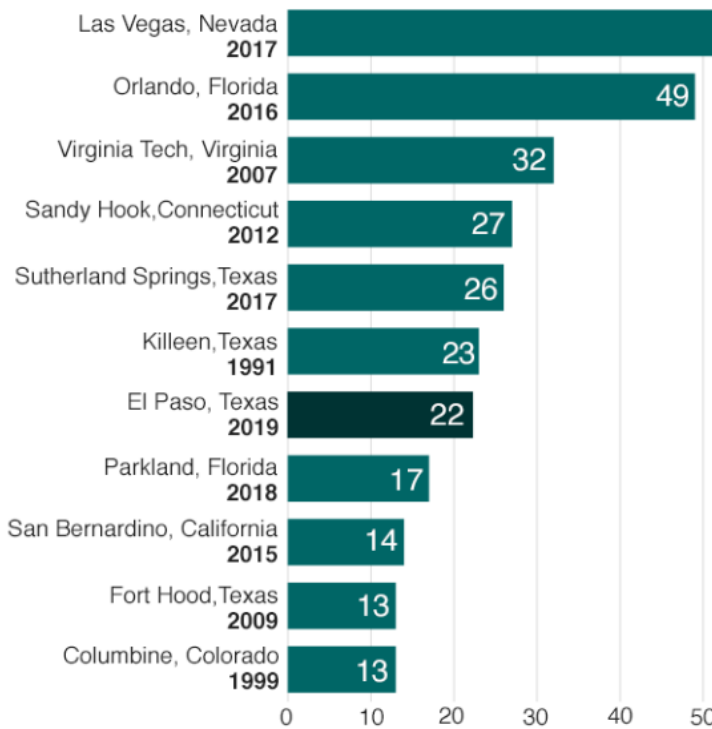
LET'S TALK: Mass Shootings

Definitions There is no one universally agreed upon definition for “mass shooting”, which is why statistics can vary. The FBI defines “Active Shooter Incidents” as “one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.”

Depending on your definition, in 2018 between 85 (FBI) and 337 (Gun Violence Archive) people were killed in Mass Shootings.

Worst mass shootings in the US since 1991

Victims killed

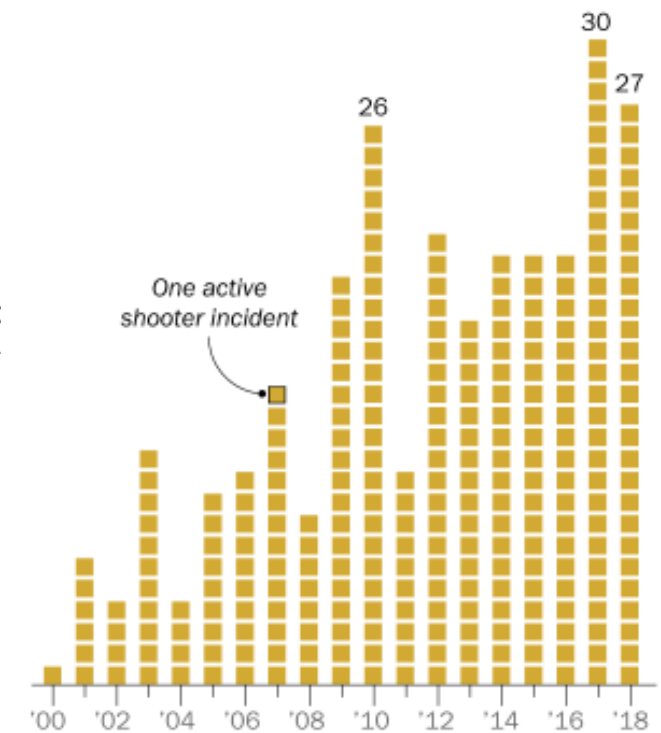


Source: FBI/Las Vegas police

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Active shooter incidents have become more common in U.S. in recent years

Number of active shooter incidents, by year



Note: “Active shooter incidents” are defined by the FBI as “one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.”

Source: FBI.

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 1776 Far Hills Ave.
 Oakwood, OH 45419
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Mass Shooting deaths are a tiny portion of all gun deaths. FBI statistics show a total of 10,265 firearm murders in 2018. Of that number, 85 were caused by active shooter incidents.

CDC 2017 Deaths

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/injury.htm>

All injury deaths
Number of deaths: 243,039
Deaths per 100,000 population: 74.6

All poisoning deaths
Number of deaths: 75,354
Deaths per 100,000 population: 23.1

Motor vehicle traffic deaths
Number of deaths: 38,659
Deaths per 100,000 population: 11.9

All firearm deaths
Number of deaths: 39,773
Deaths per 100,000 population: 12.2

Sources

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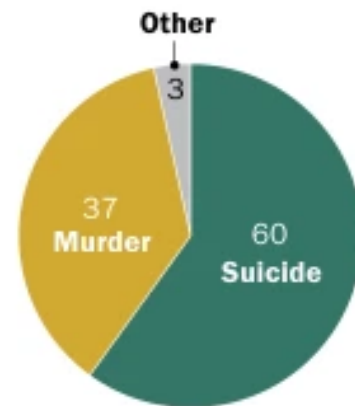
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Suicides accounted for six-in-ten U.S. gun deaths in 2017

% of U.S. gun deaths, by type



Note: "Other" includes gun deaths that were unintentional, involved law enforcement or had undetermined circumstances.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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