2025 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States

KEY FINDINGS What police, fire, EMS, and school safety leaders need to know from the FBI's 2025 report

2025 AT A GLANCE · COMPARED WITH 2024

34
INCIDENTS
▲ **42%** from 24 in 2024[1]

166
CASUALTIES
▲ **57%** from 106 in 2024[2] · 51 killed, 115 wounded[3]

7
MASS KILLINGS
More than doubled from 3 in 2024[4]

3
OFFICERS KILLED
▲ from 1 in 2024; officers wounded held at 5[5]

Context: 2021–2025 averaged 43.4 incidents a year[6]; 2025 was below that average[7]. 21 states and D.C. had incidents, most in Texas (6)[8].

PREVENTION

Most attacks were planned in advance

68% Nearly 68% of incidents (23) were intentionally planned by the shooter, up from 58% in 2024[9]

- Incidents where shooters showed predatory (planned) behavior accounted for **76% of all casualties**[10] and **88% of law enforcement casualties**[11].
- Research shows tips to law enforcement are the most effective tool for preventing potential attacks[12].
- Tips helped avert potential 2025 attacks[13]: a social media company's report led to an armed 16-year-old found inside his school[14]; a student tip led an SRO and local law enforcement to arrest two juveniles[15].

See something concerning? Contact police, an FBI field office, or tips.FBI.gov[16]

RESPONSE

Most attacks ended before police arrived



13 attacks where officers intervened while the shooter was still targeting victims; gunfire exchanged in 5[17]

21 ended before officers arrived: stopped by security or civilians, fled, or suicide[18]

7 **Civilian interventions**, up from 1 in 2024[19]

3 **Security interventions**, up from 1 in 2024[20]

HOW THE 34 INCIDENTS WERE RESOLVED[21,22,23,24]



- Apprehended **16**
- Suicide **10**
- Killed by law enforcement **5**
- Killed by security **2**
- At large **1**

ON THE FRONT LINE · RESPONDERS AND SECURITY KILLED OR WOUNDED

LAW ENFORCEMENT

3 killed

Officers killed; 5 more wounded[25]

Across 6 of the 34 incidents[25]. In every gunfire exchange, at least two officers engaged the shooter[26].

FIRE

2 killed

Firefighters killed; 1 more wounded[27]

A shooter started a fire on Canfield Mountain, Idaho, then fired on the firefighters who responded[27].

SECURITY

1 killed

Security staff killed; 1 more wounded[28,29]

A guard was killed at 345 Park Avenue in New York City[30]; a church security team member was injured stopping a shooter[31].

CASUALTY LOAD

Planning figures for EMS and schools

4.9 average casualties per incident, all 2025 attacks[32]

7.0 average when the shooter used multiple firearms[33]

30 in the worst incident: 2 killed, 28 wounded[34]

6.3 average casualties per education incident[35]

Schools: with dispatched officers, education response averaged 3 min 10 sec[36]. **Not counted under education:** the worst incident, at Annunciation Roman Catholic Church in Minneapolis[37], mostly struck school-aged children at a back-to-school mass[38] but was classified as a house of worship incident[39].

Where 2025 attacks happened



Shooters and weapons

100% male
Every incident involved a male suspect acting alone[45]

Age 30
Average shooter age, down from 33 in 2024[46]

7 insiders
Shooters considered insider threats[47]

49 firearms
26 handguns, 16 rifles, 7 shotguns[48]

FIVE-YEAR VIEW

2021–2025[49]

217 active shooter incidents

1,072 casualties

50 mass killings

9 / 48 officers killed / wounded[50]

Source: FBI, *Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2025* (2026), via NCIER Claim Map (endnotes, p. 2). Casualty counts exclude the shooter[51]. Percentages may not total 100[52].

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