SCHOOL SHOOTINGS
IN THE U.S. & CALIFORNIA

DEFINITIONS

SCHOOL SHOOTING* An incident in which a gun is brandished or fired on school property or a bullet hits school property for any reason, regardless of the number of victims, time of day, day of the week, or reason.

ACTIVE SHOOTER* Incidents are labeled as an “active shooter” when the shooter killed and/or wounded victims, either targeted or random, within the school campus during a continuous episode of violence.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, SINCE 1970*

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226 in California
2,220 in the U.S.

293 wounded
1,934 wounded
87 killed
702 killed

INCIDENTS OF GUN VIOLENCE †

349,000

Students have been on campus during an incident of gun violence at school, since Columbine.

These exposures to gun violence, regardless of physical injury, impact the school community and their families.

* Source: Riedman, David (2022). K-12 School Shooting Database
† Source: Washington Post, as of April 12, 2023
†† Source: CBS News/YouGov Poll, June 2022
1/3 of California's school shootings begins as a dispute.

The U.S. Secret Service advises schools to develop strategies for resolving interpersonal conflicts.

Incidents | % of occurrence
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Escalation of a dispute | 37%
Drive-by shooting | 10%
Accidental | 9%
Suicide/attempted | 8%
Other illegal activity | 8%

There have been 194 active school shooter incidents in the U.S. from 1970 to 2022.*

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Nationally, there have been 14 school shootings that resulted in injuries or deaths so far in 2023.†

72%
of parents of school-age children in the U.S. are somewhat or very concerned about gun violence at their child's school.**

RELATIONSHIPS OF THE SHOOTER TO THE SCHOOL IN THE U.S.*

46% are students
22% have no relation
14% Unknown
5% Nonstudent attending athletic event
4% Former student


SCHOOL SHOOTING

- Parking lot: 533
- Front of school: 224
- Beside building: 210
- Classroom: 210
- Hallway: 175

ACTIVE SHOOTING

- Classroom: 57
- Hallway: 29
- Cafeteria: 16
- Front/side of building: 13
- Office: 11


- Morning classes: 411
- Sporting event: 275
- Afternoon classes: 251
- Dismissal: 249
- Lunch: 155

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‡ Source: Education Week, as of April 7, 2023

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