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Response to an Active Shooter

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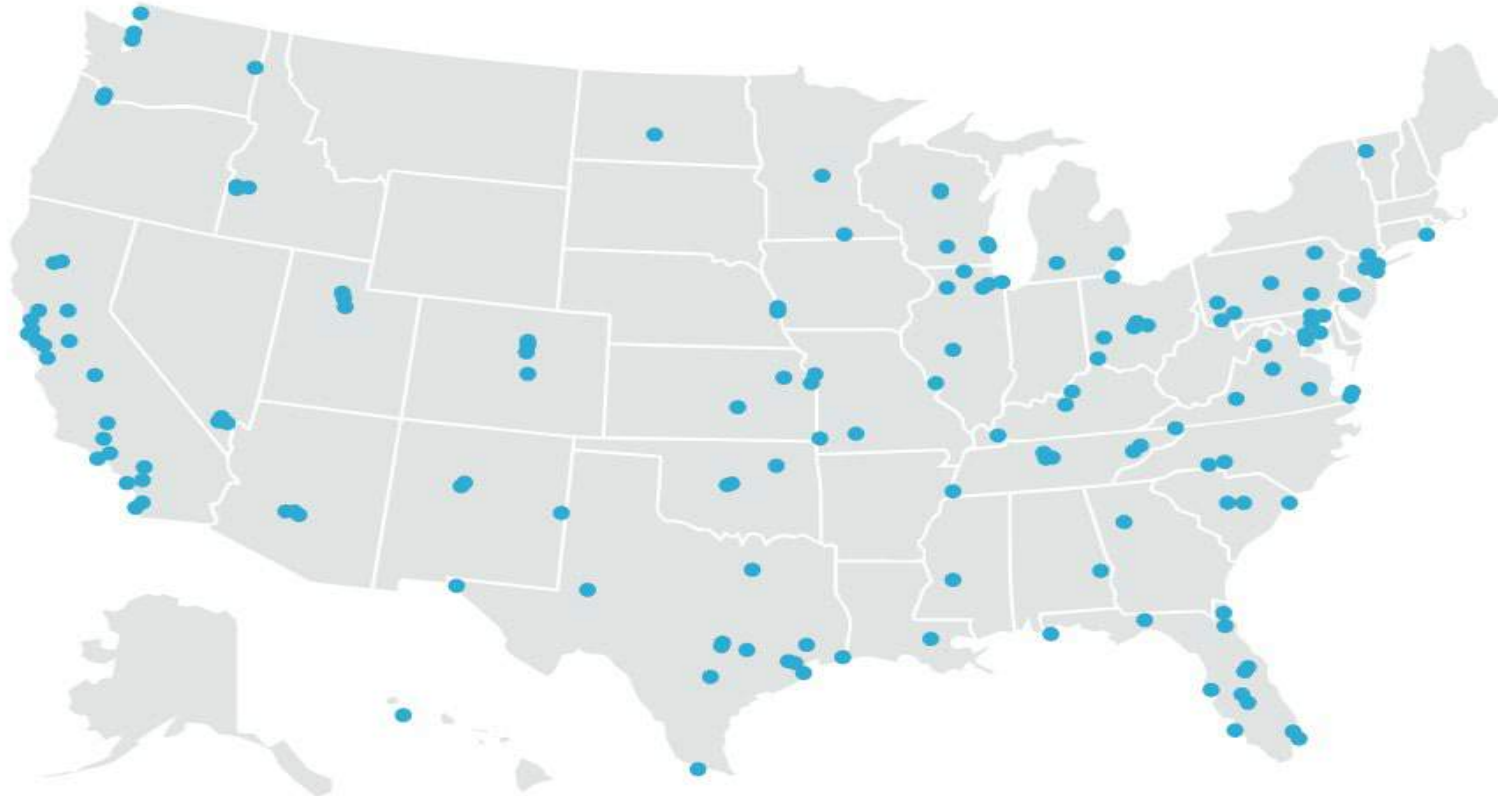
Objective

- Gain in understanding of reasons for an Active Shooting incident
- Learn potential response to these situations
- Be able to develop a plan of action in a moment of crisis



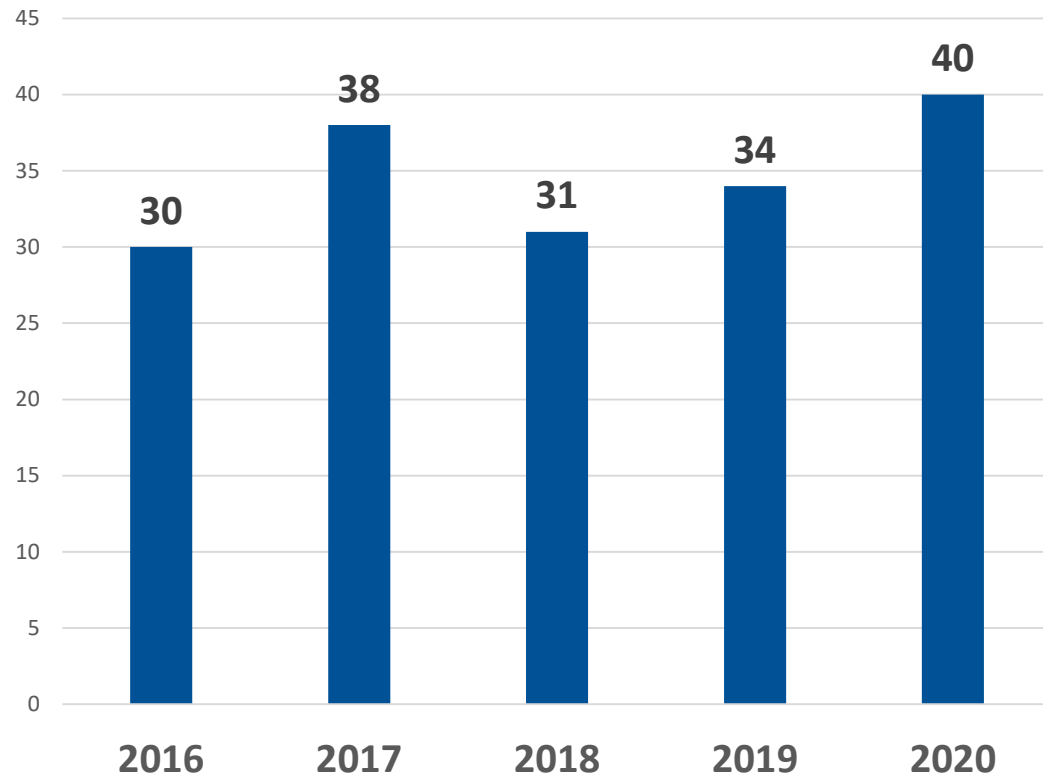
2016-2020 Statistics*

Locations of the 173 Mass Attacks in the U.S., 2016 - 2020

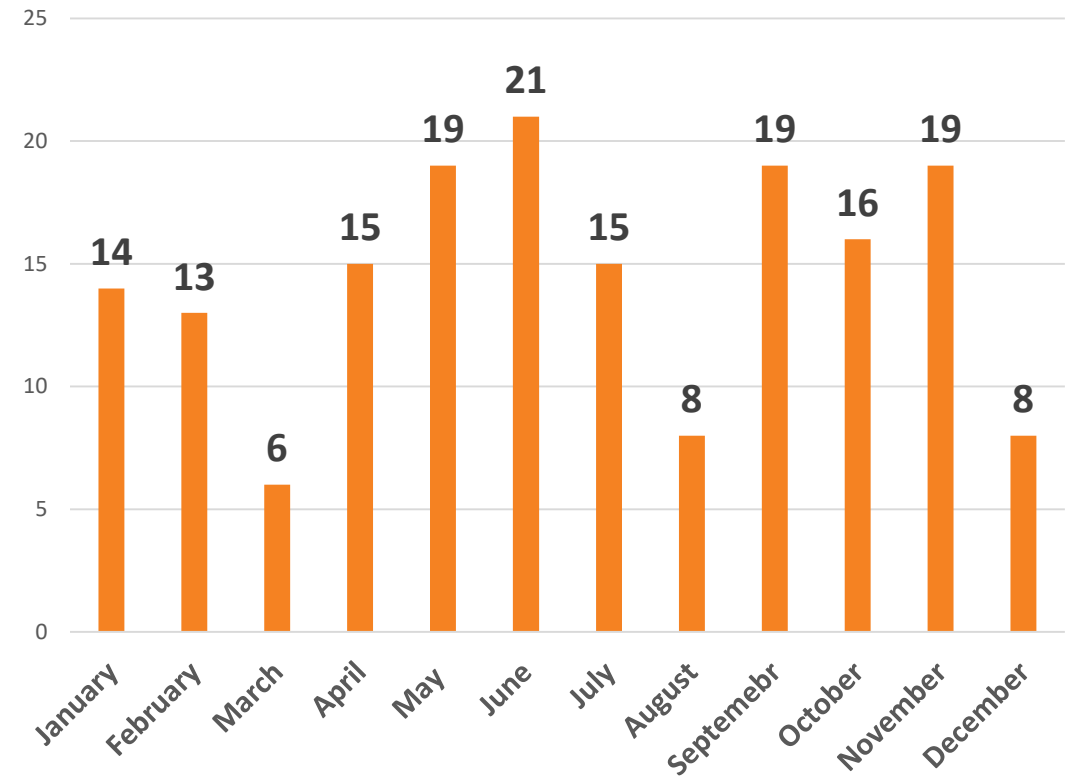


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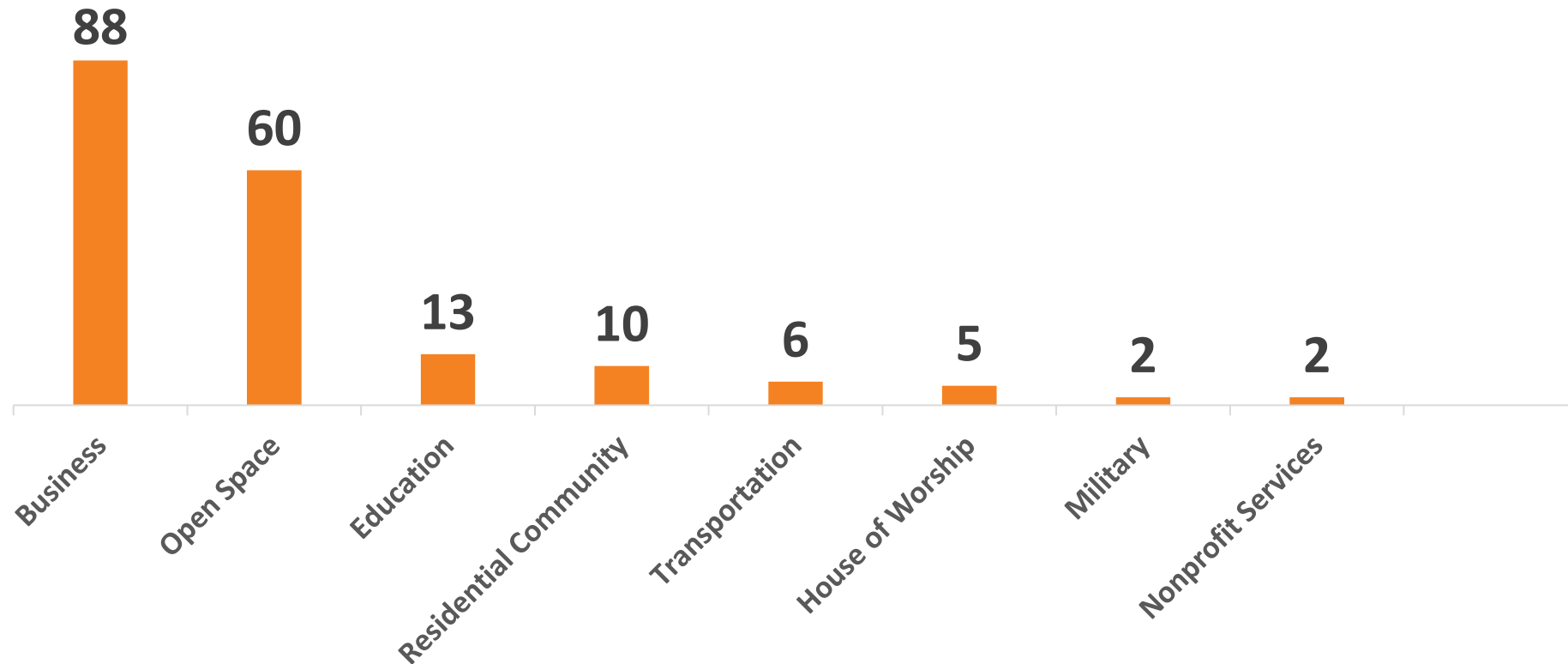
Attacks by Year



Attacks by Month



Locations



2021 Active Shooter Statistics

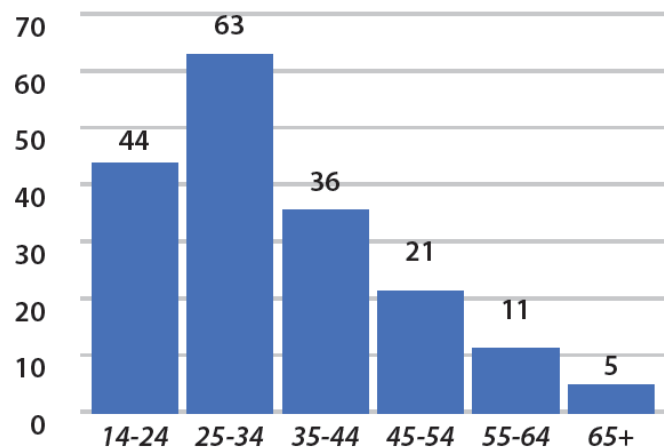
- 61 incidents
- 103 deaths/ 140 casualties

- Locations
 - Commerce- 32
 - Education- 2
 - Government- 3
 - Open Space- 19
 - Residence- 3
 - Worship- 1
 - Health Care- 1
 - 61 total

Who are/were they?

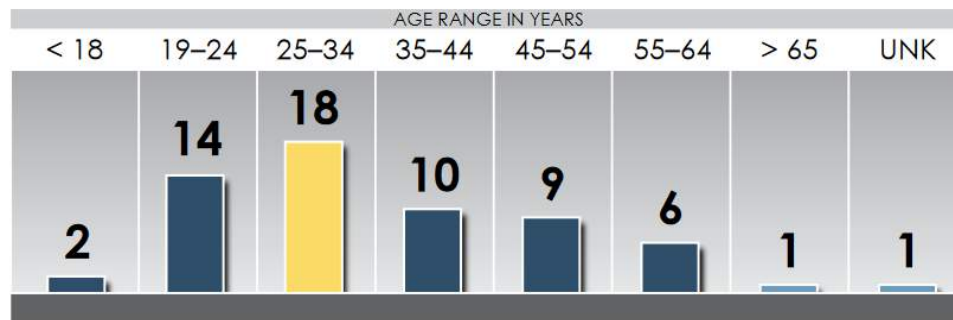
- 233 men/ 5 women / Other

Ages of the 180 Attackers



RACE	<i>n</i>	%
White	103	57%
White (non-Hispanic/ethnicity unknown)	84	47%
Black/African American	62	34%
Hispanic	19	11%
Asian	7	4%
American Indian	1	1%
Multiracial	1	1%
Undetermined	5	3%
Hispanic ethnicity	22	12%

2021 Active Shooters by Age Group



Indicators

- History of criminal behavior
- A history of substance abuse
- A history of having been abused or bullied
- Witnessing violence between parents
- Misogyny
- Fixations (guns, person, activity , belief); poor control of anger
- Social isolation

Watch for Pre-attack Indicators

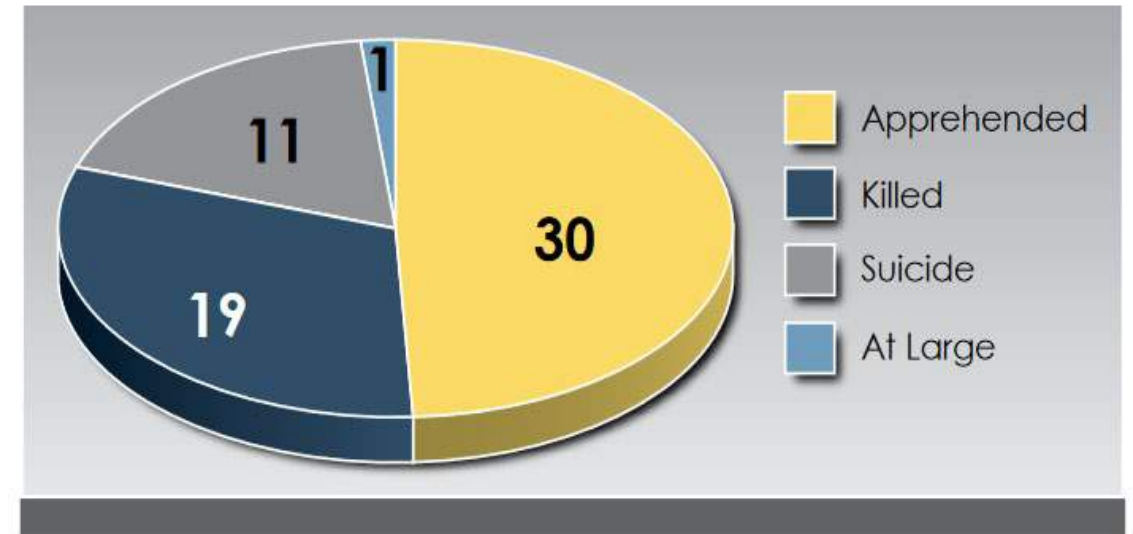
- “Leakage” of violence- social media, speaking, etc.
- Anger
- Change in behavior- aggressive, work performance, confrontations
- Pre-planning

How it ended

2016-2020 (173 total)

- 97- Stopped on their own
- 38- LE intervened
- 19- Weapon stopped working
- 18- Bystander intervened
- 1 Circumstances unclear

2021 Active Shooters by Incident Resolution



Gathered by the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation

Your Response



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeOdxKozra0>

Response

- **Cover vs. Concealment**

- Concealment merely hides you
 - Sheet rock
 - Thin metal
 - Plastic tables
- Cover will stop bullets/ rounds
 - Brick/ concrete walls
 - Solid metal
 - Heavy, dense wood

Weapons

- Hands/fists, feet, knees, elbows
- Coffee mugs
- Books
- Pens/ pencils
- Keys
- Anything

When

- Reloading/ around corner
- Entering room

First Aid

- Basic techniques
 - Take care of self before tending to others
 - Pressure to wounds- clothes, feminine hygiene products, etc.
 - Tourniquets can be made out of belts, strong cord/string etc.

• **Call 911 ASAP**



Reminders

Before

- Be aware of surroundings and potential exits
- Memorize at least 2 phone numbers of loved ones in case you lose cell phone

During

- Run/ Hide/ Fight
- Remain silent if hiding (think tactical)
- Improvised weapons
- Basic First aid

- Show hands to responding LE
 - Give description if you have knowledge

Questions???



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Resources

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