



Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2020

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Introduction

The FBI has designated 40 shootings² in 2020 as active shooter incidents. The FBI defines an active shooter as one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.³ Implicit in this definition is the shooter's use of a firearm. The *active* aspect of the definition inherently implies the ongoing nature of an incident, and thus the potential for the response to affect the outcome.

The FBI works proactively to identify incidents that meet the scope of this study, using internal FBI holdings and repositories, official law enforcement reports (when obtainable), as well as open-source data. However, there is no mandated database collection or central intake point for reporting active shooter incidents, as exists for other crimes.

The active shooter incident research in this report is valid as of May 24, 2021. If additional incidents meeting FBI criteria are identified after the publication of this document, every effort will be made to factor those incidents into future reporting.

When evaluating shooting incidents to determine if they met the FBI's active shooter definition, researchers considered for inclusion:

- Shootings in public places
- Shootings occurring at more than one location
- Shootings where the shooter's actions were not the result of another criminal act
- Shootings resulting in a mass killing⁴
- Shootings indicating apparent spontaneity by the shooter
- Shootings where the shooter appeared to methodically search for potential victims
- Shootings that appeared focused on injury to people, not buildings or objects

This report does not encompass all gun-related shootings. A gun-related incident was excluded if research established it was the result of:

- Self-defense
- Gang violence
- Drug violence
- Contained residential or domestic disputes
- Controlled barricade/hostage situations
- Crossfire as a byproduct of another ongoing criminal act
- An action that appeared not to have put other people in peril

This methodology was first articulated in *A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013* and was applied to the 2020 shooting incidents for consistency.⁵

This report is part of a series of FBI active shooter-related products published since September 2014. These reports are not intended to explore all facets of active shooter incidents but rather intended to provide law enforcement officers, other first responders, corporations, educators, and the public with a baseline understanding of active shooter incidents.

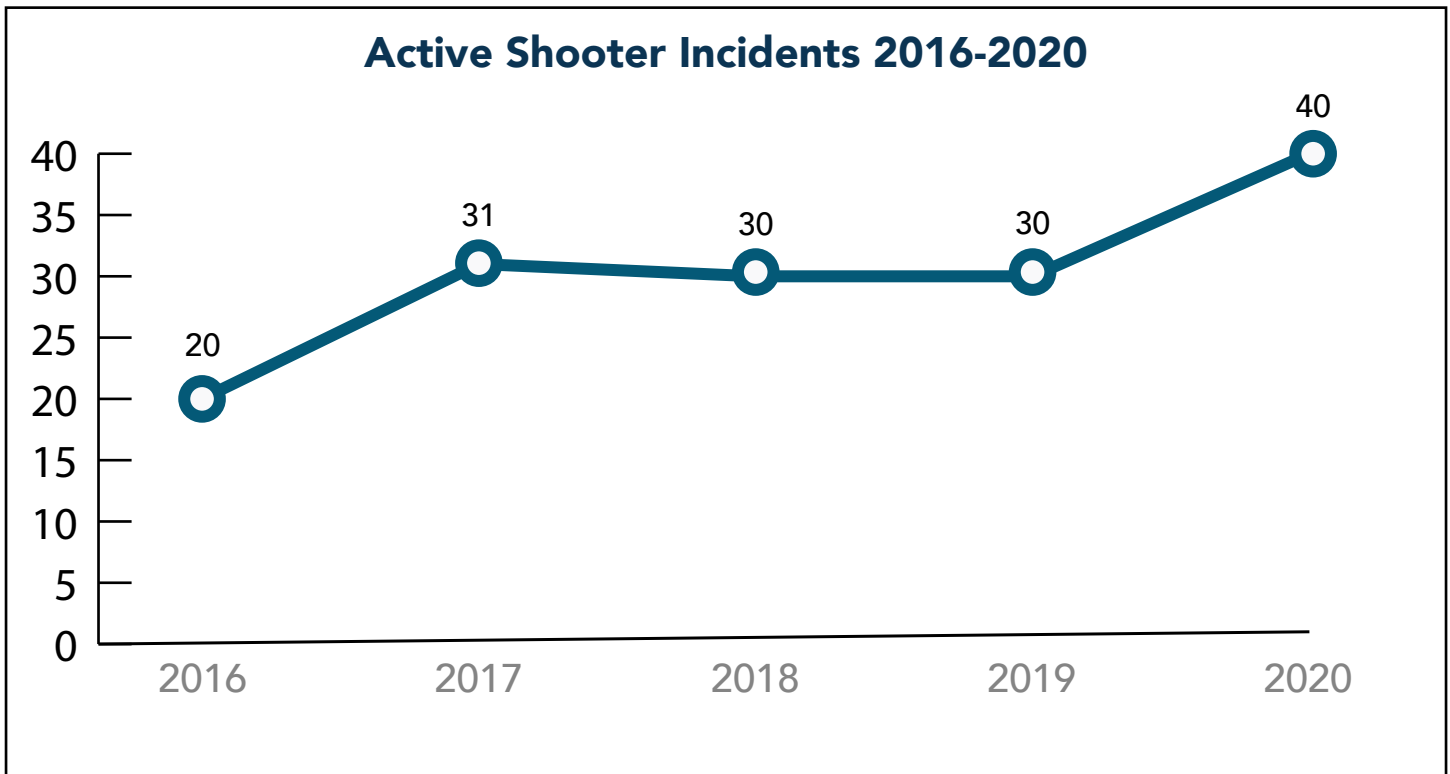
² See page 20 for incident summaries.

³ U.S. federal government agencies define an active shooter as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area." The FBI expands this definition to include more than one individual in an incident and omits the word *confined* as the term excludes incidents that occurred outside buildings.

⁴ The federal definition of "mass killing" which is defined as "three or more killings in a single incident". Derived from Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act Of 2012, 28 USC 530C(b)(1)(M)i.

⁵ Blair, J. Pete, and Schweit, Katherine W. (2014). *A Study of Active Shooter Incidents 2000-2013*, Texas State University and Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 2014.

Figure 1.



Summary

Since 2016, active shooter incident data reveals an upward trend: The number of active shooter incidents identified in 2020 represents a 33% increase from 2019 and a 100% increase from 2016. A breakdown of number of incidents by year⁵ follows:

- 2016: 20
- 2017: 31
- 2018: 30
- 2019: 30
- 2020: 40

⁶ See *Active Shooter Incidents 20-Year Review, 2000–2019* for details.

Figure 2.

By the Numbers Comparison of 2020 and 2019 Statistics

	2020	2019
↑	40 Incidents in 19 states	30 Incidents in 17 states
↓	164 casualties (excluding the shooters): 38 killed, 126 wounded	258 casualties (excluding the shooters): 103 killed, 155 wounded
↓	1 law enforcement officer killed	2 law enforcement officers killed
↓	11 law enforcement officers wounded	15 law enforcement officers wounded
↓	5 met "mass killing" definition	13 met "mass killing" definition
↓	8 incidents where law enforcement engaged the shooter	11 incidents where law enforcement engaged the shooter
↑	42 shooters: 35 male, 3 female, 4 unspecified	33 shooters: 32 male, 1 female
↓	1 shooter wore body armor	4 shooters wore body armor
↑	7 shooters committed suicide	6 shooters committed suicide
↓	4 shooters killed by law enforcement	9 shooters killed by law enforcement
↑	2 shooters killed by a citizen	1 shooter killed by a citizen
↑	24 shooters apprehended by law enforcement (5 at large)	17 shooters apprehended by law enforcement

Figure 3.

Active Shooter Incidents by Month											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	3	2	0	5	8	3	3	2	3	4	6

Summary

April had the fewest number of incidents (zero), and June had the highest number of incidents (eight). A breakdown of number of incidents by month follows:

- January: 1
- February: 3
- March: 2
- April: 0
- May: 5
- June: 8
- July: 3
- August: 3
- September: 2
- October: 3
- November: 4
- December: 6

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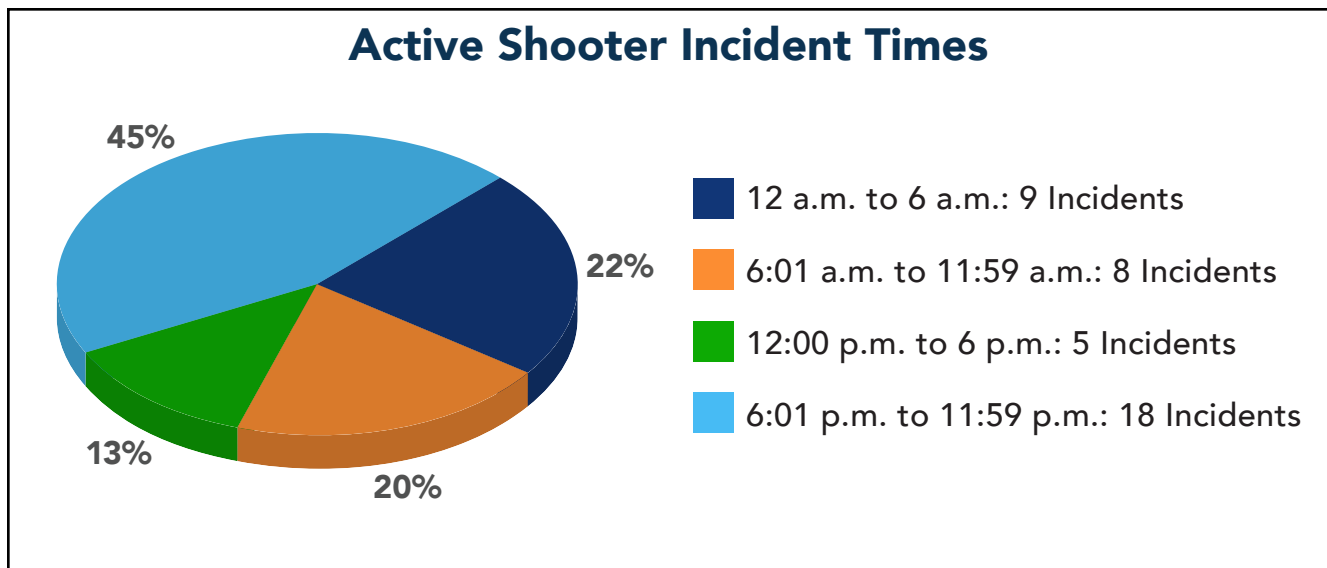
Active Shooter Incidents by Day of the Week						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	0	5	6	7	15

Summary

No active shooter incidents occurred on Tuesdays; Saturdays saw the most incidents (15). A breakdown of number of incidents by day of the week follows:

- Sunday: 3
- Monday: 4
- Tuesday: 0
- Wednesday: 5
- Thursday: 6
- Friday: 7
- Saturday: 15

Figure 5.



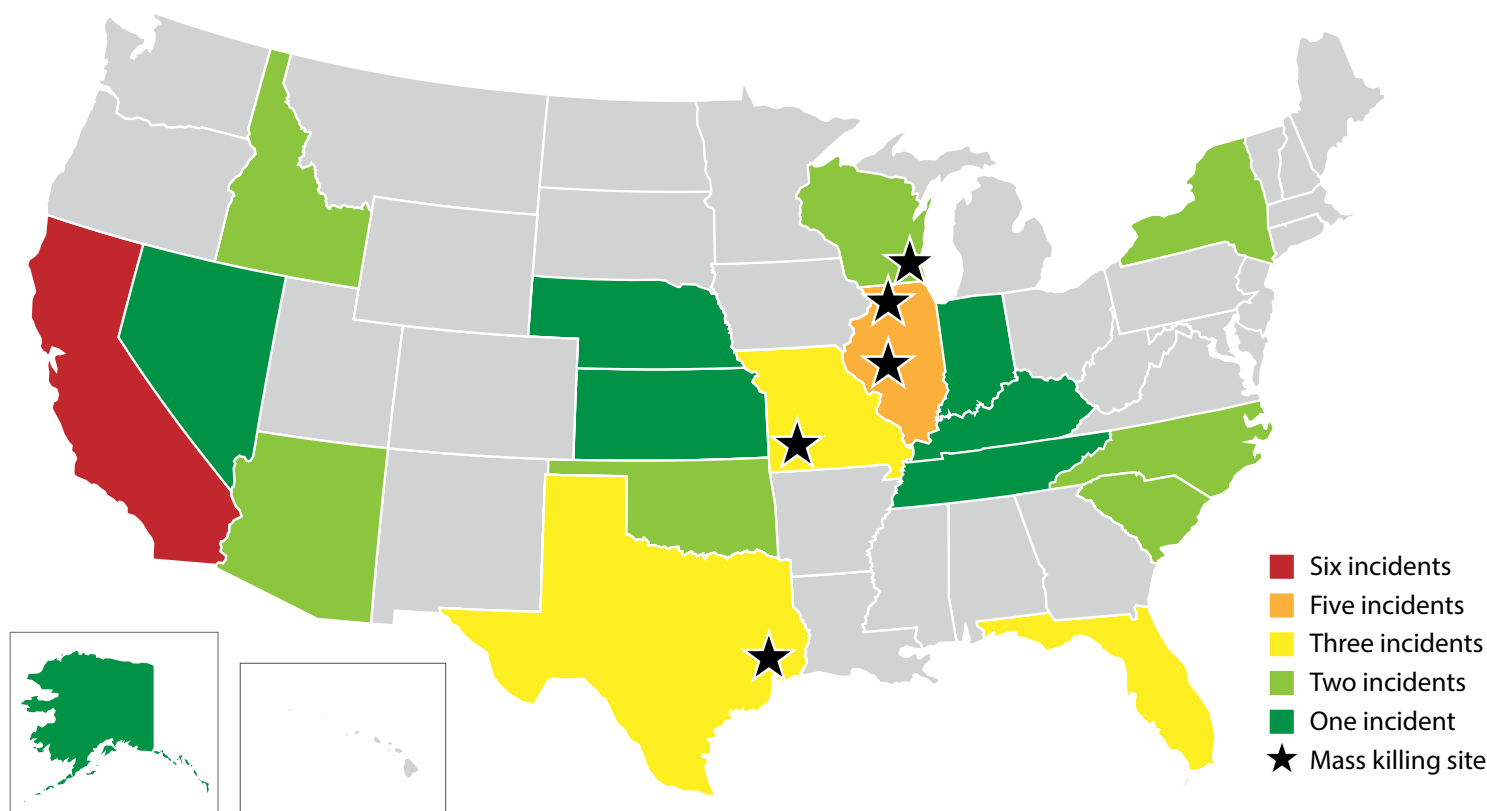
Summary

Of the 40 active shooter incidents in 2020, 58% (23 incidents) occurred during p.m. hours (between 12:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.), and 42% (17 incidents) occurred during a.m. hours (between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 a.m.). Data shows that an active shooter incident is more likely to occur (67.5%) between 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (27 incidents occurred during this timeframe). A breakdown of number of incidents by time period follows:

- 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.: 9
- 6:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.: 8
- 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: 5
- 6:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.: 18

Figure 6.

2020 Active Shooter Incident Locations



Summary

- The 40 active shooter incidents in 2020 occurred in 19 states⁷.
 - Six incidents occurred in California.
 - Five incidents occurred in Illinois.
 - Three incidents each occurred in Florida, Texas, and Missouri.
 - Two incidents each occurred in Arizona⁸, Idaho, North Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.
 - One incident each occurred in Alaska, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Nevada⁹, and Tennessee.
- Five¹⁰ of the 40 incidents met the criteria cited in the federal definition of mass killings¹¹ (three or more killings in a single incident.)¹²

⁷ One incident occurred in two states (Henderson, Nevada, and Parker, Arizona).

⁸ Multiple locations

⁹ Multiple locations

¹⁰ Molson Coors building; Kum & Go gas station; Bunn-O-Matic warehouse; multiple locations in Dayton, Texas; Don Carter Lanes

¹¹ Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012, 28 USC § 530C(b)(1)(M)(i)

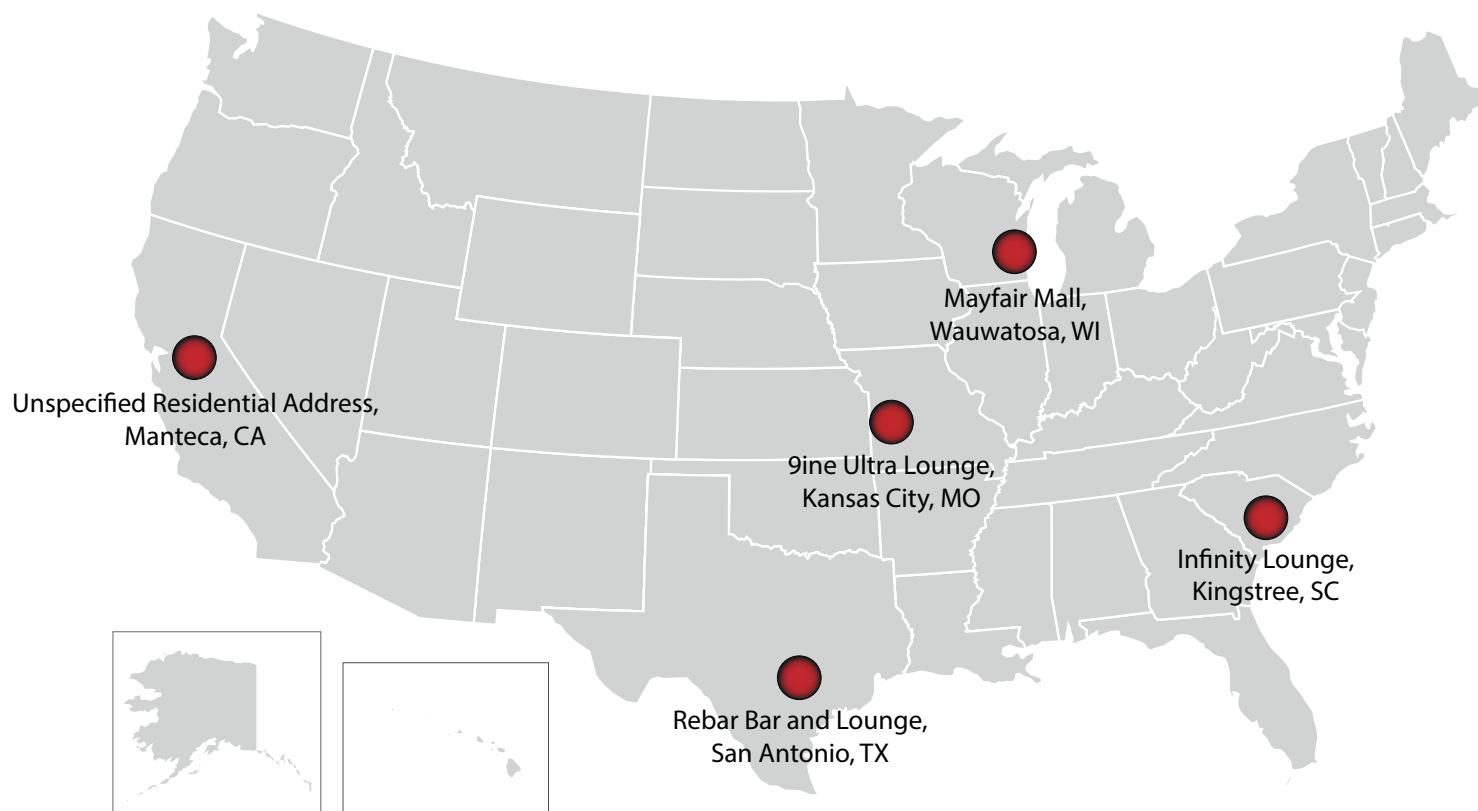
¹² The statute does not address the inclusion or exclusion of the shooter. The FBI does not include the shooter in its mass killing statistics.

Casualties

The 40 active shooter incidents reviewed in this report resulted in 164 total casualties (38 killed and 126 wounded,¹³ excluding the shooters). The incident with the highest number of total casualties (one killed and 16 wounded) occurred at 9ine Ultra Lounge in Kansas City, Missouri. The second highest number of casualties (nine wounded) occurred at an unspecified residential address in Manteca, California.

Figure 7.

2020 Active Shooter Locations with Five Highest Total Casualty Counts



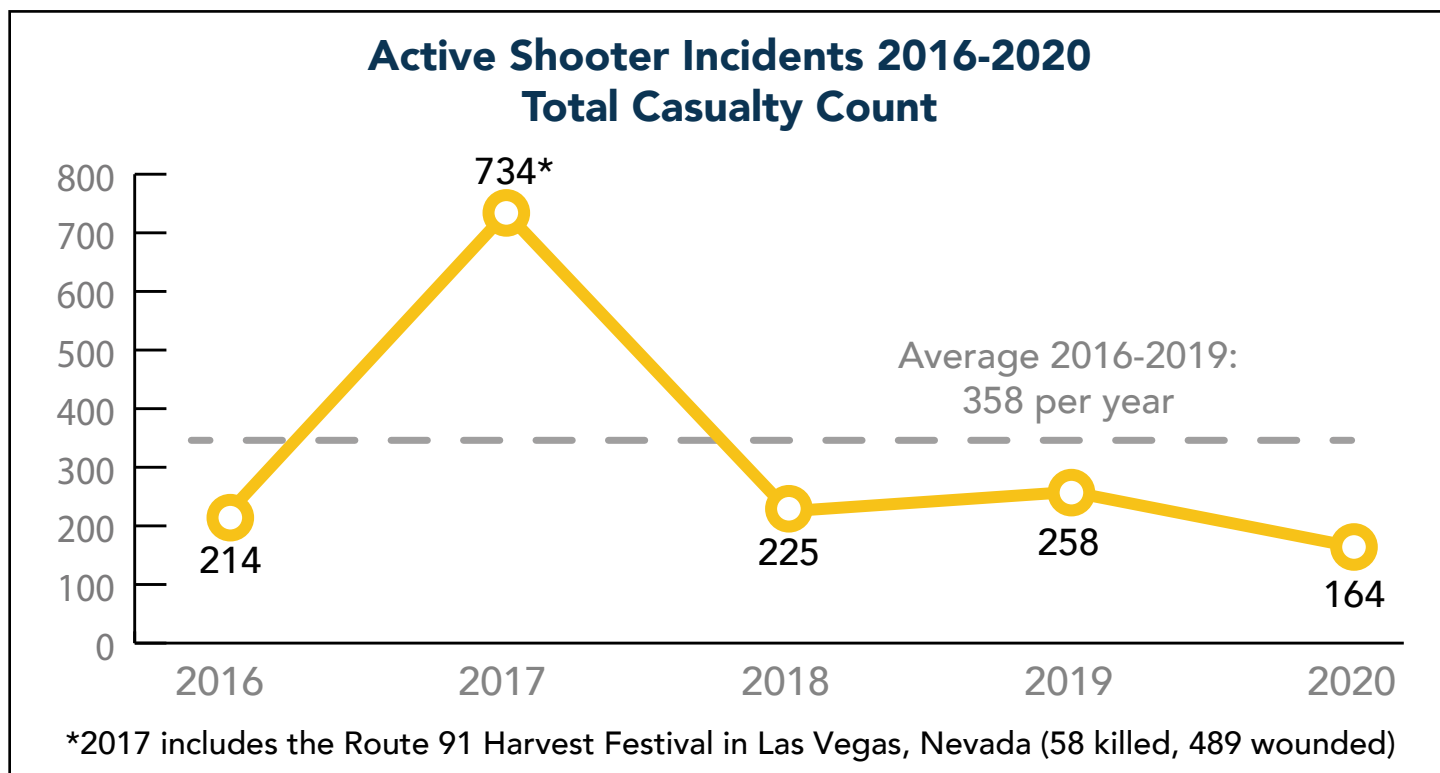
Summary

A breakdown of the incidents/locations with the five highest total casualty counts follows:

- 9ine Ultra Lounge, Kansas City, Missouri: 1 killed, 16 wounded
- Unspecified residential address, Manteca, California: 9 wounded
- Rebar Bar and Lounge, San Antonio, Texas: 8 wounded
- Infinity Lounge, Kingstree, South Carolina: 8 wounded
- Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin: 8 wounded

¹³ A number of those identified as wounded were not injured by gunfire but rather suffered injuries incidental to the shooting, such as being hit by flying objects/shattered glass or falling while running. For purposes of this study, the FBI sought to isolate the exact number of individuals who fell into this category when research permitted.

Figure 8.



Summary

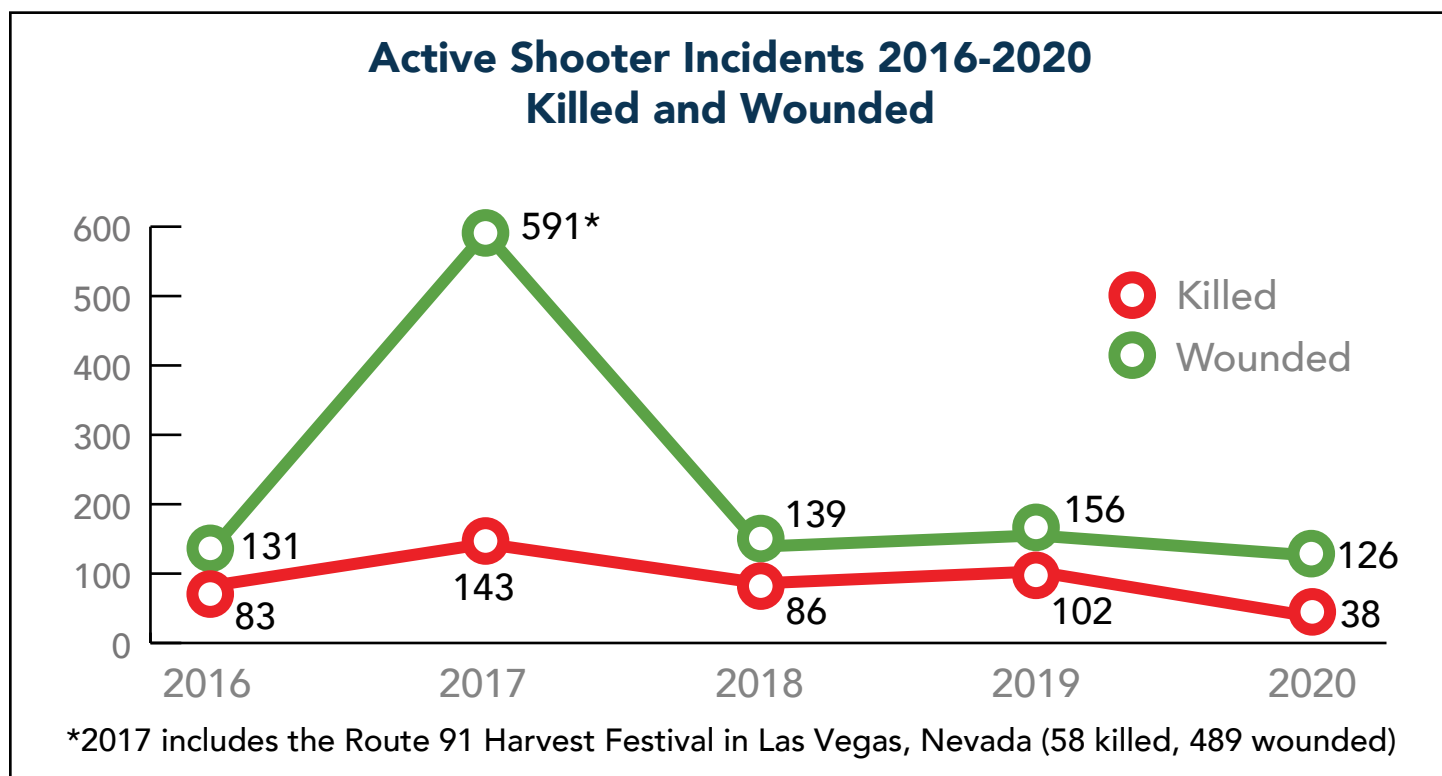
While the number of active shooter incidents doubled since 2016 (see Figure 1), casualty counts decreased to the lowest number in five years. Although there are several possible reasons for the decline in casualty counts, one potential explanation is that many people avoided public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, which presented fewer active shooter casualty opportunities in target-rich environments (i.e., restaurants, movie theatres, stadiums, workplaces, schools, etc.).

The average number of casualties for the 2016-2019 period is approximately 358 per year, even with the inclusion of the atypical Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.¹⁴ A breakdown of the number of total casualties by year follows:

- 2016: 214
- 2017: 734
- 2018: 225
- 2019: 258
- 2020: 164

¹⁴ The Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting impacts the 2017 casualty count (58 killed, 489 wounded).

Figure 9.



Summary

The highest number of deaths from an active shooter incident in 2020 occurred at the Molson Coors building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where five people were killed. The second highest number occurred at Kum & Go gas station in Springfield, Missouri, where four people were killed. There was a 63% decrease in people killed and a 19% decrease in people wounded in 2020 compared to 2019. A breakdown of the number of people killed and wounded over the past five years follows:

- 2016: 83 killed, 131 wounded
- 2017: 143 killed, 591 wounded¹⁵
- 2018: 86 killed, 139 wounded
- 2019: 102 killed, 156 wounded
- 2020: 38 killed, 126 wounded

¹⁵ 2017 includes the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada (58 killed, 489 wounded)

Law Enforcement/Security Personnel Engagement and Casualties

In eight incidents¹⁶, law enforcement engaged the shooter. In three of those incidents, law enforcement sustained injuries (one was killed and six were wounded from gunfire).

- In one incident, two responding law enforcement officers exchanged gunfire with the shooter, which resulted in one officer's death and the other officer sustaining injuries incidental to the shooting.¹⁷
- In one incident, a law enforcement officer was injured after being shot in the chest (a protective vest stopped a bullet).¹⁸
- In one incident, four law enforcement officers were wounded by gunfire over a two-day span. The first day, one responding officer was shot after the shooter opened fire at a police building. The second day, three officers were shot during an exchange of gunfire with the shooter.¹⁹

In two incidents²⁰, security personnel confronted the shooter; security personnel suffered no injuries in either incident.

Citizen Engagement and Casualties

In one incident²¹, an unarmed citizen confronted the shooter and ended the incident, which resulted in no casualties.

¹⁶ Kum & Go gas station; Super 8 hotel; Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; multiple locations in Paso Robles, California; Walmart distribution facility; residential neighborhood in Eagle River, Alaska; Tin Cup Campground; and Vons gas station

¹⁷ Kum & Go gas station

¹⁸ Naval Air Station Corpus Christi

¹⁹ Multiple locations in Paso Robles, California

²⁰ 9ine Ultra Lounge; unspecified shopping center in Tulsa, Oklahoma

²¹ In Centennial Bridge, an active-duty soldier assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, waiting in traffic, intervened by striking the shooter with his vehicle, ending the shooting.

Locations²²



Twenty-four of the 40 active shooter incidents occurred in areas of commerce, resulting in 31 killed and 81 wounded.

- Nineteen incidents²³ occurred in business environments open to the public, resulting in 21 killed, including one store owner²⁴, three employees²⁵, and one law enforcement officer.²⁶ Sixty-four were wounded, including four employees²⁷ and one law enforcement officer.²⁸ Two of the shooters were known to be employees of the businesses (one was the owner).
- Of the 19 shooters, one of the shooters wore body armor. Eleven shooters were apprehended by law enforcement (four at the scene and seven at other locations), one shooter was killed by law enforcement at the scene, one shooter was killed by an armed citizen at the scene, and one shooter was killed by armed citizen/security personnel at the scene. One shooter committed suicide before police arrived at the scene, and three shooters committed suicide after police arrived at the scene. There were two incidents in which there were no casualties.²⁹
- Four incidents³⁰ occurred in business environments closed to pedestrian traffic, resulting in 10 killed from three separate incidents³¹ involving 10 employees. Nine were wounded, including four employees (two from injuries incidental to the shooting). Two shooters were employees³², and one shooter was a previous employee.³³ One shooter was apprehended at the scene, one shooter committed suicide at the scene, one shooter committed suicide when confronted by law enforcement at another location, and one shooter remains at large.³⁴

²² In A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013, the FBI identified 11 locations where the public was most at risk during an incident. These locations include commercial areas (divided into businesses open to pedestrian traffic, businesses closed to pedestrian traffic, and malls), education environments (divided into schools [pre-kindergarten through 12th grade] and institutions of higher learning), open spaces, government properties (divided into military and other government properties), residences, houses of worship, and health care facilities. In 2018, the FBI identified an additional location category (Other Location) to capture incidents that occurred in venues other than the 11 previously identified locations.

²³ Nine Ultra Lounge; Kum & Go gas station; unspecified shopping center in Tulsa, Oklahoma; McDonald's restaurant; Super 8 hotel; Westgate Entertainment District; Indoor Comfort and Heating; Rebar Bar and Lounge; Giuseppe's Pizzeria; Applebee's restaurant; Vons gas station; East Market & Restaurant; Infinity Lounge; Sahara Theater; Sports Unlimited Bar and Lounge; Sonic restaurant; La Vaquita Deli; Don Carter Lanes; and Epic Ultra Lounge

²⁴ La Vaquita Deli

²⁵ Indoor Comfort and Heating

²⁶ Kum & Go gas station

²⁷ McDonald's restaurant

²⁸ Kum & Go gas station

²⁹ Unspecified shopping center in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Vons gas station

³⁰ Molson Coors building; Bunn-O-Matic warehouse; Walmart distribution facility; Get Glammed Beauty Bar

³¹ Molson Coors building; Bunn-O-Matic warehouse; Walmart distribution facility

³² Bunn-O-Matic warehouse; Molson Coors building

³³ Walmart distribution facility

³⁴ Get Glammed Beauty Bar

- One incident³⁵ occurred in a mall, resulting in eight people wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

Ten³⁶ of the 40 incidents occurred in **open space**³⁷ locations, resulting in three killed³⁸ and 28 wounded.

- None of the shooters wore body armor. Four shooters were apprehended by law enforcement (two at the scene and two at other locations), one shooter was killed by an off-duty law enforcement officer at the scene, and two shooters remain at large.³⁹
- In one incident, four law enforcement officers were wounded.⁴⁰

Three⁴¹ of the 40 incidents occurred on **government property**, resulting in three wounded (two law enforcement officers and one naval air station security force guard).

- None of the shooters wore body armor. Two shooters were apprehended by law enforcement at the scene; one shooter was killed by law enforcement at the scene.
- Two incidents occurred on **military property**,⁴² resulting in one wounded (naval air station security force guard).

Three⁴³ of the 40 incidents occurred at **residence(s)**, resulting in four killed and 14 wounded, including one law enforcement officer.

- None of the shooters wore body armor. One shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location; one shooter committed suicide at the scene after law enforcement arrived.

None of the 40 incidents occurred in the following locations during 2020:

- **Education environments**⁴⁴
- **Houses of worship**⁴⁵
- **Health care facilities**
- **Other locations**

³⁵ Mayfair Mall

³⁶ Centennial Bridge; residential neighborhood in Eagle River, Alaska; Jefferson Square Park; multiple locations in Paso Robles, California; multiple locations in Tampa, Florida; Tin Cup Campground; multiple locations in Henderson, Nevada, and Parker, Arizona; Interstate 95; "Next Generation All Gas" protest/block party; West Garfield Park

³⁷ Open Spaces are public and private properties accessible to the public. Incidents are categorized as occurring in open space if taken place primarily in an open-air location rather than beginning or ending inside a building. Examples include, but are not limited to, incidents where the shooter is firing from a moving car; the shooter acts while walking or running through public streets, open parking lots, or parks; and the shooter is firing at an outside concert or festival audience.

³⁸ Jefferson Square Park; multiple locations in Henderson, Nevada, and Parker, Arizona; multiple locations in Paso Robles, California

³⁹ "Next Generation All Gas" protest/block party; West Garfield Park

⁴⁰ Multiple locations in Paso Robles, California

⁴¹ Bronx, NYPD 41st Precinct office; Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; U.S. Army Recruiting Station

⁴² Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; U.S. Army Recruiting Station

⁴³ Portstewart Senior Apartments; multiple locations in Dayton, Texas; unspecified residential address in Manteca, California

⁴⁴ Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, many schools were not in session for the greater part of 2020.

⁴⁵ Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, many houses of worship had limited participation for a large part of 2020.

The Shooters

- Forty-two shooters carried out 40 active shooter incidents.⁴⁶ Thirty-five shooters were male⁴⁷, three were female, and four were unspecified. Thirty-nine shooters acted alone, and three shooters acted together.
- The youngest shooter was 15 years old; the oldest shooter was 87 years old. A breakdown of the shooters' ages follows:
 - Teens: 1
 - 20s: 9
 - 30s: 16
 - 40s: 4
 - 50s: 3
 - 60s: 2
 - 70s: 1
 - 80s: 1
 - Unknown: 5
- One shooter wore body armor.
- Twenty-four shooters were apprehended by law enforcement (10 at the scene and 14 at another location).
- Four shooters were killed by law enforcement, and two shooters were killed by an armed citizen.
- Seven shooters committed suicide (one at the scene before law enforcement arrived, four at the scene after law enforcement arrived, one at the scene [unspecified]⁴⁸, and one at another location before police arrived).
- One shooter was the business owner⁴⁹, three shooters were employees⁵⁰, and one shooter was a former employee.⁵¹

⁴⁶ At the time of publication, five shooters remain at large: unspecified residential address in Manteca, California; "Next Generation All Gas" protest/block party; West Garfield Park; Get Glammed Beauty Bar; Epic Ultra Lounge. One shooter for each incident has been factored into the total number of shooters.

⁴⁷ The gender for four shooters at large is unavailable ("Next Generation All Gas" protest/block party; West Garfield Park; Get Glammed Beauty Bar; Epic Ultra Lounge).

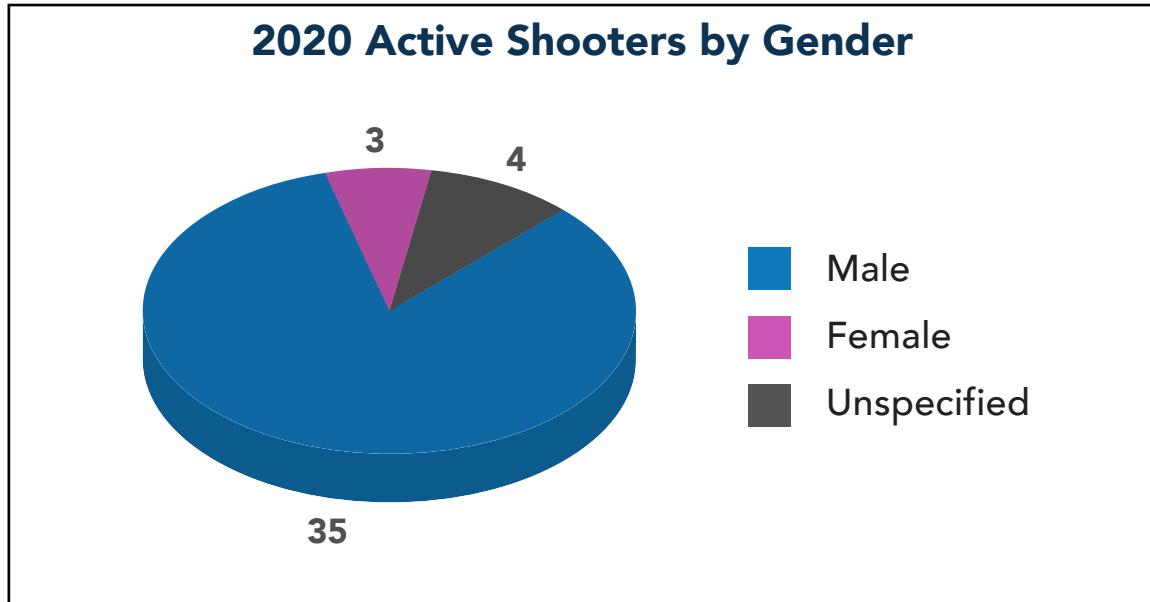
⁴⁸ Molson Coors building

⁴⁹ Indoor Comfort and Heating

⁵⁰ Bunn-O-Matic warehouse; Giuseppe's Pizzeria; Molson Coors building

⁵¹ Walmart distribution facility

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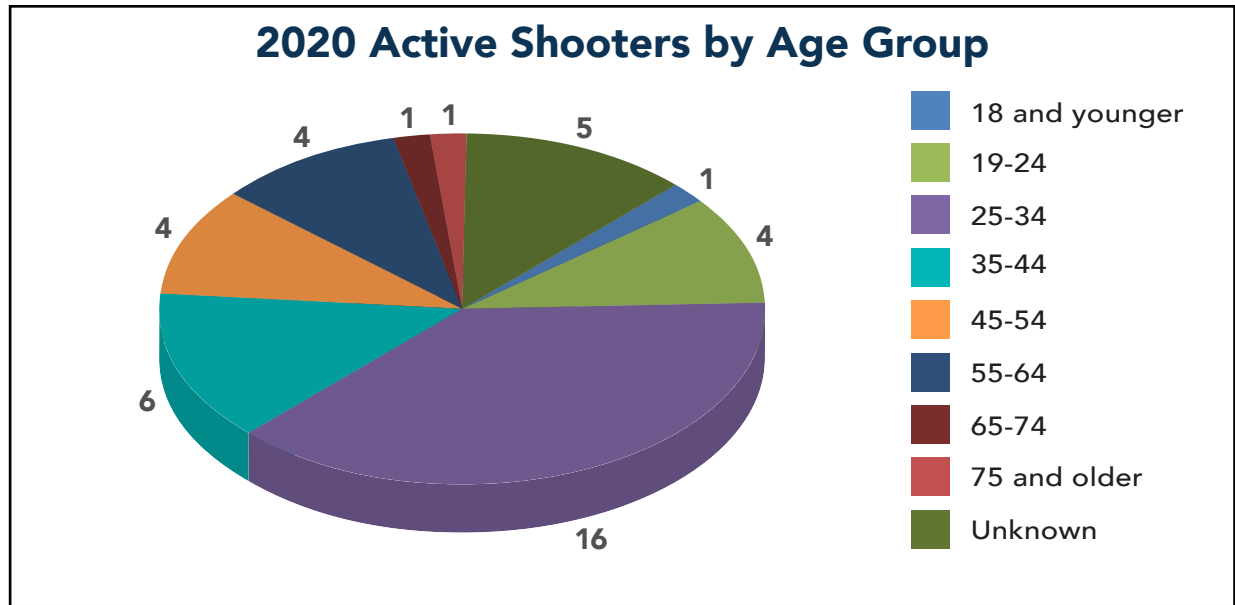


Summary

A breakdown of the number of shooters by gender follows:

- Male: 35
- Female: 3
- Unspecified: 4

Figure 11.

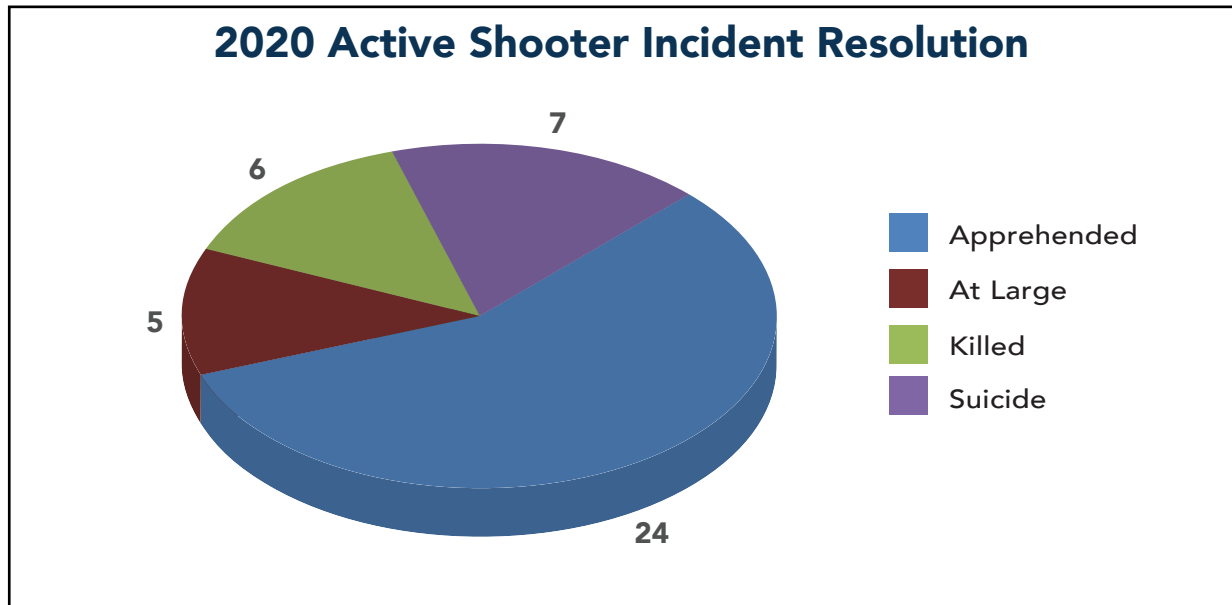


Summary

A breakdown of the number of shooters by age group follows:

- 18 and younger: 1
- 19-24: 4
- 25-34: 16
- 35-44: 6
- 45-54: 4
- 55-64: 4
- 65-74: 1
- 75 and older: 1
- Unknown: 5

Figure 12.



Summary

A breakdown of incident resolutions for active shooters follows:

- Apprehended: 24
- At large: 5
- Killed: 6
- Suicide: 7

Recap and Conclusion

The FBI designated 40 shootings in 2020 as active shooter incidents. Thirty-eight people were killed and 126 wounded, excluding the shooters. The highest number of casualties (one killed and 16 wounded) occurred at 9ine Ultra Lounge in Kansas City, Missouri. The second highest number of casualties (nine wounded) occurred at an unspecified residential address in Manteca, California.

One law enforcement officer was killed. Eleven law enforcement officers were wounded (10 by gunfire, one from injuries incidental to the shooting). Two officers wounded by gunfire also sustained incidental injuries.

The 40 incidents were carried out by 42 shooters. Thirty-five shooters were male, three were female, and four were unspecified. Single shooters carried out 39 incidents; three shooters operating together carried out one incident.⁵² The shooters ranged in age: The youngest was 15 years old, and the oldest was 87 years old. One shooter wore body armor. Twenty-four shooters were apprehended by law enforcement, four shooters were killed by law enforcement officers, two shooters were killed by an armed citizen, seven shooters committed suicide, and five shooters remain at large.

Twenty-four active shooter incidents occurred in **commerce-related environments**. Four shooters were current employees (one shooter was the company owner), and one shooter was a former employee.

Ten incidents occurred in **open spaces**: two at a park; two at multiple urban and suburban locations, one in a neighborhood, one in a downtown area, one on a bridge, one in a campground, one on an interstate, and one at a public protest.

Three incidents occurred in **residences**: two attributed to neighbor grievances and one at a house party.

Three incidents occurred on **government property**: one at a police department, one at a naval air station, and one at a military recruiting center.

None of the total 40 incidents occurred in **educational environments, health care facilities, or houses of worship**.

In two incidents, security personnel confronted and killed the shooter; they suffered no casualties in either incident. An unarmed citizen confronted the shooter in one incident (an active-duty soldier waiting in traffic intervened by striking the shooter with his vehicle, ending the shooting). There were no citizen casualties.

⁵² Multiple locations in Henderson, Nevada, and Parker, Arizona.

Active shooter incidents in 2020 (40) increased by 33% compared to 2019 (30) and 100% compared to 2016 (20). Conversely, casualty counts are lower for 2020 (164) when compared to 2019 (258), indicating a 36.4% decrease. 2020 casualty data represents the lowest number in five years (2016-2020). Deaths are significantly down: 2020 saw 38 deaths compared to 103 killed in 2019, representing a 63% decrease. There were 126 wounded in 2020 compared to 2019, which saw 155 wounded, an 18.7% decrease.

Five of the 40 incidents met the criteria cited in the federal definition of mass killings. When compared to 2019, when there were 13 incidents that met the criteria, 2020 mass killings were down by 61% (or one for every eight incidents). 2019 mass killing numbers accounted for almost half the overall count, or one every second incident.

Although 2020 witnessed the highest rate of active shooter incidents for the period 2000 to 2020,⁵³ casualties were significantly lower. There could be several reasons for the sharp decline in casualty counts. One potential explanation is that many people avoided public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, which presented fewer active shooter casualty opportunities in traditional target-rich environments (i.e., restaurants, movie theatres, sports stadiums, workplaces, schools, etc.). 2020 did see several national and prominent public protests drawing large crowds of people, essentially presenting a target-rich environment. However, there were only two active shooter incidents in these environments in 2020; the casualty totals for these two incidents accounted for one killed and six wounded.

The FBI remains dedicated to assisting federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement in its active shooter prevention, response, and recovery efforts, as well as to training its international law enforcement partners. The FBI remains steadfast in its efforts to train private citizens, as it is imperative that citizens understand the risks faced and the resources available in an active shooter situation.

⁵³ See *Active Shooter Incidents 20-Year Review, 2000 -2019* for details.

2020 Active Shooter Incident Summaries



As explained in the introduction to this report, the FBI evaluated and identified 40 active shooter incidents that occurred in 2020. Summaries of these incidents are listed below.

1. 9ine Ultra Lounge (Commerce)

On January 19, 2020, at 11:30 p.m., an identified male, 29, armed with two handguns, began shooting outside the 9ine Ultra Lounge in Kansas City, Missouri. The subject got into an altercation with other patrons and was refused entry. The subject retrieved a weapon from his vehicle and began shooting at the line of people outside. One person was killed; 16 people were wounded. An armed security guard shot and killed the subject.

2. NYPD 41st Precinct Office (Government)

On February 8, 2020, at approximately 8:30 p.m., an identified male, 45, armed with a handgun, began shooting at a marked New York Police Department (NYPD) van in Bronx, New York. One officer was wounded; the subject fled the scene. At approximately 8:00 a.m. the following day, the subject opened fire inside the NYPD 41st Precinct office, wounding one (an NYPD lieutenant). In total, two people were wounded. The subject surrendered when his handgun ran out of ammunition and was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

3. Portstewart Senior Apartments (Residence)

On February 20, 2020, at approximately 4:18 p.m., an identified male, 87, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside the Portstewart Senior Apartments in Caldwell, Idaho. One person was killed; three people were wounded. The shooter committed suicide at the scene.

4. Molson Coors Building (Commerce)

On February 26, 2020, at approximately 2:08 p.m., an identified male, 51, armed with two handguns (one with a silencer), began shooting inside the Molson Coors building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Five employees were killed. The shooter committed suicide at the scene.

5. Kum & Go Gas Station (Commerce)

On March 15, 2020, at approximately 11:24 p.m., an identified male, 31, armed with a handgun and a rifle, began shooting in a Kum & Go gas station in Springfield, Missouri. Police exchanged gunfire with the shooter. Four people were killed (including one officer and one employee); two people were wounded (including one officer). The shooter committed suicide after law enforcement arrived.

6. Unspecified Shopping Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Commerce)

On March 27, 2020, at approximately 6:20 p.m., an identified female, 34, armed with a handgun, began firing at people standing outside a shopping center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were no casualties reported. The shooter was killed by an armed security guard at the scene before law enforcement arrived.

7. McDonald's Restaurant (Commerce)

On May 6, 2020, at approximately 6:20 p.m., an identified female, 32, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside a McDonald's restaurant in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Four people (employees) were wounded. The shooter was found several blocks away and arrested by law enforcement.

8. Super 8 Hotel (Commerce)

On May 17, 2020, at approximately 12:38 a.m., an identified male, 35, armed with two handguns, began shooting inside the Super 8 hotel in Rockford, Illinois. Law enforcement arrived at the Super 8 hotel lobby to meet with the 911 caller. The shooter appeared in the lobby and began firing. One person was killed; two people were wounded. The shooter committed suicide at the scene following an exchange of gunfire with law enforcement.

9. Westgate Entertainment District (Commerce)

On May 20, 2020, at approximately 7:25 p.m., an identified male, 20, armed with a rifle, began shooting inside the Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale, Arizona. Three people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

10. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (Government)

On May 21, 2020, at approximately 6:00 a.m., an identified male, 20, armed with a handgun, shotgun, and a rifle, drove his vehicle up to the gate of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi in Corpus Christi, Texas, and began shooting at the security force guards. One person was wounded (NAS security force guard). The shooter was killed by the security force guards at the scene following an exchange of gunfire.

11. Centennial Bridge (Open Space)

On May 27, 2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m., an identified male, 37, armed with a handgun and a rifle, began randomly firing at vehicles on Centennial Bridge in Leavenworth, Kansas. An active-duty soldier assigned to Fort Leavenworth waiting in traffic saw the event unfold, determined it was an active shooter, and intervened by striking the shooter with his vehicle, ending the encounter. One person was wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

12. Indoor Comfort and Heating (Commerce)

On June 1, 2020, at approximately 8:56 a.m., an identified male, 48, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside the Indoor Comfort and Heating business in Paris Landing, Tennessee. Two people were killed. The shooter committed suicide at the scene.

13. Multiple Locations in Paso Robles, California (Open Space)

On June 10, 2020, at approximately 3:45 a.m., an identified male, 26, armed with three handguns, began shooting at the San Luis Obispo County Police Department building in Paso Robles, California, wounding one responding officer. The subject continued shooting at the Paso Robles train station, where he killed a man. In total, one person was killed; four law enforcement officers were wounded. The shooter was killed by law enforcement the following day during an exchange of gunfire.

14. Rebar Bar and Lounge (Commerce)

On June 12, 2020, at approximately 11:30 p.m., an identified male, 37, armed with a rifle, began shooting at patrons outside of Rebar Bar and Lounge in San Antonio, Texas after being denied entry. Eight people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement six days later.

15. Giuseppe's Pizzeria (Commerce)

On June 19, 2020, at approximately 11:45 a.m., an identified male, 56, armed with a rifle, began shooting inside Giuseppe's Pizzeria in Sebastian, Florida. One person was killed. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

16. Applebee's Restaurant (Commerce)

On June 22, 2020, at approximately 9:30 p.m., an identified male, 28, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside an Applebee's restaurant in St. John, Missouri. One person was killed; two people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at a residence the next day.

17. Bunn-O-Matic Warehouse (Commerce)

On June 26, 2020, at approximately 11:03 a.m., an identified male, 48, armed with two handguns, began shooting inside the Bunn-O-Matic warehouse in Springfield, Illinois. Three people were killed. The shooter committed suicide at another location.

18. Walmart Distribution Facility (Commerce)

On June 27, 2020, at approximately 3:30 p.m., an identified male, 31, armed with a rifle, drove a vehicle into a Walmart distribution facility in Red Bluff, California, exited the vehicle, and began firing inside the building. Two people were killed; four people were wounded. Law enforcement responded to the scene and exchanged gunfire with the shooter. The shooter sustained a gunshot wound and subsequently died at the hospital.

19. Jefferson Square Park (Open Space)

On June 27, 2020, at approximately 8:59 p.m., an identified male, 23, armed with a handgun, began shooting into a large crowd of people in Jefferson Square Park in Louisville, Kentucky. One person was killed. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

20. Unspecified Residential Address in Manteca, California (Residence)

On July 25, 2020, at approximately 12:00 a.m., an unidentified male, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside a residence in a neighborhood of Manteca, California. Nine people were wounded. The shooter remains at large.

21. Residential Neighborhood in Eagle River, Alaska (Open Space)

On July 30, 2020, at approximately 6:20 a.m., an identified male, 57, armed with a rifle, began shooting within a residential neighborhood in Eagle River, Alaska. Law enforcement responded to the scene after reports of gunfire. One person was wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

22. Multiple Locations in Tampa, Florida (Open Space)

On July 30, 2020, at approximately 6:52 p.m., an identified male, 31, armed with a rifle, began shooting in multiple locations in Tampa, Florida. Five people were wounded, (Including one law enforcement officer). The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

23. Tin Cup Campground (Open Space)

On August 1, 2020, at approximately 10:15 p.m., an identified male, 73, armed with a handgun, began shooting in the Tin Cup Campground within the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Challis, Idaho. There were no casualties reported. The shooter was killed by an off-duty law enforcement officer at the scene.

24. Multiple Locations in Dayton, Texas (Residence)

On August 17, 2020, at approximately 11:15 a.m., an identified male, 60, armed with a shotgun and a rifle, went to a neighbors' home in Dayton, Texas, where he shot and killed two people. The subject proceeded to another residence, where he shot and killed a man. The subject then went to a third home, where he shot two people, wounding both. In total, three people were killed; two people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

25. Vons Gas Station (Commerce)

On August 21, 2020, at approximately 11:15 a.m., an identified male, 42, armed with a handgun, began shooting at Vons gas station in Nipomo, California. There were no casualties reported. The shooter was killed by law enforcement during an exchange of gunfire at the scene.

26. Interstate 95 in Nashville, North Carolina (Open Space)

On September 5, 2020, at approximately 6:45 p.m., an identified male, 33, armed with a shotgun, began shooting at cars on Interstate 95 in Nashville, North Carolina. Responding law enforcement located and pursued the vehicle for 60 miles across the North Carolina-Virginia state line. Three people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

27. “Next Generation All Gas” Protest/Block Party (Open Space)

On September 5, 2020, at approximately 3:00 a.m., an unidentified individual began shooting at the “Next Generation All Gas” protest/block party in Williston, Florida. Six people were wounded. The shooter remains at large.

28. East Market & Restaurant (Commerce)

On October 3, 2020 at approximately 3:10 p.m., an identified male, 33, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside East Market & Restaurant in Sacramento, California. Two people were killed; one person was wounded. The shooter committed suicide at the scene before law enforcement arrived.

29. Infinity Lounge (Commerce)

On October 10, 2020, at approximately 2:00 a.m., an identified male, 34, armed with a rifle, began shooting at the Infinity Lounge in Kingstree, South Carolina. The incident began after the shooter was removed from the club following an altercation. Following his removal, the subject began firing into the building from the road and subsequently fled the scene. Eight people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

30. Sahara Theater (Commerce)

On October 31, 2020, at approximately 1:35 a.m., an identified male, 34, armed with a rifle, began shooting outside the Sahara Theater in Anaheim, California. Five people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location 47 days later.

31. Sports Unlimited Bar and Lounge (Commerce)

On November 7, 2020, at approximately 12:10 a.m., an identified male, 34, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside the Sports Unlimited Bar and Lounge in Rock Hill, South Carolina. One person was killed; three people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location four days later.

32. Mayfair Mall (Commerce)

On November 20, 2020, at approximately 2:50 p.m., an identified male, 15, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside the Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Eight people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location the following day.

33. Sonic Restaurant (Commerce)

On November 21, 2020, at approximately 9:23 p.m., an identified male, 23, armed with two handguns and a shotgun, began shooting inside the Sonic restaurant in Bellevue, Nebraska. Two people were killed; two people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

34. Multiple Locations in Henderson, Nevada, and Parker, Arizona (Open Space)

On November 26, 2020, at approximately 12:54 a.m., two identified males, 30 and 28, and an identified female, 25, armed with handguns, began shooting inside and outside a 7-Eleven convenience store in Henderson, Nevada. The shooters also reportedly drove around shooting at citizens in Parker, Arizona. One person was killed; four people were wounded. The shooters were apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

35. West Garfield Park (Open Space)

On December 4, 2020, at approximately 10:50 p.m., an unidentified individual fired shots from the street at a group of people standing in West Garfield Park in Chicago, Illinois. Four people were wounded. The shooter remains at large.

36. La Vaquita Deli (Commerce)

On December 12, 2020, at approximately 6:10 p.m., an identified male, 62, armed with a handgun, began shooting inside the La Vaquita Deli in Copiague, New York. Two people were killed; two people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at another location.

37. U.S. Army Recruiting Station (Government)

On December 14, 2020, at approximately 6:21 p.m., an identified male, 36, armed with a handgun, began shooting at a U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Greensboro, North Carolina. There were no casualties reported. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

38. Get Glammed Beauty Bar (Commerce)

On December 19, 2020, at approximately 12:24 a.m., an unidentified individual opened fire during an after-hours party at the Get Glammed Beauty Bar in Chicago, Illinois. Five people were wounded. The shooter remains at large.

39. Don Carter Lanes (Commerce)

On December 26, 2020, at approximately 6:55 p.m., an identified male, 37, armed with two handguns, began shooting inside and outside the Don Carter Lanes bowling alley in Rockford, Illinois. Three people were killed; three people were wounded. The shooter was apprehended by law enforcement at the scene.

40. Epic Ultra Lounge (Commerce)

On December 31, 2020, at approximately 10:00 p.m., an unidentified individual began shooting outside the Epic Ultra Lounge in Indianapolis, Indiana. One person was killed; three people were wounded. The shooter remains at large.