

# General School Shooting Statistics

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/02/150-000-american-students-have-experienced-a-school-shooting.html>

- 150,000+ American Students Have Experienced a School Shooting (Washington Post)
- Together, America's school shooting survivors would make up a city the size of Savannah, Georgia or Syracuse, New York. (Washington Post)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-america-school-shootings-20180215-story.html>

- Since 2000, there have been more than 188 shootings at schools and universities. Between 2000 and 2010, the recorded 57 incidents in 36 countries. Half of those incidents — 28 — occurred in the United States. That's right. In U.S. schools, there was as much violence as schools in:
  - Argentina
  - Australia
  - Azerbaijan
  - Belgium
  - Bosnia-Herzegovina
  - Brazil
  - Bulgaria
  - Canada
  - China
  - Denmark
  - England
  - Finland
  - France
  - German
  - Greece
  - Guatemala
  - Hungary
  - India
  - Israel
  - Italy
  - Japan
  - Kenya
  - Latvia
  - Netherlands
  - Northern Ireland
  - Norway
  - Poland
  - Russian Federation
  - Scotland
  - South Africa
  - South Korea
  - Swaziland
  - Thailand
  - Trinidad and Tobago
  - Yemen
  - **Combined**

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/21/politics/gun-polls-data/index.html>

- 77% of people surveyed by The Washington Post and ABC News this month said they believe Congress isn't doing enough to address mass casualty shootings.
- A Quinnipiac University poll from December found that 68% of those surveyed at the time support a ban on modifications -- like bump fire stocks -- that turn semiautomatic weapons into full automatic weapons.
- 67% of those surveyed by Quinnipiac University this week said they support a nationwide assault weapons ban.
- 97% of those surveyed in the Quinnipiac University believe background checks should be required to purchase a gun.

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/02/15/america-s-history-of-school-shootings>

- Since 2013, there have been 291 school shootings in the US, which averages out to about one every week, according to Every Town for Gun Safety.
- Last year, 65 shootings were reported at schools and universities.
- So far this year, at least 1,827 people have been killed in gun violence in the US and 3,142 injured, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

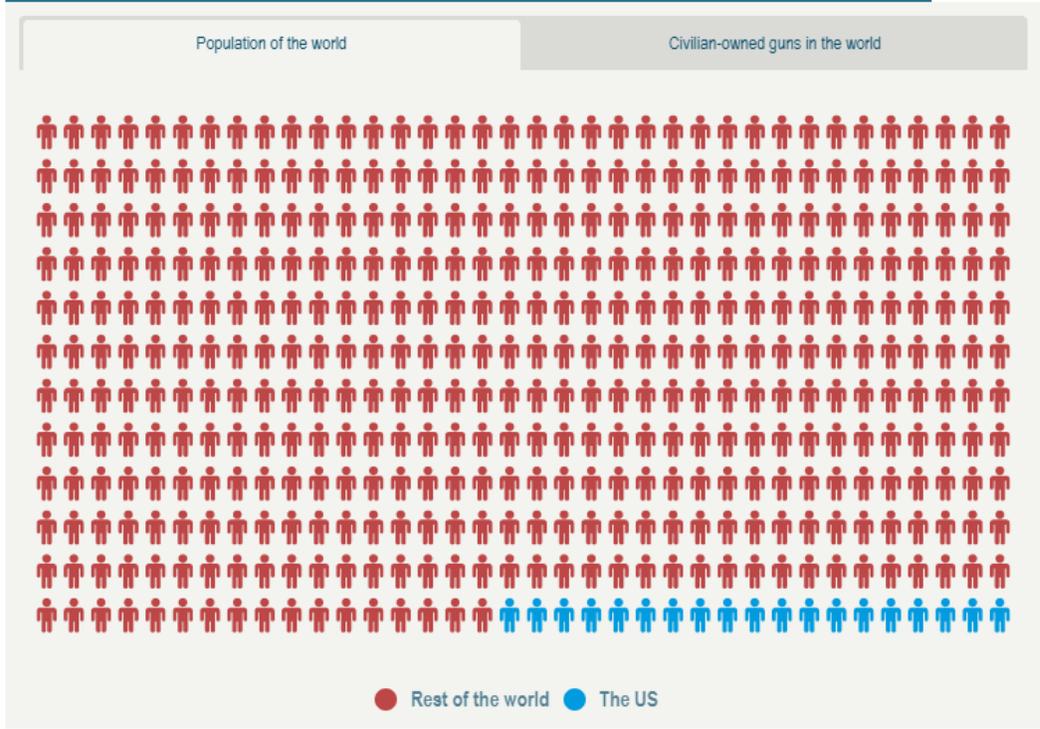
## US school shootings: in numbers



Source: Every Town ([everytownresearch.org](http://everytownresearch.org))

## How many people own guns in the US?

The US makes up **4.4** percent of the world's population but has almost **half** of the civilian-owned guns around the world.



<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2018/02/another-school-shooting-but-whos-counting/553412/>

- Under pressure from the National Rifle Association, Congress in 1996 prohibited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from funding public-health research on issues related to firearms. These prohibitions have largely persisted, and there is still no comprehensive federal database on gun deaths, let alone on school shootings.

<https://www.campusafetymagazine.com/safety/u-s-school-shooting-statistics-us/>

- The **CDC counted** 123 instances of students using guns in school-related homicides or suicides between July of 1992 and June of 1999. Of these 123 school shootings, here's some statistics on the attackers:
  - 93.5 percent of the shooters were male
  - Five students used two firearms each
  - 26.8 percent of the shooters committed suicide
  - 69.1 percent of the shooters perpetrated a homicide
  - Of those homicides, 15.6 percent of shooters killed multiple people
- **Everytown for Gun Safety**, a nonprofit organization that advocates for gun control, has tracked 254 school shootings in America since 2013, defining school shootings as public reports that a gun was fired inside a school building or on school grounds. Of the first 160 incidents (tracked through 2015), **the group's analysis** gives us the following statistics:
  - 84 incidents occurred at K-12 schools (or 53 percent of the total)
  - 76 incidents occurred at colleges or universities
  - In more than half of the incidents, the shooters intentionally injured or killed at least one other person with a gun (an act other groups defined as targeted violence)
  - Nearly one in six shootings occurred after a confrontation or verbal argument
  - 12 shootings were unintentional
  - No one was injured in 33 of the shootings on school grounds

<https://hellogiggles.com/news/national-school-walkout-day-posters/>

- *The Washington Post* estimates that there have been at least 188 shootings on school and university campuses since 2000.
- **300 million:** That's how many guns Americans are estimated to own, according to *The Post*. It averages out to roughly one gun per person.
- **\$54 million:** According to *The Los Angeles Times*, the National Rifle Association (and its affiliate, the NRA Institute for Legislative Action) donated a whopping \$54 million to political candidates during the 2016 election cycle. More than \$30 million of that was spent in support of President Donald Trump.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/2/21/17028930/gun-violence-us-statistics-charts>

- The US has nearly six times the gun homicide rate of Canada, more than seven times that of Sweden, and nearly 16 times that of Germany, according to **United Nations data** compiled by the Guardian.

- According to [CNN](#), “The US makes up less than 5% of the world’s population, but holds 31% of global mass shooters.”
- Estimated in 2007, the number of civilian-owned firearms in the US was 88.8 guns per 100 people, meaning there was almost one privately owned gun per American and more than one per American adult. The world’s second-ranked country was Yemen, a quasi-failed state torn by civil war, where there were 54.8 guns per 100 people. Another way of looking at that: Americans make up less than 5 percent of the world’s population yet own roughly 42 percent of all the world’s privately held firearms.

[https://ballotpedia.org/United\\_States\\_school\\_shootings,\\_1990-present](https://ballotpedia.org/United_States_school_shootings,_1990-present)

The breakdown of regional gun violence in K-12 schools is as follows:

- **Midwest:** 43 incidents of gun violence, which resulted in 26 fatalities and 65 injuries
  - Deadliest incident: [Red Lake High School](#) massacre on March 21, 2005, where 16-year-old Jeffrey Weise killed five fellow students, one teacher and a security guard before killing himself.
- **Northeast:** 12 incidents of gun violence, which resulted in 38 fatalities and 21 injuries
  - Deadliest incident: [Sandy Hook Elementary School](#) massacre on December 14, 2012, where 20-year-old Adam Lanza killed 20 children and 6 adults before taking his own life.
- **South:** 75 incidents of gun violence, which resulted in 47 fatalities and 126 injuries
  - Deadliest incident: [Westside Middle School](#) massacre on March 24, 1998, where 11-year-old Andrew Golden and 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson killed five fellow students and injured ten others.
- **West:** 55 incidents of gun violence, which resulted in 65 fatalities and 124 injuries
  - Deadliest incident: [Columbine High School](#) massacre on April 20, 1999, where 18-year-old Eric Harris and 17-year-old Dylan Klebold killed twelve students and one teacher, before turning the guns on themselves.

# Resources from Every Town for Gun Safety

<https://everytownresearch.org/>

- Every day, 96 Americans are killed with guns.

<https://everytownresearch.org/how-many-gun-dealers-are-there-in-your-state/>

- As of 2013, the United States has 58,344 Federally Licensed Gun Dealers. That's nearly twice the number of post offices—and 98.4% of Americans live within 10 miles of a gun dealer. 95.3% of Californians live within 10 miles of a gun dealer.

<https://everytownresearch.org/school-shootings/>

- The definition for a school shooting: any time a firearm discharges a live round inside or into a school building or on or onto a school campus or grounds, as documented by the press and, when necessary, confirmed through further inquiries with law enforcement or school officials. Incidents in which guns were brought into schools but not discharged are not included. The database is updated as new shootings occur or as new evidence emerges about prior incidents.

## 290 School Shootings In America Since 2013

MAPS

GUNS IN PUBLIC PLACES

All

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

