

Note by Canadian journalist Donna Laframboise (BigPicNews.com):

Violence at institutions of higher learning is a separate matter, and is not discussed in the US Dept. of Education's "[School Climate and Safety](#)" report released in April 2018. The nine incidents highlighted in yellow are therefore not relevant.

This discussion is about how dangerous public schools are to those who attend them and work in them. Deaths of students and staff are counted, while deaths of perpetrators from whatever cause are not.

This list, [captured from Wikipedia](#) on 10 Sept. 2018, contains 18 incidents dated August 2016 to June 2016.

Only nine relate to public schools. In six of these incidents, no students or staff died. (In the April 23, 2016 incident, the perpetrator died after being shot by police.)

The November 20, 2015 incident resulted in one death, the February 12, 2016 incident in two deaths, and the June 8, 2016 incident in one death - for **a total of four fatalities during the 2015-2016 school year.**

Wikipedia is not exhaustive. Nevertheless, there's a gaping chasm between this number and the "over 100" schools that "reported a school-related homicide" according to the Dept. of Education.

August 27, 2015	Savannah, Georgia	1	0	22-year-old student Christopher Starks was fatally shot in a student union building at Savannah State University . The shooter has not been identified. ^[483]
September 3, 2015	Sacramento, California	1	2	A man was arguing with at least one other person escalated into a physical fight on the parking lot of Sacramento City College . A man opened fire, killing a 25-year-old student and wounding two others. The shooting suspect has not been arrested. ^[484]
September 14, 2015	Cleveland, Mississippi	2	0	A geography professor at Delta State University fatally shot a fellow history professor. The geography professor was chased by police and eventually died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. ^[485]
September 30, 2015	Harrisburg, South Dakota	0	1	A principal was shot in the arm and wounded at Harrisburg High School after an argument with a student. The suspect, a 16-year-old student at the school, was taken into custody and is charged with first-degree attempted murder. ^[486]
October 1, 2015	Roseburg, Oregon	10	9	Umpqua Community College shooting : At around 10:40 a.m. PDT, a gunman, later identified as 26-year-old student Christopher Harper-Mercer, opened fire in a hall on the Umpqua Community College campus, killing eight students and one teacher, and injuring nine others. The gunman later committed suicide after engaging responding police officers in a brief gunfight. ^[487]

October 9, 2015	Flagstaff, Arizona	1	3	One student died and three others were wounded in a shooting at Northern Arizona University . It is unclear what sparked the shooting, which took place near Mountain View Hall, a dormitory that houses most of the campus' students involved in Greek organizations. An 18-year-old student was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault. ^[488]
October 9, 2015	Houston, Texas	1	1	One person died and another person was injured after someone opened fire outside a Texas Southern University dorm. ^[489]
October 22, 2015	Nashville, Tennessee	1	3	One person was killed and three others were wounded in a shooting at an outdoor courtyard at Tennessee State University . The shooting may have stemmed from an argument over a dice game. A suspect has not been identified or arrested. ^[490]
November 1, 2015	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	1	1	One person died and another person was injured after someone opened fire on the campus of Winston-Salem State University . A 21-year-old non-student suspect is sought. ^[491]
November 20, 2015	North Las Vegas, Nevada	1	0	A 16-year-old student was fatally shot during a fight after school hours that involved multiple people on the campus of Mojave High School . ^[492]
January 22, 2016	Indianapolis, Indiana	0	1	A 15-year-old male was shot in the leg and injured during a night-time basketball game at Lawrence Central High School . ^[493]
January 29, 2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	0	0	A gunshot was fired during a fight in a stairwell at Franklin High School , and no injuries were reported. Three people were detained. ^[494]
February 9, 2016	Muskegon Heights, Michigan	0	4	Four people, including two students, were injured during a basketball game event in the parking lot of Muskegon Heights High School . ^[495]
February 12, 2016	Glendale, Arizona	2	0	Two 15-year-old girls died in an apparent Murder-Suicide at Independence High School . ^[496]
February 29, 2016	Middletown, Ohio	0	4	15-year-old Cameron Smith, and 14-year-old Cooper Caffrey, were shot when 14-year-old James Austin Hancock, opened fire in the Madison High School cafeteria with a .380 caliber handgun. 15-year-old Brant Murray, and 14-year-old Katherine Douchette, also suffered shrapnel injuries. ^[497] Hancock was apprehended in a nearby wooded field. ^[498]

April 23, 2016	Antigo, Wisconsin	1	2	Two students at a prom at Antigo High School were shot and injured by 18-year-old former student Jakob Wagner. Wagner later exchanged fire with a school resource officer in the school's parking lot, and was captured after being shot and wounded by police. He died hours later in a hospital.
June 1, 2016	Los Angeles, California	2	0	2016 UCLA shooting . Mainak Sarkar, age 38, a Ph.D. student, killed his former professor, William S. Klug, age 39, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, in an engineering building at UCLA . Sarkar then killed himself. Sarkar, who lived in Minnesota , also killed his ex wife, Ashley Hasti, age 31, in her Brooklyn Park, Minnesota home. ^[499] ^[500]
June 8, 2016	Dorchester, Massachusetts	1	3	One student was killed and three other individuals were injured when gunfire erupted outside of the Jeremiah Burke High School following a fire-alarm causing an evacuation of the school. Two suspects have been arrested. ^[501]