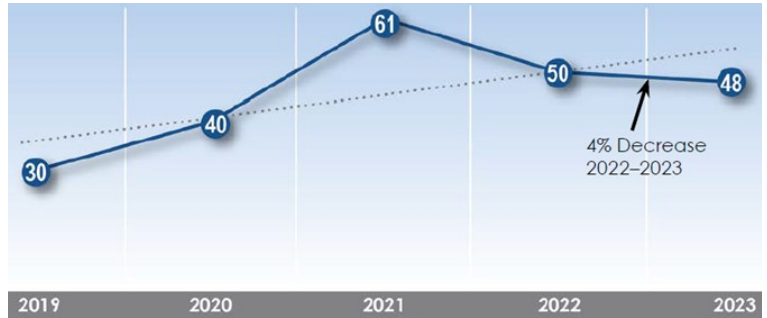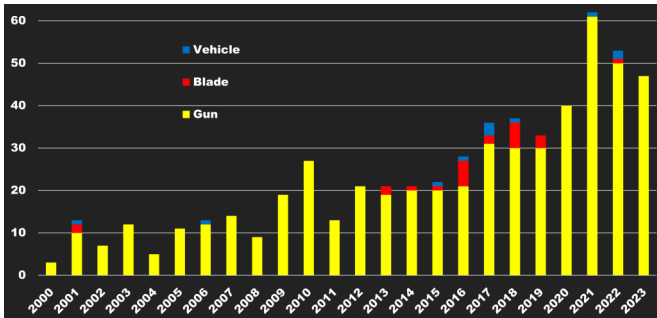# 2000-2023 Active Attack Data

This data includes all active attacks identified from 2000–2023 by the FBI and ALERRT. It is a rolling list; as new events happen, or are found, the data adjusts accordingly. There have been **567** active attacks identified.

PRIMARY WEAPON

Vehicle: 11 (1.94%)

Blade: 24 (4.23%)

Gun: 532 (93.83%); *breakdown of guns:*
- Pistol: 318 (59.77%)
- Rifle: 161 (30.26%)
- Shotgun: 46 (8.65%)
- Unknown: 7 (1.32%)

Multiple weapons used in 31.39%

NUMBER OF ATTACKERS

1 Attacker: 553 (97.53%)

2 Attackers: 11 (1.94%)

3 Attackers: 3 (0.53%)

An active attack can include spillover from a previous event, such as a gang attack, that leads to killing unrelated people. Such events are included above.

ATTACKER DEMOGRAPHICS

African American: 168 (29.63%)

Asian: 22 (3.88%)

Caucasian: 269 (47.44%)

Latino: 70 (12.35%)

Middle Eastern: 16 (2.82%)

Other: 4 (0.71%)

Unknown: 18 (3.17%)

Female: 16 (2.8%)

Male: 551 (97.2%)

VICTIM TOTALS

Wounded: 2531 (Median: 2)

Killed: 1382 (Median: 1)

Total: 3913 (Median: 4); *breakdown of relationship between victim/ attacker:*
- No Relationship: 363 (64.02%)
- Current/Former Employee: 92 (16.23%)
- Current/Former Student: 64 (11.29%)
- Other: 48 (8.47%)

ATTACK LOCATIONS

Business: 263 (46.38%)

School: 76 (13.40%)

Public/Outdoors: 152 (26.81%)

Church: 19 (3.35%)

Military Base: 6 (1.06%)

Other: 51 (8.99%)

RESOLUTION

Prior to LE Arrival: 326 (57.50%)
- Shot by Civilian: 27 (4.76%)
- Subdued by Civilian: 53 (9.35%)
- Suicide before Police Arrival: 77 (13.58%)
- Flee the Scene: 169 (29.81%)

After LE Arrival: 241 (42.50%)
- Shot by Police: 125 (22.05%)
- Subdued by Police: 51 (8.99%)
- Suicide after Police Arrival: 48 (8.47%)
- Surrendered: 17 (3.00%)

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

Officers teaching CRASE are trained through Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT™). The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course is designed and built on the Avoid Deny Defend™ strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004.

Per the US Department of Homeland Security, "an Active Shooter is an individual or individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use a firearm (s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims." If you experience an active shooter event, follow the Avoid Deny Defend strategy:

Avoid starts with your state of mind
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Have an exit plan.
- Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible.
- The more distance and barriers between you and the threat, the better.

Deny when getting away is difficult or impossible
- Keep distance between you and the source.
- Locking doors is good, barricading them is better
- Turn the lights off.
- Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.

Defend because you have the right to protect yourself
- If you cannot Avoid or Deny, be prepared to defend yourself.
- Be aggressive and committed to your actions.
- Do not fight fairly.
- Use the element of surprise if possible

Additional Resources

- **CRASE Part 2**, including basic gunshot trauma care, tourniquet use, and practice in striking an attacker and grabbing the gun | April 24 from 1-3:30 pm or November 19 from 6-8:30 pm at the MPD Training Center (5702 Femrite Drive, Madison) | To sign up, email crase@cityofmadison.com with your name and the training date you plan to attend
- **Identifying & Reporting Concerning Behavior** | fbi.gov/how-we-investigate/behavioral-analysis
- **Active Shooter Preparedness** | cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/active-shooter-preparedness and avoiddenydefend.org
- **First Aid & Basic Trauma Care** | American Red Cross and stopthebleed.org