

**Deadly Force Incidents (DFI's) at Faith-Based Organizations in the U. S.
(includes abductions [& attempts], attacks, suspicious deaths, suicides &
deadly force intervention / protection) from 1/1/1999 through 1/31/2018**

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	1727	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN MURDER	483	27.97%
Total attacks where the motive (triggers) was discovered	1335	
Robbery	351	26.29%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	208	15.58%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	184	13.78%
Mental illness	145	10.86%
Gang related (Gang or likely gang related that included drugs are in drugs category). It is reasonable to assume many of the PC & robbery cases were gang-related as well, but are not confirmed	116	8.69%
Bias (against any form of religion, race or people group)	76	5.69%
Drug related	50	3.75%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	205	15.36%
Number of DFI's occurring based upon the TOP 3 known single issue triggers -- (Domestic Violence, Personal conflict and robbery)	743	55.66%
Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	1791	%
Gun	1033	57.68%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	271	15.13%
Auto	111	6.20%
Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	92	5.14%

Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	284	15.86%
Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		
Total killed and injured	1577	
Killed	623	39.51%
Injured	954	60.49%
Male victims (killed)	410	65.81%
Female victims (killed)	213	34.19%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	68	10.91%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	330	52.97%
Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if known only by description) aggressors	1761	
Male	1604	91.08%
Female	157	8.92%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	377	21.41%
Incident Statistics		
Occurred inside the building	428	25.49%
Occurred outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1251	74.51%
Occurred during church wide event	649	38.29%
Occurred when no church wide event was happening	1046	61.71%
Single attacker	1019	74.33%
Multiple attackers	352	25.67%
Total deadly force incident stats by year		

<p>Year NOTE: As more and more news media began to use the internet for posting news, the stories became much more discoverable year by year until 2009 when most all news media outlets were using the internet. So incident rates prior to 2009 are due largely to the increased availability of information. However there is an unmistakable increase in incidents. Prior to 1963 there had never been a mass murder (4 or more dead from any one attack) associated with a faith-based property. The Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue attack (October 27, 2018) was the 15th mass murder attack since 1963</p>	<p>Total non-accidental deaths (Homicide, suicide, unsolved suspicious and aggressors killed in action)</p>	<p>Total Incidents</p>
1999	22	10
2000	9	6
2001	4	6
2002	11	9
2003	13	9
2004	3	4
2005	19	10
2006	30	27
2007	39	41
2008	50	64
2009	54	108
2010	51	102
2011	52	107
2012	76	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	78	249
2016	65	246
2017	118	261
2018 (11 months of data not yet complete)	8	21
TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS & INCIDENTS SINCE 1/01/1999	821	1727
<u>Where attacks occurred by denomination</u>		

While there are many branches of "Baptist" (as 1 example), there has been no attempt to clarify specific branches of that or other major denominations. While the "Church of God" may be different from "COGIC", they are in the same category (as another example). I apologize for any offense some may have with such groupings; the intent is to track the frequency of deadly force incidents at faith-based ministries.

Denominational affiliation (some DFI's affected more than 1 site -- i.e. 7/2/2009, 10/29/2010)	Number of incidents	Percentage
Unknown and unaffiliated	398	23.1%
Baptist	375	21.7%
Catholic	244	14.1%
Methodist	116	6.7%
Lutheran	65	3.8%
Presbyterian	62	3.6%
Parachurch organizations or school	46	2.7%
Church of God / COGIC	47	2.7%
Mormon (LDS)	43	2.5%
Church of Christ	45	2.6%
Islamic	36	2.1%
Episcopal	34	2.0%
Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	27	1.6%
Christian Church (the denomination)	26	1.5%
Pentecostal	25	1.4%
Jewish	22	1.3%
Assembly of God	21	1.2%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	14	0.8%
Nazarene	12	0.7%
7th Day Adventist	12	0.7%
Unitarian	7	0.4%
Buddhist	6	0.3%
Jehovah's Witness	5	0.3%
Foursquare	5	0.3%
Evangelical Free	3	0.2%
Scientology	2	0.1%
Other	23	1.3%