

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 12/31/2020

	NUM	%
TOTAL DFI's (Deadly Force Incidents)	2361	
NUMBER OF DFI's WHERE THE ATTACK RESULTED IN MURDER	624	26.43%

Total attacks where the primary motive (trigger) was discovered	1901	
Robbery	464	24.41%
Domestic Spillover (Domestic relationship violence that found it's way onto ministry property and resulted in a DFI)	269	14.15%
Personal Conflict (disagreement between 2 or more non-domestic-related people that erupted into a DFI)	271	14.26%
Mental illness	191	10.05%
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	132	6.94%
Bias (against any form of religion, race or people group)	96	5.05%
Drug related	71	3.73%
Random and other (including rare triggers)	407	21.41%

THE BIG 3 (ROBBERY, DOMESTIC AND PERSONAL CONFLICT)	1004	52.81%
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Total incident weapons known (some attacks had more than one weapon)	2473	%
Gun	1414	57.18%
Knife (or other stabbing weapon)	375	15.16%
Auto	159	6.43%
Explosives / Fire (includes bombs, Molotov Cocktails and arson when people were inside)	145	5.86%
Other (poison, beating, hanging, various objects)	380	15.37%

Victim Statistics (not including suicide or attacker KIA)		
Total killed and injured	2016	
Killed	784	38.89%
Injured	1232	61.11%
Male victims (killed)	529	67.47%
Female victims (killed)	254	32.40%
Staff or volunteer with ministry (killed)	90	11.48%
Affiliated (member, past member, vendor, benevolence recipient) with ministry (killed)	373	47.58%

Aggressor Statistics		
Total known (even if no description but sex) aggressors	2381	
Male	2170	91.14%
Female	211	8.86%
Associated (member, past member, spouse of member, employee, volunteer, vendor) with ministry	444	18.65%

Total aggressors (including those with no description) and their status	2875	
Suicide	159	5.53%
KIA	104	3.62%
Arrested	1562	54.33%
Unknown or at-large	1050	36.52%

Incident Statistics		
Occurred (or began) inside the building	532	23.21%
Occurred (or began) outside on ministry property, parking lot or activity location	1760	76.79%
Occurred during event	836	36.83%
Occurred when no event was happening	1434	63.17%
Single attacker	1421	75.19%
Multiple attackers	469	24.81%

Total deadly force incident stats by year		
In columns at the right, the first column is number of non-accidental violence caused deaths (Homicide, suicide, unsolved suspicious and aggressors killed in action). The next column is total Deadly Force Incidents	Total Deaths	Total Incidents
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	77	139
2013	45	132
2014	74	176
2015	78	249
2016	65	246
2017	118	261
2018	88	261
2019	74	216
2020	71	178

**TOTAL DEADLY FORCE DEATHS & INCIDENTS
SINCE 1/01/1999**

1047

2361

Where attacks occurred by denomination

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 (no data) or unaffiliated (non-denominational)	520	22.0%
Baptist	494	20.9%
Catholic	322	13.6%
Methodist	177	7.5%
Lutheran	89	3.8%
Presbyterian	75	3.2%
Church of Christ	76	3.2%
Church of God / COGIC	63	2.7%
Mormon (LDS)	59	2.5%
Parachurch organizations or school	59	2.5%
Islamic	49	2.1%
Episcopal	50	2.1%
Christian Church (the denomination)	47	2.0%
Pentecostal	46	1.9%
Foreign Ethnic houses of Worship in U.S.	38	1.6%
Jewish	36	1.5%
Assembly of God	31	1.3%
7th Day Adventist	21	0.9%
Christian Orthodox (Including Greek and others)	18	0.8%
Nazarene	15	0.6%
Buddhist	9	0.4%
Jehovah's Witness	9	0.4%
Unitarian	8	0.3%
Evangelical Free	8	0.3%
Foursquare	6	0.3%
Scientology	3	0.1%
Other	33	1.4%
Total of known organizational ties	2361	100%