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Nearly a shooting per week at US schools since Sandy Hook

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There have been at least 161 shootings at schools and colleges in the US — an average of nearly one per week — in the three years since the massacre in Newtown, Conn., according to a nonprofit that tracks the violence.

The <u>data</u> from the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, which advocates for gun control, includes any instance in which a firearm was discharged inside a school building or on school property. The organization says it verifies each entry in its database by reviewing media reports and consulting with law enforcement officials.

Monday is the third anniversary of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. Twenty students and six adults were killed. The gunman also killed his mother at their home before the rampage, and he later killed himself.

The figures include 98 shooting attacks that resulted in injury or death. In 31 other cases, no one was injured by the gunfire. Nineteen of the shootings were suicides or attempted suicides with no apparent intent to injure anyone else, and there were 13 cases in which a gun was reportedly fired unintentionally but resulted



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in injury or death.

Five of the shootings were at preschools, 23 at elementary schools, 13 shootings at middle schools, 47 at high schools, and 73 at college and university campuses.



Newtown quietly marks anniversary

Flags are flying at half-staff across Connecticut in honor of the 26 people killed three years ago in the Sandy Hook massacre.

There were 38 shootings at schools nationwide during 2013, 60 last year and 63 so far this year.

There have only been two shootings at schools in New England — both in Maine — over the past three years.

The state with the most shootings at schools since the start of 2013 is Georgia, where there have been 17, followed by Florida (15), Texas (14), North Carolina (12), and Tennessee (10).

The Everytown organization formed when two groups — Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Moms Demand Action



for Gun Sense in America — merged in 2013, about one year after the Newtown massacre.

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