

Intended and Targeted Victims

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This is a listing of school shooters who targeted specific people or groups of people in their attacks. In most cases, their targets were killed or wounded, but in some cases the intended victims survived unscathed. The chart also lists people whom the shooters thought about killing, even if they changed their minds prior to the attack or made no effort to seek them out during the attack. The term “prior” is used in cases of homicidal thoughts or behavior that occurred months or years before the shooting, and thus was not part of the perpetrator’s intent at the time of the attack. This data was compiled because knowledge about victim selection is useful in understanding the perpetrators’ motives.

In many cases, it was clear that certain victims were targeted. In some cases, however, this was ambiguous; these cases are indicated by stating that the perpetrator “may have” or “reportedly” targeted one or more victims. Victims are only included if there is reason to think that they were actually targeted. In other cases, for example, teachers may have been shot, but there is no indication that they were singled out; i.e., they appear to have simply been in the wrong place at the wrong time. The category of “females” includes primarily those shooters with homicidal thoughts towards girls or women who rejected them or who were homicidal toward females in general. I added to this category that of “romantic partners” (in parentheses) to include those female shooters who targeted former male partners.

Though not in the chart, many adult shooters shot young children. Rather than committing attacks against people their own age, they sought out much younger victims. These shooters include Andrew Kehoe, Tyrone Mitchell, Laurie Dann, James Wilson, Patrick Purdy, Thomas Hamilton, Duane Morrison, Charles Roberts IV, Bruco Eastwood, Brendan O’Rourke, Wellington de Oliveira, and Adam Lanza. Several of these singled out girls as victims.

In addition, envy may have been a factor in many shootings beyond those in which specific rivals were killed.

The perpetrators are listed in chronological order. Details about them and their attacks can be found in my books and at schoolshooters.info.

Perpetrator	Bully	Rival	Family	Females (romantic partners)	Staff
Andrew Kehoe			Killed wife <i>Prior:</i> may have killed stepmother		Killed superintendent
Wesley Clow					Killed professor
Verlin Spencer					Shot six colleagues among administration and faculty
Walter Seifert				Planned to abduct girls to molest them	

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Charles Whitman			Killed wife and mother <i>Prior:</i> homicidal thoughts toward father	Wife and mother could also be listed as female victims	
Robert Smith			<i>Prior:</i> homicidal intent toward father	May have targeted women in attack; had fantasies of killing women	<i>Prior:</i> considered killing teachers
Robert Cantor					Shot two professors
Steven Guy					Shot several school staff
Michael Slobodian					Targeted two teachers; he killed one of them
Robert Poulin			Considered killing parents	Killed girl he had crush on	
Edward Allaway				May have targeted woman he wanted to marry	May have targeted university co-workers
Patrick Lizotte					Killed teacher
Kelvin Love					Killed professor
Su Yong Kim				Killed woman who rejected him	
Heather Smith				(Killed ex-boyfriend)	
Floyd Warmesley					Targeted principal
Van Hull					Shot financial aid staff
Kristofer Hans					Targeted a teacher
Jarrold Huskey					Shot two staff
Laurie Dann				(Tried to kill ex-husband with arsenic)	

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Nicholas Elliott	Reportedly sought to kill peer who harassed him				
Patrick Purdy			<i>Prior:</i> threatened mother		
Azizollah Mazooni				Killed woman who rejected him	
Marc Lépine			<i>Prior:</i> homicidal thoughts toward sister	Shot female students	
Gang Lu		Killed academic rival			Killed faculty members and administrator
Eric Houston					Killed teacher
Valery Fabrikant					Shot colleagues in his department
Wayne Lo					Talked about killing residence staff; began attack by shooting security officer
Gary Scott Pennington					Killed teacher
Mark Duong					Shot three university personnel
Steven Leith					Killed superintendent, wounded principal and teacher
Clay Shrout			Killed parents and two sisters		Planned to kill teacher and assistant principal
Phu Cuong Ta					Shot two guidance counselors
Toby Sincino					Shot two teachers, then tried to enter guidance office but door was locked

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Jamie Rouse			<i>Prior:</i> pointed gun at brother	<i>Prior:</i> thoughts of killing girl who rejected him	Targeted teachers; talked about killing principal
Barry Loukaitis		Killed romantic rival	Homicidal thoughts toward father		Killed teacher
Frederick Davidson					Killed three professors
Evan Ramsey	Killed peer who picked on him			Thought about killing his ex-girlfriend	Killed principal
Luke Woodham			Killed mother	Killed ex-girlfriend	
Michael Carneal		Shot high-achieving peers he envied		May have targeted two girls	Talked about killing administrators
Andrew Golden				Shot girl who rejected him	Shot teacher
Mitchell Johnson				Shot girl who rejected him	May have targeted teacher
Andrew Wurst			Talked about killing parents	Talked about killing girls who rejected him	
Kip Kinkel		Thought about killing rival on football team who dated girl Kip liked	Killed parents		
Jonathon Horrocks					Killed former university boss
Nathaniel Brazill					Killed teacher; had intended to kill guidance counselor
Jian Chen					Killed professor
James Easton Kelly					Killed professor
Jason Hoffman					Tried to kill dean
Peter Odighizuwa				May have targeted women	Killed professors

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Robert Steinhäuser					Killed school staff
Robert Flores					Killed professors
John McLaughlin	Killed boy who teased him				
Biswanath Halder					Intended to kill school personnel
Jeffrey Weise			Killed grandfather and grandfather's girlfriend		May have targeted a teacher
Kenneth Bartley					Shot principal and two assistant principals
Alvaro Castillo			Killed his father		
Duane Morrison				Targeted girls	
Eric Hainstock					Killed principal; tried to shoot teacher
Charles Roberts IV				Targeted girls	
Bastian Bosse					Planned to kill teachers; wounded one
Jonathan Rowan				Killed woman he was obsessed with	
Asa Coon					Shot teacher
Steven Kazmierczak			<i>Prior:</i> homicidal behavior toward sister		
Haiyang Zhu				Killed woman he was obsessed with	
Tim Kretschmer				Shot girl who rejected him; appears to have targeted women	May have targeted teachers

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Stephen Morgan				Killed woman who rejected him.	
Abdulsalam al-Zahrani					Killed professor
Amy Bishop			<i>Prior:</i> killed brother (allegedly by accident)		Shot colleagues <i>Prior:</i> may have tried to kill former supervisor
Wellington de Oliveira				Targeted girls	
Robert Butler, Jr.					Shot two administrators
T.J. Lane		Shot romantic rival			
One Goh					Intended to kill administrator
Adam Lanza			Killed mother		
Bryan Oliver	Shot boy who teased him				
John Zawahri			Killed father and brother		
Karl Pierson					Threatened to kill teacher/ debate coach
Elliot Rodger		Wanted to kill all sexually active men	Planned to kill half-brother and stepmother	Intended to kill girls at specific sorority	
Jaylen Fryberg		Reportedly targeted romantic rival		Reportedly targeted girl	
Sunghee Kwon				(Killed ex-husband)	
Dorothy Dutiel				Killed ex-girlfriend	
Mainak Sarkar				Killed wife	Killed professor
Jesse Osborne				Killed father	