

School Shooters Who Were Not White Males

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One of the stereotypes of school shooters is that they are virtually always white males. The extent of racial, ethnic, and gender diversity among perpetrators of school violence is often overlooked. This chart lists school shooters who committed attacks in the United States, Canada, and Australia who were not white males.

This issue is not simply one of statistical accuracy in discussing school shooters. Recognizing diversity among the perpetrators can further our understanding of these attacks. Factors such as immigration, acculturation, and racism may be relevant for some of these perpetrators. In addition, recognizing diversity is relevant for prevention. To the extent that people assume school shooters are white males, they may disregard warning signs that come from those who do not fit this stereotype.

Date	Shooter, Age	Location	Demographic
29 January 1979	Brenda Spencer , 16	San Diego, CA: Cleveland Elementary	Female
6 October 1979	Mark Houston , 19	Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina	African American
17 April 1981	Leo Kelly, Jr. , 22	Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan	African American
17 December 1983	Su Yong Kim , 26	Ithaca, NY: Cornell University	Asian (Korea)
24 February 1984	Tyrone Mitchell , 28	Los Angeles, CA: 49th Street Elementary School	African American
26 November 1985	Heather Smith , 14	Spanaway, WA: Spanaway Junior High School	Female
10 December, 1985	Floyd Warmesley III , 13	Portland, CT: Portland Junior High School	African American
12 August 1986	Van Hull , 29	Brooklyn, NY: New York City Technical College	African American
20 May 1988	Laurie Dann , 30	Winnetka, IL: Hubbard Woods School	Female
22 September 1988	Clemmie Henderson , 40	Chicago, IL: Montefiore School	African American
16 December 1988	Nicholas Elliott , 16	Virginia Beach, VA: Atlantic Shores Christian School	African American
25 July 1989	Azizollah Mazooni , 25	Seattle, WA: University of Washington	Middle Eastern (Iran)
6 December 1989	Marc Lépine , 25	Montreal, Quebec: École Polytechnique	African (Algerian father)
1 November 1991	Gang Lu , 28	Iowa City: University of Iowa	Asian (China)
14 December 1992	Wayne Lo , 18	Great Barrington, MA: Simon's Rock College	Asian (China)
8 July 1993	Mark Duong , 28	Ogden, UT: Weber State University	Asian (Vietnam)
20 October 1994	Phu Cuong Ta , 27	Toronto, Ontario: Brockton High School	Asian (Vietnam)
12 October 1995	Toby Sincino , 16	Blackville, SC: Blackville-Hilda High School	African American
17 September 1996	Jillian Robbins , 19	University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University	Female
19 February 1997	Evan Ramsey , 16	Bethel, AK: Bethel High School	Native American mother

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6 December 1999	Seth Trickey, 13	Fort Gibson, OK: Fort Gibson Middle School	Native American
10 March 2000	Darrell Ingram, 18	Savannah, GA: Beach High School	African American
26 May 2000	Nathaniel Brazill, 13	Lake Worth, FL: Lake Worth Middle School	African American
28 June 2000	Jian Chen, 42	Seattle, WA: University of Washington	Asian (China)
28 August 2000	James Easton Kelly, 37	Fayetteville, AR: University of Arkansas	African American
7 March 2001	Elizabeth Bush, 14	Williamsport, PA: Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School	Female
22 March 2001	Jason Hoffman, 18	El Cajon, CA: Granite Hills High School	Latina mother
16 January 2002	Peter Odighizuwa, 43	Grundy, VA: Appalachian School of Law	African (Nigeria)
21 October 2002	Huan Yun Xiang, 36	Melbourne, Australia: Monash University	Asian (China)
29 October 2002	Robert Flores, 41	Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona	Latino
9 May 2003	Biswanath Halder, 62	Cleveland, OH: Case Western Reserve	Asian (India)
21 March 2005	Jeffrey Weise, 16	Red Lake, MN: Red Lake High School	Native American
30 August 2006	Alvaro Castillo, 18	Hillsborough, NC: Orange High School	Latino (Spain, El Salvador)
13 September 2006	Kimveer Gill, 25	Montreal, Quebec: Dawson College	Asian (India)
3 January 2007	Douglas Chanthabouly, 18	Tacoma, WA: Henry Foss High School	Asian (Cambodia)
2 April 2007	Jonathan Rowan, 41	Seattle Washington: University of Washington	Asian (Indian father)
16 April 2007	Seung Hui Cho, 23	Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech	Asian (Korea)
11 December 2007	Nicco Tatum, 18	Las Vegas, NV: Mojave High School	African American
8 February 2008	Latina Williams, 23	Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Technical College	Female / African American
21 January 2009	Haiyang Zhu, 25	Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech	Asian (China)
3 April 2009	Jiverly Wong, 41	Binghamton, NY: American Civic Association	Asian (Vietnam)
26 April 2009	O'Dane Maye, 18	Hampton, VA: Hampton University	African American
4 December 2009	Abdulsalam al-Zahrani, 46	Vestal, NY: Binghamton University	Middle Eastern (Saudi Arabia)
12 February 2010	Amy Bishop, 44	Huntsville, AL: University of Alabama	Female
23 February 2010	Bruco Eastwood, 32	Littleton, CO: Deer Creek Middle School	Native American (Apache father)
5 January 2011	Robert Butler, Jr., 17	Omaha, NE: Millard South High School	African American father
2 April 2012	One Goh, 43	Oakland, CA: Oikos University	Asian (South Korea)
7 June 2013	John Zawahri, 23	Santa Monica, CA: Santa Monica College	Middle Eastern (Lebanon)
21 October 2013	Jose Reyes, 12	Sparks, NV: Sparks Middle School	Latino (Mexican)

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23 May 2014	Elliot Rodger , 22	Isla Vista, CA: University of California, Santa Barbara	Asian (Chinese mother)
5 June 2014	Aaron Ybarra , 26	Seattle, WA: Seattle Pacific University	Latino (father's side) Asian (mother's side)
24 October 2014	Jaylen Fryberg , 14	Marysville, WA: Marysville-Pilchuk High School	Native American
20 November 2014	Myron May , 31	Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University	African American
5 February 2015	Sunghee Kwon , 46	Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina	Female / Asian (Korea)
1 October 2015	Chris Harper-Mercer , 26	Roseburg, OR: Umpqua Community College	African American mother
12 February 2016	Dorothy Dutiel , 15	Glendale, AR: Independence High School	Female
1 June 2016	Mainak Sarkar , 38	Los Angeles, CA: UCLA	Asian (India)