

(U//F0U0) Sunni Violent Extremist Attacks in the US Since 9/11

(U//FOUO) NCTC assesses that the Sunni violent extremist threat in the US has evolved from one defined by complex, large-scale attacks directed by a foreign terrorist organization (FTO) to mostly self-initiated attacks by homegrown violent extremists using relatively simple methods. Of the 28 Sunni violent extremist attacks in the US since 9/11 only three were directed by an FTO. Most attacks were perpetrated by individuals enabled—through encouragement or operational support—or inspired by ISIS, al-Qa'ida, and al-Qa'ida affiliates. This graphic depicts premeditated and opportunistic attacks as well as attacks in which there is disagreement among IC agencies on whether the attacker was motivated by Sunni violent extremist ideology.



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Date	Attacker	Group	Location/Target	Weapon	Casualties
DEC 2001	Richard Reid	Al-Qaʻida	American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris, France, to Miami, FL		None
JUL 2002	Hesham Mohamed Ali Hadayet ^{usper}	Inspired	Los Angeles, CA; LAX Airport	$\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle$	Two killed
MAR 2006	Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar ^{USPER}	Inspired	Chapel Hill, NC; university campus		Nine injured

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JUN 2009	Carlos Leon Bledsoe ^{USPER}	Inspired	Little Rock, AR; Army recruiting center	K	One killed, one injured
NOV 2009	Nidal Malik Hasan ^{usper}	Inspired	Fort Hood, TX; Soldier Readiness Center	K	13 killed, 32 injured
DEC 2009	Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab	AQAP	Northwest Flight 253 from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to Detroit, MI	*	None
MAY 2010	Faisal Shahzad ^{usper}	Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan	New York, NY; Times Square	*	None
0CT-NOV 2010	Yonathan Melaku ^{usper}	Inspired	Arlington, VA; Pentagon, Marine Corps Museum, and recruitment stations	∢	None
AUG 2012	Nomad Khan ^{USPER}	Inspired	Chicago, IL; first responders		Three injured
APR 2013	Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev ^{usper}	Inspired	Boston and Cambridge, MA; Boston Marathon and university campus		Four killed, 264 injured
APR-JUN 2014	Ali Muhamad Brown ^{USPER}	Inspired	Seattle, WA, and West Orange, NJ; various locations	×	Four killed
SEP 2014	Alton Nolen ^{USPER}	Inspired	Moore, OK; workplace		One killed, one injured
OCT 2014	Zale Thompson ^{USPER}	Inspired	New York, NY; law enforcement on city street		Two injured
DEC 2014	Hudson Clark ^{usper}	Inspired	Canon City, CO; law enforcement (opportunistic attack during encounter)		One injured
MAY 2015	Elton Simpson and Nadir Hamid Soofi ^{USPER}	Enabled ^a	Garland, TX; art exhibit	(x)	One injured
JUN 2015	Usaamah Abdullah Rahim ^{usper}	Enabled	Boston, MA; law enforcement (opportunistic attack during encounter)		None
JUN 2015	Munther Saleh and Imran Rabbani ^{USPER}	Enabled	New York, NY; law enforcement (opportunistic attack during encounter)	\bigcirc	None

 $^{^{}a}$ (U//F0U0) There is no IC consensus on the level of FTO involvement in the 3 May 2015 Garland, Texas, attack.



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JUL 2015	Mohammad Abdulazeez ^{USPER}	Inspired	Chattanooga, TN; Navy Reserve and Marine Corp recruitment center	K	Five killed, three injured
NOV 2015	Faisal Mohammad ^{usper}	Inspired	Merced, CA; university classroom		Four injured
DEC 2015	Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik ^{USPER}	Inspired	San Bernardino, CA; workplace		14 killed, 22 injured
JAN 2016	Edward Archer ^{USPER}	Inspired	Philadelphia, PA; law enforcement	×	One injured
FEB 2016	Mohamed Barry ^{USPER}	Inspired	Columbus, OH; restaurant		Four injured
JUN 2016	Omar Mateen ^{USPER}	Inspired	Orlando, FL; nightclub	×	49 killed, 53 injured
SEP 2016	Ahmad Khan Rahami ^{USPER}	Inspired	New York, NY, and Seaside and Elizabeth, NJ; charity race and city streets		29 injured
NOV 2016	Abdul Razak Ali Artan ^{usper}	Inspired	Columbus, OH; university campus		14 injured
JAN 2017	Joshua Cummings ^{USPER}	Inspired	Denver, CO; law enforcement on city street	K	One killed
JUN 2017	Amor Ftouhi	Inspired	Flint, MI; law enforcement at airport		One Injured



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