DEATH AND MASS VIOLENCES IN U.S. K-12 SCHOOLS
A COMPREHENDU OF MEDIA ACCOUNTS
1974-2013

ABOUT THIS GRAPHIC
This graphic is part of a larger report on school violence produced by the Rural School and Community Trust. It represents incidents in which at least one person died or there was a significant mass threat in a K-12 (and in a few instances a preK) school setting. In the absence of comprehensive national data for the time frame, the report relies on media accounts and is, therefore, not a complete listing. Information on single-death incidents is particularly incomplete prior to 1992 and in recent years pending release of official counts. This infographic represents incidents included in the report.

MASS VIOLENCE DEFINED
Incidents in which a) there were three or more victims (death or injury), or b) the event was randomly targeted, had potential to harm several people, and produced at least one injury. Violence involving romantic interests (current, former, or unrequited) is included in Annual Totals.

ANNUAL TOTALS EXPLAINED
Includes deaths that are a) not part of mass violence events and b) occurred on campus, at school events, or while students were traveling to or from school. Excludes all injuries as well as after–hours incidents that were unrelated to students or school policy.

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