

El Paso, Dayton make 251 mass shootings in the US in 216 days, more shootings than days in the year

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As gunfire ripped through America in an unprecedented 24 hours, a bleak milestone in a nation pocked by gun violence was marked: There have been 251 mass shootings in 2019, according to [the Gun Violence Archive \(https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/\)](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/).

A [shooting spree early Sunday \(/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/dayton-shooting-ohio-oregon-district-el-paso-shooting/1914440001/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/dayton-shooting-ohio-oregon-district-el-paso-shooting/1914440001/) at an entertainer district in Dayton, Ohio – which left at least nine dead and more than two dozen injured – notched an even darker statistic: It occurred on the 216th day the year, meaning there have been more mass shootings than days so far this year.

That incident followed [a rampage Saturday \(/story/news/nation/2019/08/03/active-shooting-el-paso-walmart-area-police/1909957001/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/08/03/active-shooting-el-paso-walmart-area-police/1909957001/) at a Walmart jammed with back-to-school shoppers in El Paso, Texas, that left 20 dead and 26 injured.

The two massacres became the nation's latest mass shootings as defined by the archive, a not-for-profit organization that provides online public access to information about gun-related violence.

Get all the updates on Dayton: [All we know about rampage in the Oregon District \(/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/dayton-shooting-what-we-know-now/1914559001/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/dayton-shooting-what-we-know-now/1914559001/).

El Paso updates: [Latest news about the mass killing of 20 \(/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/el-paso-walmart-shooting-what-we-know/1913941001/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/08/04/el-paso-walmart-shooting-what-we-know/1913941001/).

The archive categorizes mass shootings as incidents in which four or more people were shot or killed, not including the shooters. This year, more than 520 people have died in mass shootings and at least 2,000 have been injured, according to the data.

The bloody 24 hours came in a particularly painful week: [Two people were shot and killed](#) ([/story/news/2019/07/30/mississippi-walmart-active-shooter-reports/1865064001/](#)) at a Walmart store in Southaven, Mississippi, south of Memphis on Tuesday, and [three people were killed](#) ([/story/news/nation/2019/07/28/gilroy-garlic-festival-shooting-reports-investigated-california/1854339001/](#)) by gunfire last Sunday at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California.

Suspect ID'd: [The El Paso shooting suspect has been identified as a 21-year-old man from a Dallas suburb](#) ([/story/news/nation/2019/08/03/el-paso-walmart-shooting-patrick-crusius-identified-shooter/1912617001/](#))



And the violence follows two other high-profile shootings this year.

[A longtime city worker opened fire \(/story/news/nation/2019/05/31/police-shooter-opens-fire-virginia-beach-courthouse/1305277001/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/05/31/police-shooter-opens-fire-virginia-beach-courthouse/1305277001/) in a building that houses Virginia Beach government offices May 31, killing 12 before he was gunned down by police.

On Feb. 15, [an employee at a manufacturing plant in Aurora, Illinois \(/story/news/nation/2019/02/15/active-shooter-aurora-illinois-says-police-respond-active-shooter/2883754002/\)](/story/news/nation/2019/02/15/active-shooter-aurora-illinois-says-police-respond-active-shooter/2883754002/), opened fire during a disciplinary meeting where he was dismissed. Five people died at the suburban Chicago plant before he was killed during a shootout with police.

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