



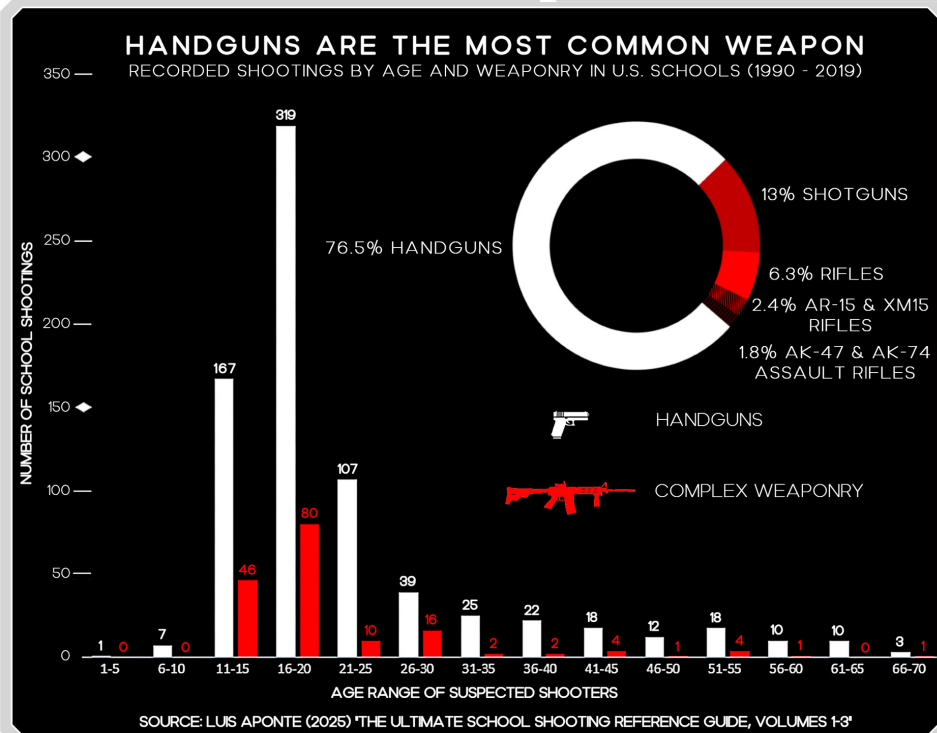
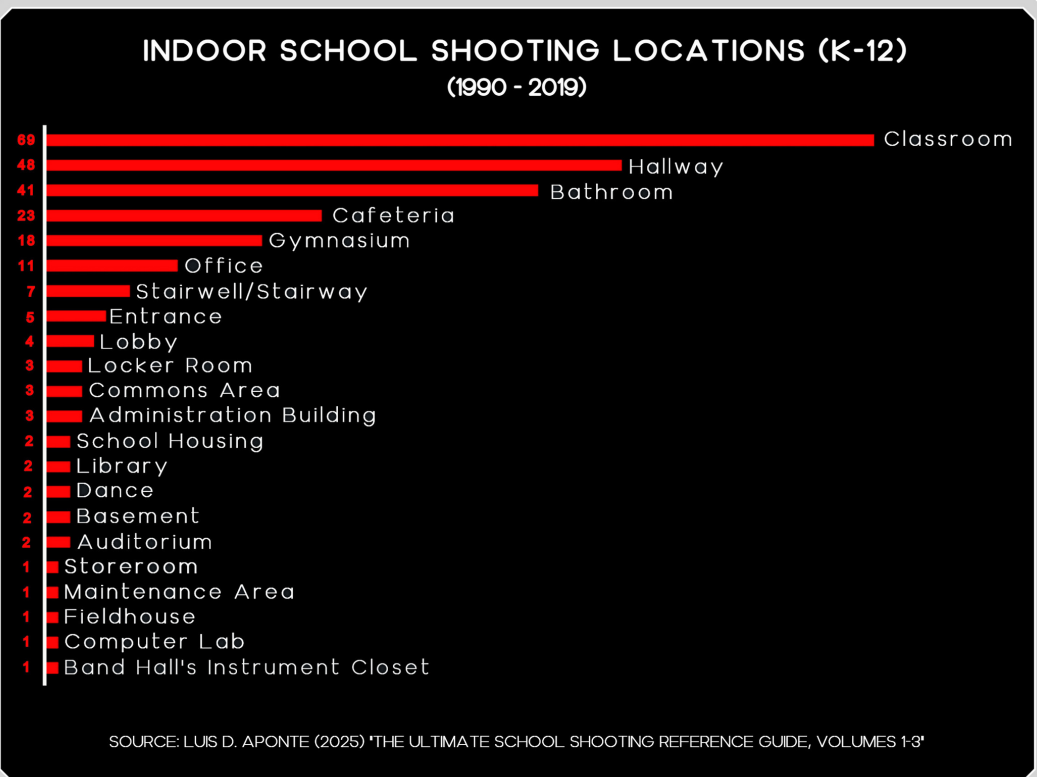
U.S. SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

30 YEARS OF PATTERNS

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A Safe Place: How to Prevent the Next School Shooting by Luis D. Aponte
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MOST INDOOR K-12 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS HAPPEN INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms are the most frequent sites of K-12 school shootings, making up 63.2 percent of indoor incidents. Schools can strengthen safety by prioritizing protection and reinforcement in these high-risk areas.

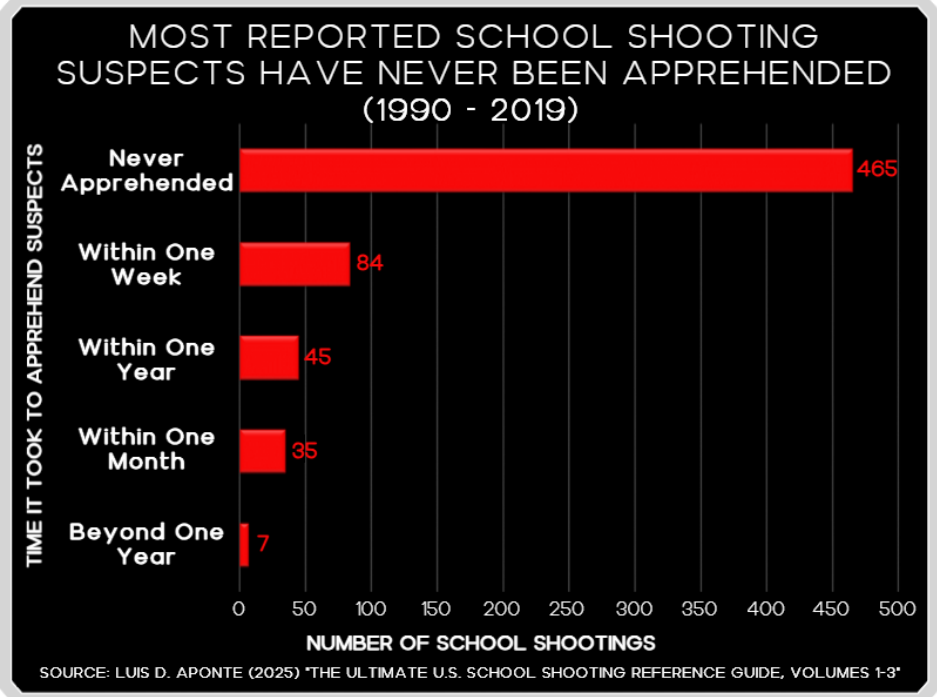
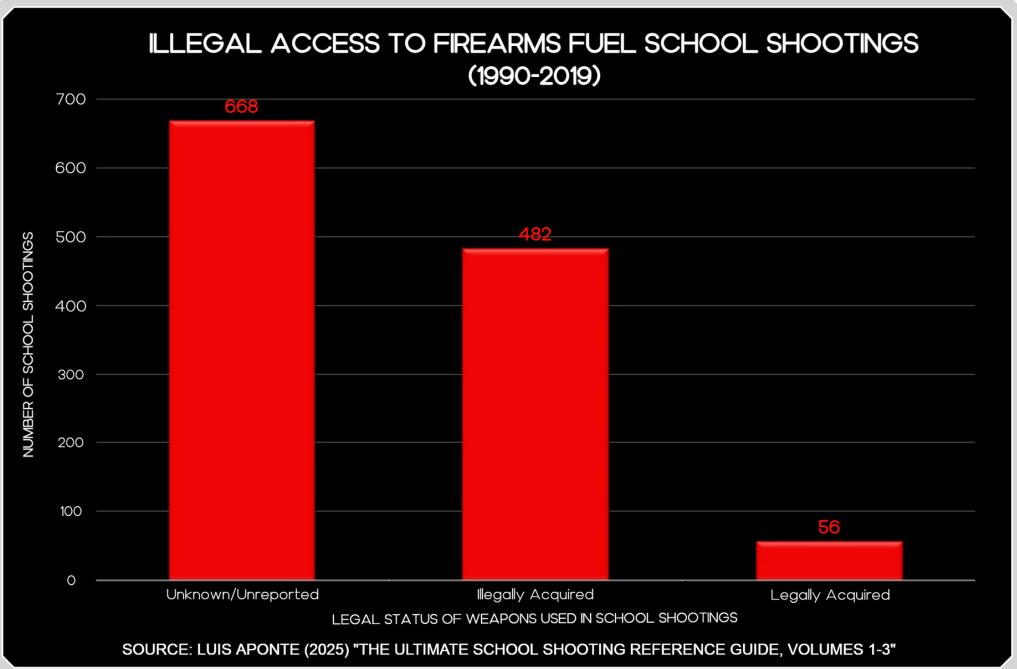


HANDGUNS ARE THE PRIMARY WEAPON IN SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Handguns are the primary weapons used in school shootings, making up 76.5 percent of identified firearms. Their small size allows them to be hidden in backpacks or clothing, often slipping past inconsistent metal detector use and poorly monitored entry points.

MOST FIREARMS USED IN SCHOOL SHOOTINGS WERE OBTAINED ILLEGALLY

Storing firearms securely at home is essential to keep them out of the wrong hands. In 1,204 U.S. school shootings, at least 482 involved guns obtained illegally, and access in 668 cases was never reported.



A THIRD OF ALL SUSPECTS WERE NEVER APPREHENDED

Law enforcement often miss the perpetrators of these attacks because campuses lack security staff, witnesses stay silent, and afterschool areas remain poorly lit and unmonitored. As a result, 465 suspects, more than a third, were never caught.