

Total Deaths v. Pit Bull Deaths - Summary of Factors and Scenarios

15-Years of Dog Bite Fatalities (2005-2019)

Category	Total Deaths	% Total Deaths	Pit Bull Deaths	% Pit Bull Deaths	Pit Bull % of All Deaths
Total number of deaths	521		346		66%
Dogs and property statistics					
Chained dogs	39	7%	22	6%	56%
Rescued or rehomed dogs	41	8%	26	8%	63%
Attacks involving 1 dog	277	53%	169	49%	61%
Attacks involving 2 dogs	122	23%	86	25%	70%
Attacks involving 3 dogs	46	9%	39	11%	85%
Pack attack (≥ 4 Dogs)	76	15%	52	15%	68%
Multi-breed attack (> 1 breed)	53	10%	38	11%	72%
On property attacks	387	74%	253	73%	65%
Off property attacks	134	26%	93	27%	69%
Breeding	125	24%	88	25%	70%
Household and time factors					
Family dog attack	282	54%	182	53%	65%
Non-family dog attack	241	46%	165	48%	68%
Owner-directed attack	74	14%	46	13%	62%
0-2 months (new to home)	100	19%	56	16%	56%
Watcher (babysitting & dog sitting)	89	17%	64	18%	72%
Visiting dog's owner (temporary)	139	27%	104	30%	75%
Reverse visiting (dog visting child)	20	4%	15	4%	75%
Criminal charges					
Felony/misdemeanor	104	20%	79	23%	76%
Victim age groups					
Children ≤ 9	236	45%	138	40%	58%
Children 0-2	136	26%	76	22%	56%
Infant 0-4 months	45	9%	20	6%	44%
Infant 0-12 months	64	12%	31	9%	48%
Children 3-4	46	9%	26	8%	57%
Children 5-9	54	10%	36	10%	67%
Adults ≥ 10	285	55%	208	60%	73%
Adults 10-29	28	5%	24	7%	86%
Adults 30-49	71	14%	54	16%	76%
Adults 50-69	96	18%	70	20%	73%
Adults ≥ 70	90	17%	60	17%	67%