

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	523		346		66%
Dogs and property statistics					
Chained dogs	39	7%	22	6%	56%
Rescued or rehomed dogs	46	9%	31	9%	67%
Attacks involving 1 dog	280	54%	170	49%	61%
Attacks involving 2 dogs	121	23%	85	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)	55	11%	40	12%	73%
On property attacks	390	75%	254	73%	65%
Off property attacks	133	25%	92	27%	69%
Breeding	125	24%	88	25%	70%
Household and time factors					
Family dog attack	285	54%	183	53%	64%
Non-family dog attack	240	46%	164	47%	68%
Owner-directed attack	75	14%	48	14%	64%
0-2 months (new to home)	101	19%	56	16%	55%
Watcher (babysitting & dog sitting)	90	17%	64	18%	71%
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%
0-2 yrs	136	26%	76	22%	56%
Infant 0-4 months	45	9%	20	6%	44%
Infant 0-12 months	64	12%	31	9%	48%
3-4 yrs	46	9%	26	8%	57%
5-9 yrs	54	10%	36	10%	67%
Adults ≥ 10	287	55%	208	60%	72%
10-29 yrs	28	5%	24	7%	86%
30-49 yrs	71	14%	54	16%	76%
50-69 yrs	96	18%	69	20%	72%
≥ 70 yrs	92	18%	61	18%	66%