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Bombing incidents known to police

By type of incident and device, value of property damage, and outcome of incident, United States, 1973-99

	Total actual and attempted bombings							Property damage (dollar value in thousands) ^a	Persons injured	Deaths
		Actual		Attempted		Accidental				
		Explosive	Incendiary	Explosive	Incendiary	Explosive	Incendiary			
Total	45,573	26,366	9,354	6,615	2,931	140	8	\$883,959	6,779	840
1973	1,955	742	787	253	173	NA	NA	7,262	187	22
1974	2,044	893	758	236	157	NA	NA	9,887	207	24
1975	2,074	1,088	613	238	135	NA	NA	27,004 ^b	326 ^b	69 ^b
1976	1,570	852	405	188	125	NA	NA	11,265	212	50
1977	1,318	867	248	118	85	NA	NA	8,943	162	22
1978	1,301	768	349	105	79	NA	NA	9,161	135	18
1979	1,220	728	305	104	83	NA	NA	9,273	173	22
1980	1,249	742	336	99	72	NA	NA	12,562	160	34
1981	1,142	637	315	92	98	NA	NA	67,082 ^b	133 ^b	30
1982	795	485	194	77	39	NA	NA	7,203	99	16
1983	687	442	127	77	41	NA	NA	6,343	100	12
1984	803	518	127	118	40	NA	NA	5,619	112	6
1985	847	575	102	113	57	NA	NA	6,352	144	28
1986	858	580	129	101	48	NA	NA	3,405	185	14
1987	848	600	104	102	42	NA	NA	4,201	107	21
1988	977 ^c	593	156	161	40	NA	NA	2,257	145	20
1989	1,208 ^d	641	203	243	91	NA	NA	5,000	202	11
1990	1,582	931	267	254	130	NA	NA	9,600	222	27
1991	2,499	1,551	423	395	130	NA	NA	6,440	230	29
1992	2,989	1,911	582	384	112	NA	NA	12,500	349	26
1993	2,980	1,880	538	375	187	NA	NA	518,000 ^e	1,323 ^e	49
1994	3,163	1,916	545	522	180	NA	NA	7,500	308	31
1995	2,577	1,562	406	417	192	NA	NA	105,100 ^f	744 ^f	193 ^f
1996	2,573	1,457	427	504	185	NA	NA	5,000	336	23
1997	2,217	1,212	378	473	154	NA	NA	9,000	204	18
1998	2,300 ^g	1,225	307	488	142	69	6	6,000	160	16
1999	1,797 ^h	970	223	378	114	71	2	2,000	114	9

Note: Prior to 1988, detailed information concerning bombing incidents occurring in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands was gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Since 1988, the FBI Bomb Data Center has collected these data. Reports of bombing incidents are gathered from State and local public safety agencies, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal units, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Bombing incidents refer to actual and attempted detonations of explosive or incendiary devices in violation of a State, local, or Federal law. Prior to 1990, these tabulations excluded threats to bomb, hoax bomb devices, accidental explosions, recoveries of explosive or incendiary devices, and such misdemeanor offenses as the illegal use of fireworks. Beginning in 1990, only bomb threats and such violations as the illegal use of fireworks were excluded from the tabulations.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding. Beginning in 1985, the Source presented only rounded dollar values.

^bIncludes major bombing incidents resulting in an unusually high number of personal injuries and deaths, or substantial damage to property.

^cIncludes 27 incidents involving combination devices.

^dIncludes 30 incidents involving combination devices.

^eThese figures include \$510,000,000 in property damage and 1,042 persons injured resulting from the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City on Feb. 26, 1993.

^fThese figures include \$100,000,000 in property damage, 518 persons injured, and 168 deaths resulting from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City on Apr. 19, 1995.

^gIncludes 63 incidents involving combination devices.

^hIncludes 39 incidents involving combination devices.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **Bomb Summary 1982**, FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1983), Table 1; U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **1993 Bomb Summary** (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1994), p. 15; U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, "1994 Bombing Incidents," FBI Explosives Unit-Bomb Data Center General Information Bulletin 95-2, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1995. (Mimeographed.) P. 3; U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **1996 Bomb Summary**, FBI Bomb Data Center General Information Bulletin 96-1, p. 6; **1997 Bomb Summary**, FBI Bomb Data Center General Information Bulletin 97-1, p. 7 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, **1999 Bombing Incidents**, FBI Bomb Data Center General Information Bulletin 99-1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2003), p. 7. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

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