

One definition of terrorism: The threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion, or intimidation.

In 2017, there were 10,900 terrorist attacks around the world, which killed more than 26,400 people.... More than half of all attacks took place in four countries: Iraq (23%), Afghanistan (13%), India (9%), and Pakistan (7%)....

Ten Most Active Perpetrator Groups Worldwide, 2017

Perpetrator Group	Number of Attacks
Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (IS, ISIL, ISIS)	1,321
Taliban	907
Al-Shabaab	573
New People's Army (NPA)	363
Boko Haram	337
Communist Party of India (Maoist)	317
Khorasan Province of the Islamic State	197
Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)	159
Houthi extremists	158
Sinai Province of the Islamic State	117

In the United States in 2017, there were 65 terrorist attacks. In 15 of them, information about the perpetrator was not reported, so they are not included in the analysis.

Ten Most Active Perpetrator Groups in the US, 2017

Perpetrator Group	Number of Attacks
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White extremists	9
Anti-Muslim extremists	7
Jihadi-inspired extremists	4
Anti-LGBT extremists	3
Anti-white extremists	3
Ku Klux Klan	3
White Rabbit 3 Percent Illinois	2
Anti-government extremists	2
Muslim extremists	2
(7 groups)	1

-National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, "Defining Terrorism" (July, 2018) excerpt