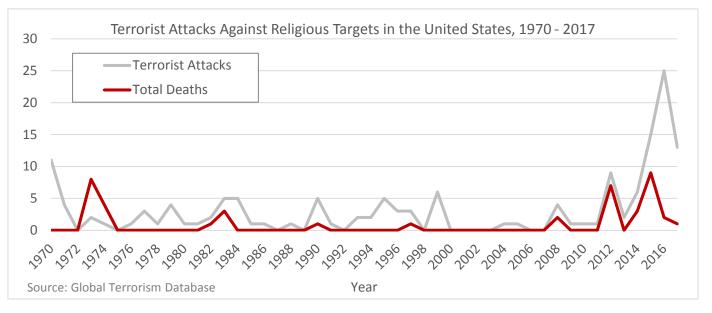


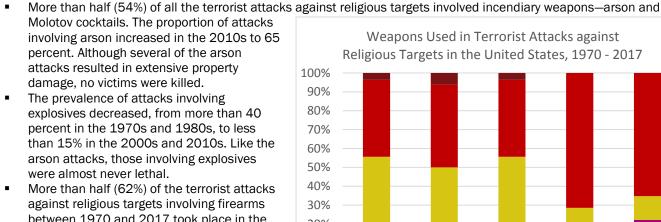


Terrorist Attacks against Religious Targets in the United States, 1970 – 2017

Between 1970 and 2017, 150 terrorist attacks in the United States targeted religious figures and institutions. Fifteen of these attacks were lethal. They killed 42 people, including three perpetrators, and injured 38 others.

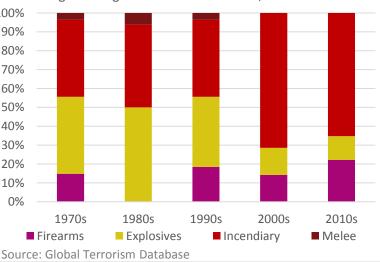


The majority of these attacks (79%) targeted places of worship, including churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples. Fourteen percent targeted religious figures, including imams, ministers, priests, and rabbis; and 7 percent targeted religiously-affiliated institutions, primarily community centers.



between 1970 and 2017 took place in the 2010s. These attacks were disproportionately deadly; they were responsible for 10 of the 15 lethal attacks and 36 of the 42 deaths that resulted from terrorist attacks against religious targets in the United States during this period.

Weapons Used in Terrorist Attacks against Religious Targets in the United States, 1970 - 2017



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