

## **FBI Study of Active Shooters in the United States - 2000-2013** (Prepared June, 2018)

*Part 1*

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**These findings aid in understanding what to look for**

**They stress the importance of data collection:**

**Backgrounds**

**Potential target(s)**

**Current and past behaviors**

**Situational factors – the environment**

**Corroborating this information from multiple sources**

**Although this study is not clinically validated, it's an important step in helping and validating the threat assessment process.**

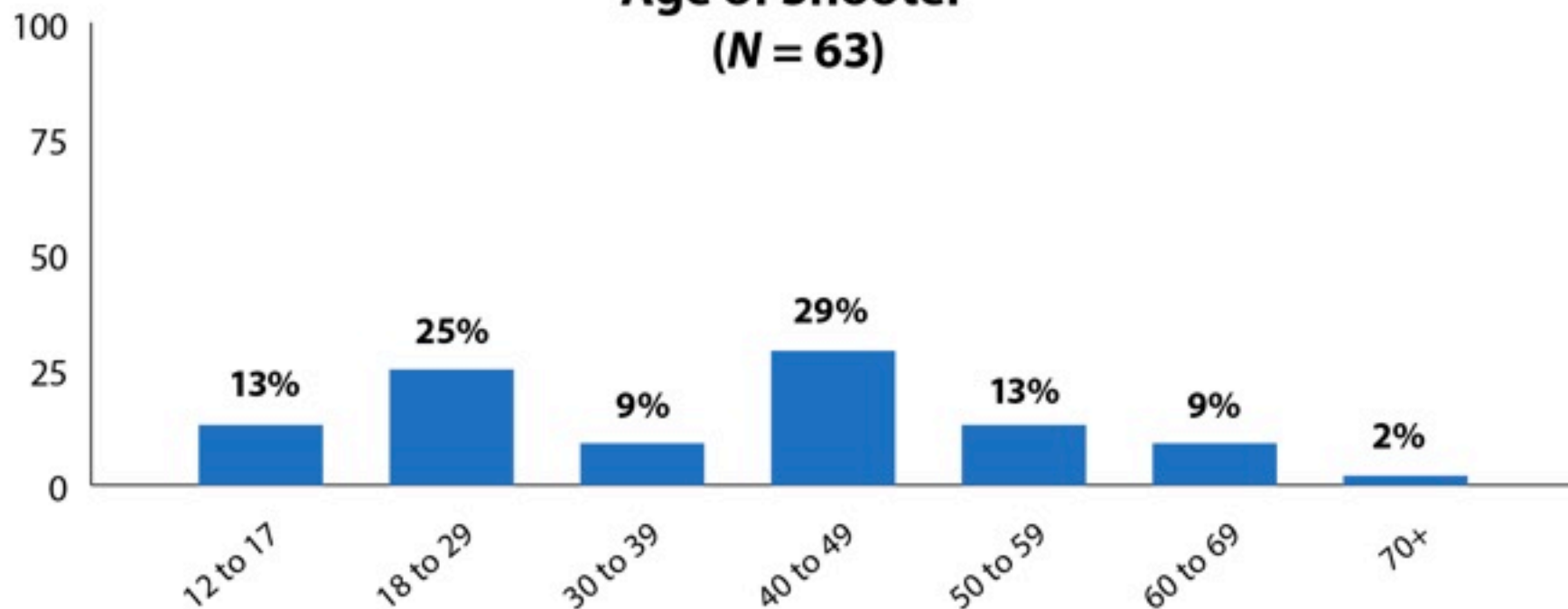
## Some Key Findings

- When concerning behavior was observed by others, the most common response was to communicate directly to the active shooter (83%) or do nothing (54%). In 41% of the cases the concerning behavior was reported to law enforcement. Therefore, just because concerning behavior was *recognized* does not necessarily mean that it was *reported* to law enforcement.
- In those cases where the active shooter's primary grievance could be identified, the most common grievances were related to an adverse interpersonal or employment action against the shooter (49%).
- In the majority of cases (64%) at least one of the victims was specifically targeted by the active shooter

## SHOOTER DEMOGRAPHICS

FIGURE 1

Age of Shooter  
(N = 63)

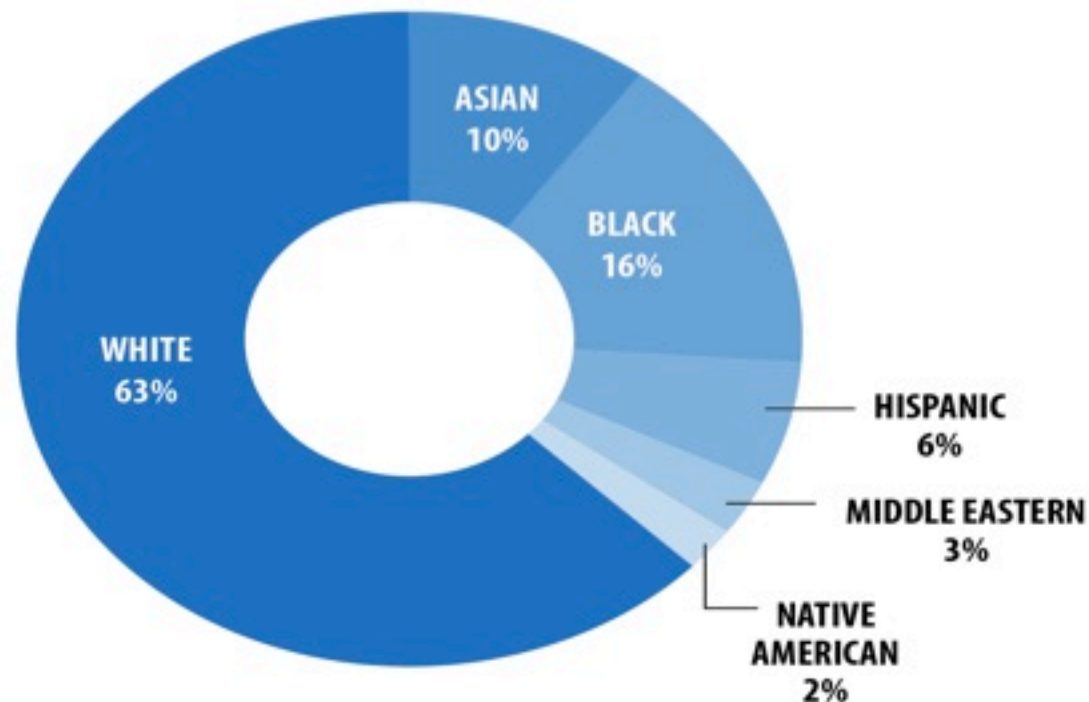


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94% were male

FIGURE 2

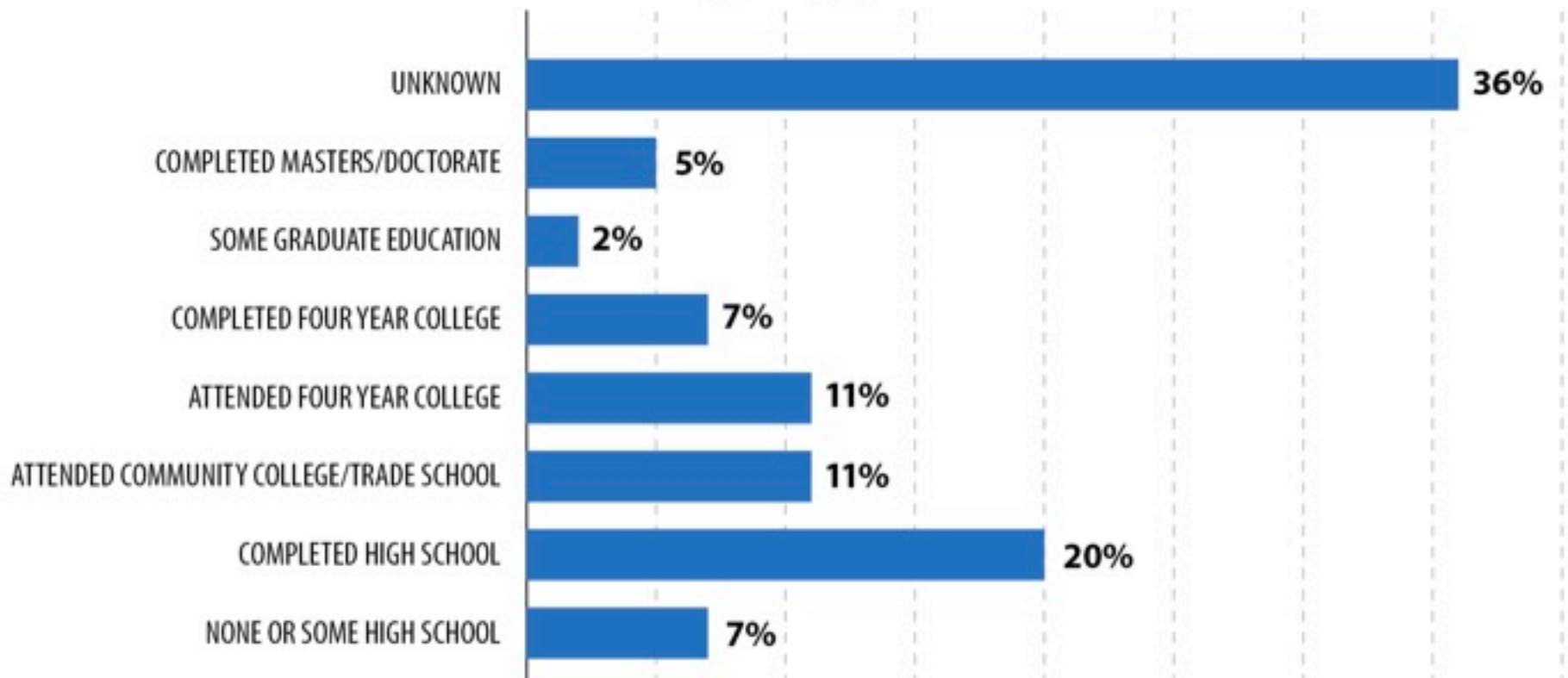
Race (N = 63)



## SHOOTER DEMOGRAPHICS

FIGURE 3

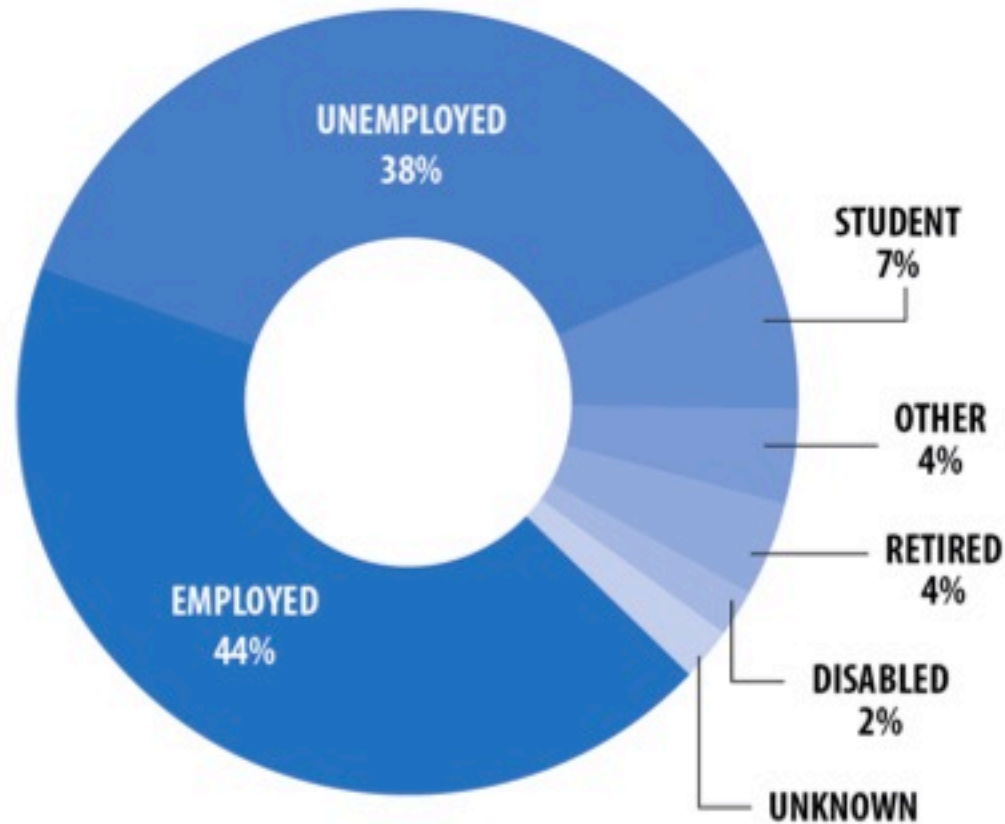
### Highest Level of Education Completed – 18 Years and Older (*n* = 55)



## SHOOTER DEMOGRAPHICS

FIGURE 4

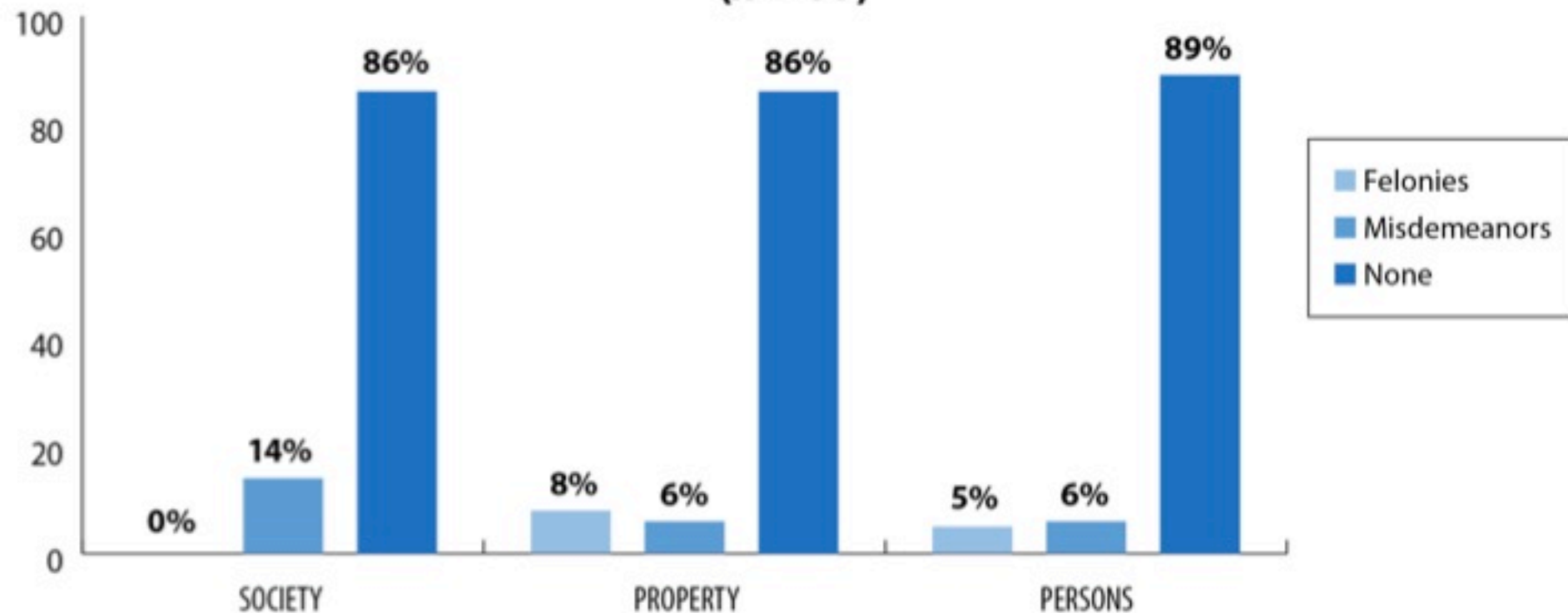
Employment – 18 Years and Older  
(*n* = 55)



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FIGURE 5

Adult Criminal Convictions – 18 Years and Older  
(*n* = 55)



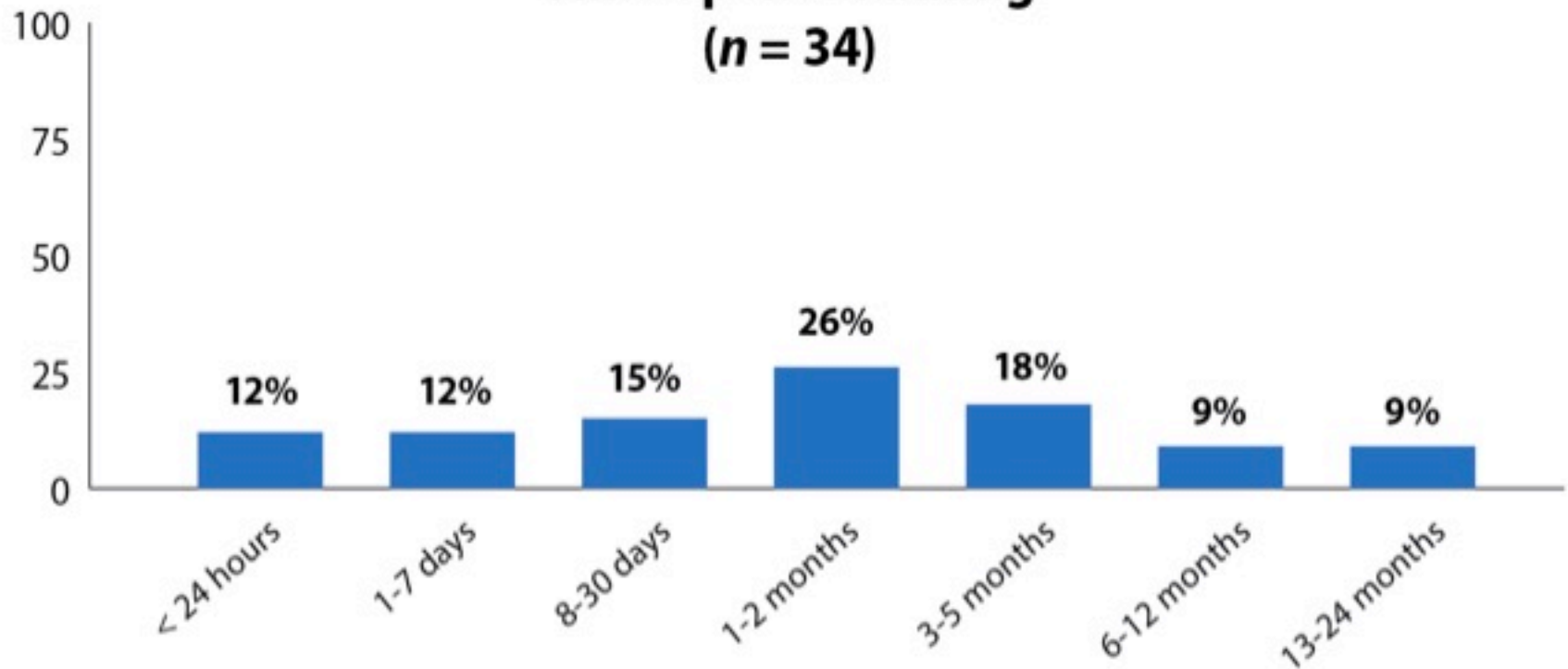
\*There was only one case where an active shooter had both a felony and a misdemeanor conviction in a single category (under "Property").



## PLANNING AND PREPARATION

FIGURE 6

### Time Spent Planning (*n* = 34)

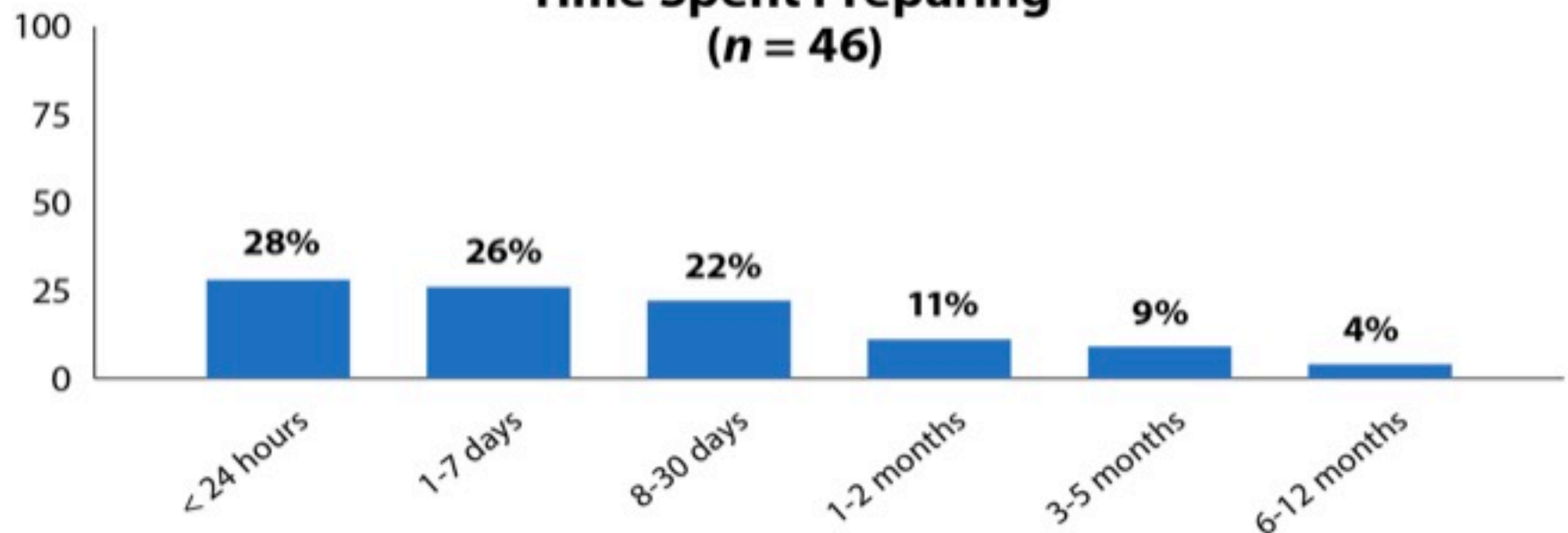


\*Does not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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FIGURE 7

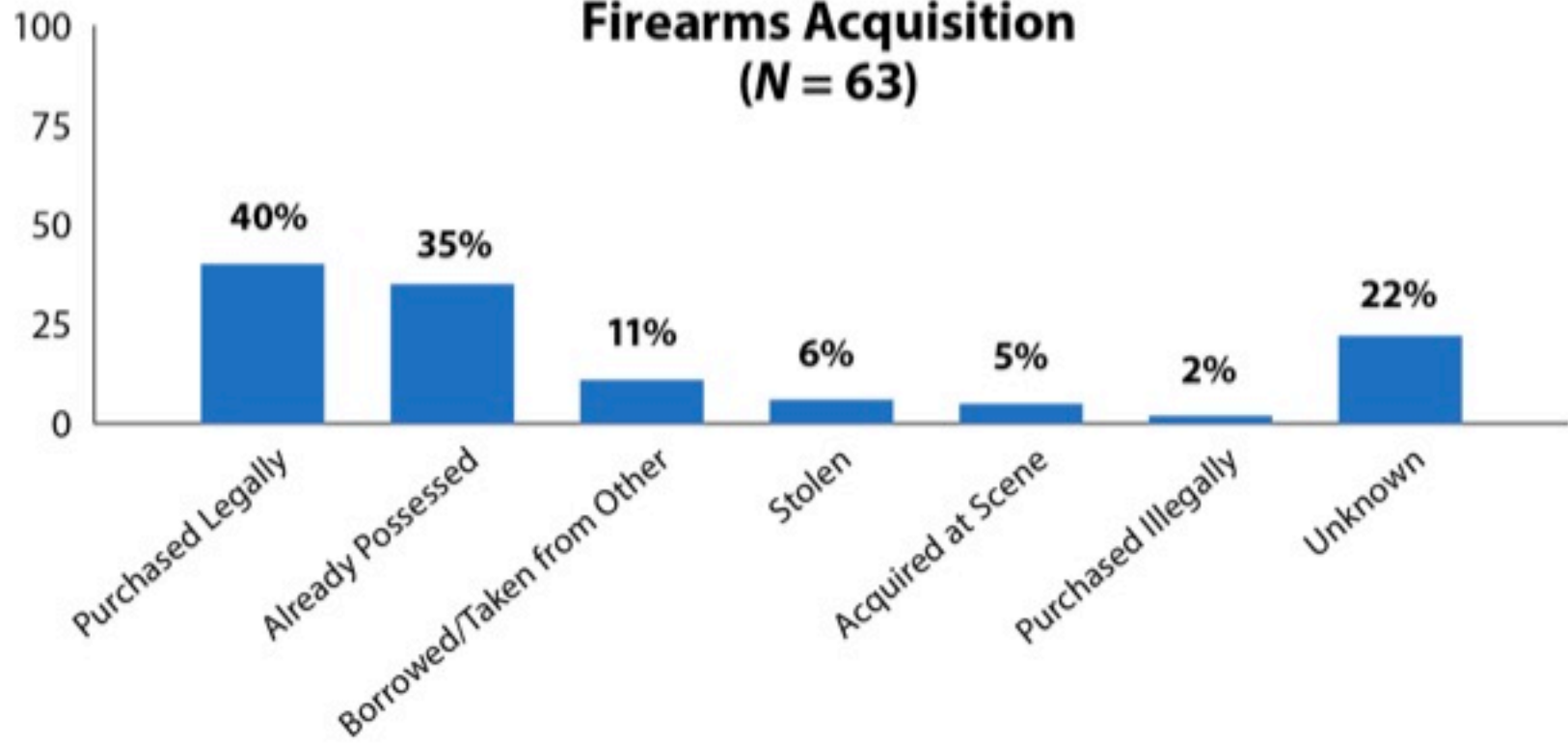
### Time Spent Preparing (n = 46)



## FIREARMS ACQUISITION

FIGURE 8

Firearms Acquisition  
(N = 63)



\*Data percentages detailed above add to greater than 100% as active shooters could have obtained multiple firearms in different ways.

## Other Considerations

- 24% had some military experience
- 57% were single (13% were married & 13% were divorced, while the remaining 11% were partnered but not married or separated)
- There simply is no one “profile” of an active shooter.
- Also noteworthy – no pronounced criminal history in the overwhelming majority of the active shooter.
- Consistent with these findings, TWG’s observations since 1970 conducting thousands of threat assessments:
  - What’s happening in the persons life now is the primary assessment focus – a specific issue(s), towards a specific person(s), in a specific environment.



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