

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed, 400 were police officers and firefighters, in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in NYC, at the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., and in a plane crash near Shanksville, PA.

9/11 was not the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. A bombing in February of 1993 killed six people.

On any given workday, up to 50,000 employees worked in the WTC twin towers, and an additional 40,000 passed through the complex.

After the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, the rescue and recovery clean-up of the 1.8 million tons of wreckage from the WTC site took 9 months.

Passengers aboard United Flight 93, heard about the previous airplane attacks and attempted to retake control of the plane from hijackers. As a result, the hijackers deliberately crashed the plane in a Pennsylvania field instead of at their unknown target.

While video accounts of the WTC attack aired immediately, no video footage of the Pentagon attack was publicly released until 2006.

Though both the police and fire departments of New York City had their own emergency response procedures, the two departments did not have a coordinated response plan to a major incident.

The attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11 resulted in the largest loss of life by a foreign attack on American soil.

18 people were rescued alive from the rubble of the World Trade Center site.

Cases of post-traumatic stress are common among 9/11 survivors and rescue workers. Respiratory problems, like asthma and lung inflammation, also developed at abnormal rates for those in and around the World Trade Center during and after the attacks.

In 2019, the US Senate passed a bill ensuring that a fund to compensate victims of the September 11th attacks never runs out of money — and that first responders won't have to return to Congress to plead for more funding.

## **September 11, 2001: Basic Facts**

### **Chronology**

- 8:46 AM Plane crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:03 AM Plane crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:17 AM The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shuts down all New York City area airports.
- 9:21 AM The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) halts all flights at U.S. airports. It is the first time in history that air traffic has been halted nationwide.
- 9:38 AM Plane crashes into the Pentagon. Evacuation begins immediately.

9:45 AM The White House evacuates.  
10:05 AM The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses.  
10:10 AM A portion of the Pentagon collapses.  
10:10 AM Plane crashes in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.  
10:22 AM The State and Justice Departments, as well as the World Bank are evacuated.  
10:28 AM The World Trade Center's north tower collapses.  
10:45 AM All federal office buildings in Washington, D.C. are evacuated.  
1:44 PM Five warships and two aircraft carriers are ordered to leave the U.S. Naval Station in Norfolk, Virginia to protect the East Coast.  
4:10 PM Building 7 of the World Trade Center collapses.

### **The Flights**

#### **American Airlines Flight 11**

From: Boston, Massachusetts (Logan Airport)  
To: Los Angeles, California  
Lives: 92 people on board  
Crashed into North Tower of World Trade Center at 8:46 AM

#### **United Airlines Flight 175**

From: Boston, Massachusetts (Logan Airport)  
To: Los Angeles, California  
Lives: 65 people on board  
Crashed into South Tower of World Trade Center at 9:03 AM

#### **American Airlines Flight 77**

From: Washington, D.C. (Dulles Airport)  
To: Los Angeles, CA  
Lives: 64 people on board  
Crashed into the Pentagon at 9:38 AM

#### **United Airlines Flight 93**

From: Newark, New Jersey  
To: San Francisco, California  
Lives: 44 people on board  
Crashed into rural Pennsylvania (southeast of Pittsburgh)

### **Victims**

Victims came from more than 90 countries around the world.  
The following are the number of people who died at each site:

World Trade Center	2,823 (includes airline passengers)
Pentagon	125 (not including plane victims)
Flight 11	92 people on board
Flight 175	64 people on board
Flight 77	64 people on board
Flight 93	44 people on board

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