

## Rocket and Mortar Hits (launched from Gaza) 2001-2014



Period	Total rocket & mortar hits	Average rocket & mortar hits per day	Comments
<b>2001</b>	249	<b>0.7</b>	
<b>2002</b>	292	<b>0.8</b>	
<b>2003</b>	420	<b>1.2</b>	
<b>2004</b>	1157	<b>3.2</b>	
<b>2005</b>	417	<b>1.1</b>	28 rockets launched in July 2005 (one month before the Disengagement), 29 rockets launched in September 2005 (one month after the August Disengagement)
<b>2006</b>	968	<b>2.7</b>	
<b>2007</b>	1645	<b>4.5</b>	421 rockets launched until the Hamas takeover in June 2007, 475 afterwards
<b>Early 2008 before lull</b> (1/1/08 – 18/6/08)	2262	<b>13.3</b> (170 days)	
<b>First part of 6-month lull</b> (19/6/08 – 4/11/08)	38	<b>0.3</b> (139 days)	Following several months of indirect contacts between Israel and Hamas via Egyptian mediators, a 6-month lull arrangement (tahadiya) was reached on 17 June 2008.
<b>Second part of lull</b> (5/11/08 – 19/12/08)	336	<b>7.5</b> (45 days)	After IDF preemptive attack inside Gaza on tunnel dug to capture soldiers
<b>After lull officially expired, and before Operation Cast Lead</b> (20/12/08 – 26/12/08)	161	<b>23.0</b> (7 days)	Hamas refused to extend the lull and escalated launches. ... "About 50" Grad (long range) rockets fired between the first Grad launch (28/3/06) and the beginning of Cast Lead (27/12/08)
<b>Operation Cast Lead</b> (27/12/08-18/1/09)	776	<b>33.7</b> (23 days)	
<b>After Cast Lead, 2009</b> (19/1/09 to 31/12/09)	226	<b>0.7</b> (347 days)	
<b>2010</b>	166	<b>0.5</b> (365 days)	
<b>2011</b> (except for two periods of escalation)	318	<b>0.9</b> (352 days)	
<b>2011</b> (two periods of escalation)	307	<b>34.1</b> (13 days)	1 <sup>st</sup> escalation: <b>7/4/11-10/4/11</b> . On 7 April 2011, Hamas operatives fired a laser-guided anti-tank missile at an Israeli school bus. From 7-10 April 2011, 65 rockets and 67 mortar shells fell in Israeli territory. Some of the rockets were long-range and fell in the regions of Beersheba, Ashqelon and Ashdod. 2 <sup>nd</sup> escalation: <b>18/8/11-26/8/11</b> . Began on August 18 with the terrorist attack north of Eilat and continued with massive barrages of rockets targeting Israeli population centers in the south. From 18-26 August 2011, 133 rockets and 42 mortar shells fell in Israeli territory.
<b>2012</b> (except for four periods of escalation and Operation Pillar of Defense)	161	<b>0.5</b> (330 days)	

<b>2012</b> (four periods of escalation)	551	<b>19.0</b> (29 days)	1 <sup>st</sup> escalation: <b>9/3/12-14/3/12</b> . During the week of March 9 <sup>th</sup> , more than 200 rockets fired and 116 rocket hits identified. The Iron Dome aerial defense system intercepted and destroyed several dozen, preventing hits on populated areas. 2 <sup>nd</sup> escalation: <b>18/6/12-26/6/12</b> . During the six days (6/18-6/23) of attacks a total of 162 rockets fell. 3 <sup>rd</sup> escalation: <b>24/10/12-30/10/12</b> . 105 rockets and an estimated 12 mortar shells hit Israeli territory. The Iron Dome aerial defense system intercepted and destroyed several rockets preventing hits on populated areas. 4 <sup>th</sup> escalation: <b>7/11/12-13/11/12</b> . 121 rockets have landed in Israeli territory. Several rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system (in Ashdod and Beersheba).
<b>Operation Pillar of Defense</b> (14/11/12-20/11/12)	846	<b>120.9</b> (7 days)	During Operation Pillar of Defense more than 1,400 rockets were fired and 845 rocket hits were identified in Israeli territory with about 60 of them hitting populated areas. The Iron Dome aerial defense system intercepted and destroyed more than 400 rockets.
<b>2013</b> (1/1/13-31/12/13)	45	<b>0.1</b> (365 days)	
<b>2014</b> (1/1/14-10/6/14)	96	<b>0.6</b> (161 days)	24 rockets hits identified during the period between January 1 and March 10. Between March 11 and 13 there was a round of escalation in rocket attacks from Gaza, the most serious since Operation Pillar of Defense (November 2012), which resulted in 50 rocket hits identified in Israeli territory (most in the western Negev). During the period March 14 through June 10, a total of 19 rocket and mortar hits were identified.

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