

U.S. Dog Bite Fatalities (2005-2018)



66%

of all fatal dog
maulings are
perpetrated by
pit bulls.

(311 of 472)

49%

of all infant
mortalities due to
dog mauulings are
perpetrated by
pit bulls.

(30 of 61)

72% of adult mortalities
due to dog mauulings are
perpetrated by pit bulls.

65% of fatal mauulings
inflicted by family dogs are
perpetrated by family pit bulls.

Women 30-69 years old are
now the most frequent victim of
fatal pit bull mauulings.†

Combined, pit bulls and pit bull-mixes comprise
about 7% of the total U.S. dog population.

†As of the last 9-year period (2010-2018) | Reconciled May 2026