



High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines are the Common Thread Running Through Most Mass Shootings in the United States



Columbine shooter armed with Intratec TEC-DC9 assault pistol equipped with high-capacity ammunition magazine

Since 1980, there have been at least 57 mass shootings (3 or more fatalities) where the shooter used high-capacity ammunition magazines. A total of 566 people were killed in these shootings and 986 were wounded. This number is likely a significant undercount of actual incidents since there is no consistent collection or reporting of this data. Even in many high-profile shootings information on magazine capacity is not released or reported.

Mass Shooting Incident	Casualties	Firearm(s)	High-Capacity Ammunition Magazine(s)
Route 91 Harvest festival Las Vegas, Nevada October 1, 2017 Shooter: Stephen Paddock	59 dead (including the shooter), 489 injured	Multiple assault rifles including four Daniel Defense DDM4 assault rifles, three FN-15 assault rifles, an AK-47 assault rifle, and an AR-15 assault rifle	Multiple high-capacity ammunition magazines including one hundred round magazine

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UPS distribution center San Francisco, California June 14, 2017 Shooter: Jimmy Lam	4 dead (including shooter), 2 wounded	MasterPiece Arms MAC-10 assault pistol	30-round magazine
House party Mukilteo, Washington July 30, 2016 Shooter: Allen Christopher Ivanov	3 dead, 1 wounded	Sturm Ruger AR-15 assault rifle	30-round magazine
Baton Rouge, Louisiana July 17, 2016 Shooter: Gavin Long	3 law enforcement officers dead, 3 wounded	Tavor SAR assault rifle, Stag Arms M4 variant assault rifle, Springfield XD 9 mm semiautomatic pistol	High-capacity ammunition magazines
Dallas, Texas July 7, 2016 Shooter: Micah Johnson	5 law enforcement officers dead, 9 officers and two citizens wounded	Saiga AK-74 assault rifle, Glock 19 Gen 4 and Fraser .25 semiautomatic pistols	Multiple high-capacity ammunition magazines
Pulse nightclub Orlando, Florida June 12, 2016 Shooter: Omar Mateen	50 dead (including shooter), 53 wounded	Sig Sauer MCX assault rifle	Multiple 30 round magazines, some taped together for faster reloading
Kalamazoo Michigan Multiple parking lots February 20, 2016 Shooter: Jason Dalton	6 dead, 2 wounded	Glock 19 semiautomatic pistol, Walther P99 9mm semiautomatic pistol	Extended magazine
Inland Regional Center San Bernardino, California December 2, 2015 Shooters: Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik	14 dead, 21 wounded	Smith&Wesson M&P assault rifle, DPMS A15 assault rifle	4 30-round magazines

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Navy Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center Chattanooga, Tennessee July 16, 2015 Shooter: Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez	6 dead (including shooter), 2 wounded	AK-variant assault rifle, Saiga assault shotgun, handgun	Multiple 30-round magazines
Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church Charleston, South Carolina June 17, 2015 Shooter: Dylann Roof	9 dead	Glock .45 Model 41 pistol	13-round magazines
Marysville-Pilchuck High School, Marysville, Washington October 24, 2014 Shooter: Jaylen Fryberg	5 dead (including shooter)	Beretta .40 semiautomatic pistol	High-capacity, number of rounds unstated
Apartment complex Hialeah, Florida July 26, 2013 Shooter: Pedro Vargas	6 dead	Glock 17 semiautomatic pistol	17-round magazine
Santa Monica, California June 7, 2013 Shooter: John Zawahri	6 dead, (including shooter)	AR-type assault rifle built from parts	40 30-round magazines
Sandy Hook Elementary School Newtown, Connecticut December 14, 2012 Shooter: Adam Lanza	28 dead, (including shooter)	Bushmaster XM15 assault rifle, Glock 10mm pistol, 9mm Sig Sauer pistol	30-round magazines
Accent Signage Systems Minneapolis, Minnesota September 27, 2012 Shooter: Andrew Engeldinger	7 dead (including shooter), 3 wounded	Springfield XDM semiautomatic pistol	2 15-round magazines
Sikh Temple Oak Creek, Wisconsin August 5, 2012 Shooter: Wade Michael Page	7 dead (including shooter), 2 wounded	Glock 9mm semiautomatic pistol	3 19-round magazines
Café Racer Seattle, Washington May 30, 2012 Shooter: Ian Stawicki	6 dead (including shooter)	Colt .45 semiautomatic pistol	Extended magazine

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Century Aurora 16 movie theater Aurora, Colorado July 20, 2012 Shooter: James Holmes	12 dead, 58 wounded	Smith & Wesson M&P15 assault rifle, .40 Glock pistol, Remington model 870 12 gauge shotgun	100-round magazine
IHOP Carson City, Nevada September 6, 2011 Shooter: Eduardo Sencion	5 dead, (including shooter), 7 wounded	MAK-90 assault rifle (illegally converted to full-auto)	20- and 30-round magazines
Safeway parking lot Tucson, Arizona January 8, 2011 Shooter: Jared Loughner	6 dead, 13 wounded	Glock 19 semiautomatic pistol	Two 31-round magazines Two 15-round magazines
Shreveport, Louisiana August 16, 2010 Shooter: Marcus Donte Reed	3 dead	Assault weapon	30-round magazine
Hartford Distributors Manchester, Connecticut August 3, 2010 Shooter: Omar Thornton	9 dead (including shooter), 2 wounded	Sturm, Ruger SR9 semiautomatic pistol	17- and 15-round magazines
ABB, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri January 7, 2010 Shooter: Timothy Hendron	4 dead (including shooter), 5 wounded	Romarm AK-47 assault rifle, Tristar 12 gauge shotgun, Hi-Point .40 pistol	Two “banana-style” high- capacity magazines (capacity not stated)
Fort Hood Fort Hood, Texas November 5, 2009 Shooter: Nidal Hasan	13 dead, 34 wounded	FN Five-sevenN 5.7mm semiautomatic pistol	30- and 20-round magazines
LA Fitness Center Collier, Pennsylvania August 4, 2009 Shooter: George Sodini	4 dead (including shooter), 9 wounded	Two 9mm semiautomatic pistols, .45 pistol, .32 pistol	30-round magazines
American Civic Association Binghamton, New York April 3, 2009 Shooter: Jiverly Wong	14 dead (including shooter), 4 wounded	9mm Beretta semiautomatic pistol, .45 handgun	30-round magazine

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Oakland, California March 21, 2009 Shooter: Lovelle Mixon	4 dead	SKS assault rifle	High-capacity magazine
Alabama, multiple locations March 10, 2009 Shooter: Michael McLendon	11 dead (including shooter)	SKS assault rifle, Bushmaster AR-15 assault rifle, .38 pistol	High-capacity magazines taped together
Walt Lou Trailer Park Stafford, Virginia May 5, 2008 Shooter: Aaron Poseidon Jackson	4 dead (including shooter)	WASR-10 assault rifle, Smith & Wesson .38 revolver	30-round magazines
Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois February 14, 2008 Shooter: Steven Phillip Kazmierczak	6 dead (including shooter), 21 wounded	Glock19 9mm pistol, Hi-Point 380, Remington12 gauge Sportsman 48 shotgun	33- and 15-round magazines
Westroads Mall Omaha, Nebraska December 5, 2007 Shooter: Robert Hawkins	9 dead (including shooter), 5 wounded	WASR-10 assault rifle	Two 30-round magazines taped together
Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Virginia April 16, 2007 Shooter: Seung-Hui Cho	33 dead (including shooter), 17 wounded	Glock 19 semiautomatic pistol, Walther P22 pistol	15-round magazines
Mail Processing Plant Goleta, California January 30, 2006 Shooter: Jennifer San Marco	7 dead	Smith & Wesson 9mm model 915 semiautomatic pistol	15-round magazine
Living Church of God Brookfield, Wisconsin March 13, 2005 Shooter: Terry Ratzmann	8 dead (including shooter)	Beretta 9mm semiautomatic pistol	2 13-round magazines
Hunting Camp Birchwood, Wisconsin November 21, 2004 Shooter: Chai Vang	6 dead, 3 wounded	SKS assault rifle	20-round magazine
Edgewater Technology Inc. Wakefield, Massachusetts December 26, 2000 Shooter: Michael McDermott	7 dead	AK-47 assault rifle, 12 gauge pump-action shotgun	60-round, large-capacity feeding device

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Xerox Honolulu, Hawaii November 2, 1999 Shooter: Byran Uyesugi	7 dead	Glock 17 9mm semiautomatic pistol	Three 15-round magazines
Wedgewood Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas September 15, 1999 Shooter: Larry Gene Ashbrook	8 dead (including shooter), 7 wounded	Sturm, Ruger P85 9mm semiautomatic pistol, .380 pistol	Three 15-round magazines
Columbine High School Littleton, Colorado April 20, 1999 Shooters: Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold	15 dead (including shooters), 23 wounded	Intratec TEC-DC9 assault pistol, Hi-Point 9mm Carbine, Savage 67H pump-action shotgun, Savage 311-D 12-gauge shotgun	High-capacity magazines (capacity unstated)
Thurston High School Springfield, Oregon May 21, 1998 Shooter: Kip Kinkel	4 dead, 22 wounded	9mm Glock semiautomatic pistol, .22 Sturm Ruger rifle, .22 Sturm Ruger pistol	50-round magazine
Westside Middle School Jonesboro, Arkansas March 24, 1998 Shooters: Andrew Golden and Mitchell Johnson	5 dead, 10 wounded	M-1 rifle, Remington .30-06 rifle, various handguns	15-round magazine
Connecticut State Lottery Headquarters Newington, Connecticut March 6, 1998 Shooter: Matthew Beck	5 dead (including shooter)	Glock 9mm semiautomatic pistol	19-round magazine
Caltrans Maintenance Yard Orange, California December 18, 1997 Shooter: Arturo Reyes Torres	5 dead (including shooter), 2 wounded	AK-47 assault rifle	Five 30-round magazines

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Piper Technical Center Los Angeles, California July, 19, 1995 Shooter: Willie Woods	4 dead	Glock semiautomatic pistol	19-round magazine
DC Police Headquarters Washington, DC November 22, 1994 Shooter: Bennie Lee Lawson	4 dead (including shooter), 1 wounded	Cobray —11 assault pistol	Extended magazine
Fairchild Air Force Base hospital Spokane, Washington June 20, 1994 Shooter: Dean Mellberg	5 dead (including shooter), 23 wounded	MAK-90 assault rifle	75-round drum magazine
Long Island Railroad Long Island, New York December 7, 1993 Shooter: Colin Ferguson	6 dead, 19 wounded	Sturm, Ruger P-89 9mm semiautomatic pistol	Four 15-round magazines
Pettit & Martin Law Offices San Francisco, California July 1, 1993 Shooter: Gian Luigi Ferri	9 dead (including shooter), 6 wounded	Two Intratec TEC-DC9 assault pistols, .45 pistol	40- to 50-round magazines
Luby's Cafeteria Killeen, Texas October 16, 1991 Shooter: George Hennard	24 dead (including shooter), 20 wounded	Sturm, Ruger P-89 9mm semiautomatic pistol, Glock 9mm semiautomatic pistol	17- and 15-round magazines
General Motors Acceptance Corp. Jacksonville, Florida June 18, 1990 Shooter: James Pough	10 dead (including shooter), 4 wounded	M-1 rifle, .38 revolver	30-round magazines
Standard Gravure Corporation Louisville, Kentucky September 14, 1989 Shooter: Joseph Wesbecker	9 dead (including shooter), 12 wounded	AK-47 assault rifle, 2 MAC-11 assault pistols, .38 revolver, Sig Sauer 9mm pistol	30-round magazines
Cleveland Elementary School Stockton, California January 17, 1989 Shooter: Patrick Purdy	6 dead (including shooter), 30 wounded	AK-47 assault rifle, Taurus 9mm pistol, unidentified pistol	75-round drum magazine

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Palm Bay shopping center Palm Bay, Florida April 23, 1987 Shooter: William Cruse	6 dead (including 2 police officers)	Sturm, Ruger Mini- 14 assault rifle	Five 30-round magazines
McDonald's San Ysidro, California July 18, 1984 Shooter: James Huberty	22 dead (including shooter), 19 wounded	Uzi Carbine, Browning 9mm pistol, Winchester 1200 pump-action 12-gauge shotgun	25-round magazine
Ianni's Nightclub Dallas, Texas June 29, 1984 Shooter: Abdelkrim Belachheb	6 dead, 1 wounded	Smith & Wesson 9mm semiautomatic pistol	Two 14-round magazines
Pennsylvania, multiple locations September 25, 1982 Shooter: George Emil Banks	13 dead, 1 wounded	AR-15 semiautomatic assault rifle	30-round magazines
Oregon Museum Tavern Salem, Oregon May 7, 1981 Shooter: Lawrence Moore	4 dead, 19 wounded	Browning 9mm semiautomatic pistol	Two 14-round magazines