



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 60 mass shootings (3 or more fatalities) where the shooter used high-capacity ammunition magazines. A total of 602 people were killed in these shootings and 1020 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)
First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs Sutherland Springs, Texas November 5, 2017 Shooter: Devin Patrick Kelley	27 dead (including the shooter), 20 injured	Sturm, Ruger AR-556 assault rifle	15 30-round magazines

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Route 91 Harvest festival Las Vegas, Nevada October 1, 2017 Shooter: Stephen Paddock	59 dead (including the shooter), 489 injured	Multiple AR-type assault rifles including 4 Daniel Defense assault rifles, 3 FN-15 assault rifles, 3 LMT assault rifles, and 2 POF assault rifles	Multiple high-capacity ammunition magazines including 12 100-round magazines, 6 25-round magazines and 1 40-round magazine
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
Cascade Mall Burlington, Washington September 23, 2016 Shooter: Arcan Cetin	5 dead	Sturn, Ruger 10/22 rifle	25-round magazine
House party Mukilteo, Washington July 30, 2016 Shooter: Allen Christopher Ivanov	3 dead, 1 wounded	Sturn 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

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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
Excel Industries Hesston, Kansas February 25, 2016 Shooter: Cedric Ford	4 dead (including shooter), 14 wounded	Zastava AK-variant assault rifle, Glock 22 semiautomatic pistol	30-round magazine
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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