



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 59 mass shootings (3 or more fatalities) where the shooter used high-capacity ammunition magazines. A total of 597 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.

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| 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 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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) |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |