

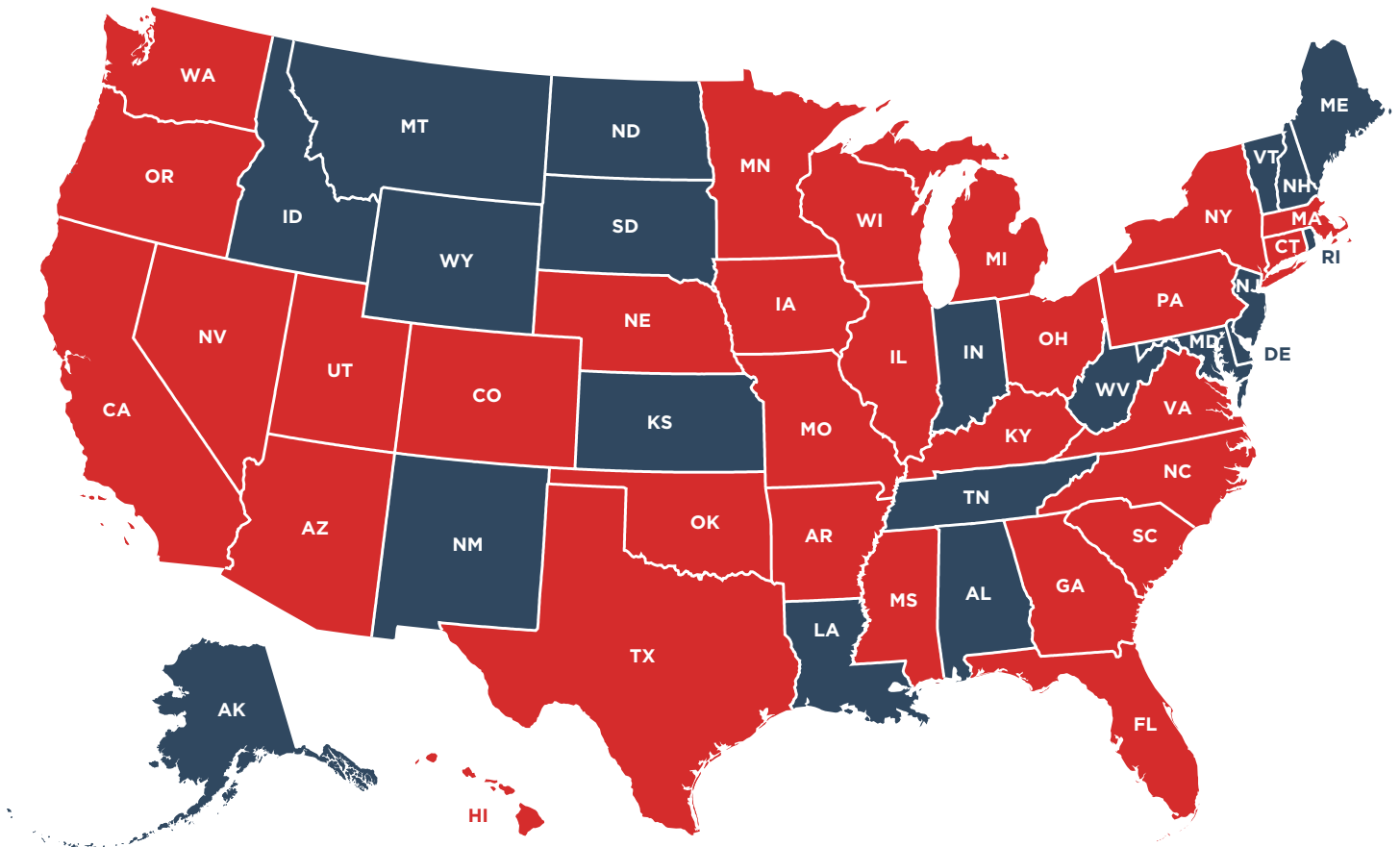


# CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION OF NEW YORK CITY

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### MASS SHOOTERS & LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

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**MASS SHOOTING INCIDENTS**

**Mass shootings have taken place consistently throughout American history, in every region of the country. Over the last 30 years, however, large-capacity ammunition magazines—which hold more than 10 rounds—have proliferated, allowing assailants to become much more destructive. As the following analysis shows, the results have been deadly for Americans.**

As part of our non-partisan mission to prevent violence at the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, we track mass shootings. Our *Mass Shooting Incidents in America* database catalogs shootings in which four or more victims were killed in a public place unrelated to another crime since 1984. Between 1984 and 2012, there were 64 such incidents—33 of which involved a perpetrator armed with a large-capacity magazine.

**JUST EIGHT STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE RESTRICTIONS ON LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES.**

**LAX ENFORCEMENT IN OTHER STATES STILL MAKES THESE STATES VULNERABLE TO HEAVILY ARMED MASS SHOOTERS.**

Large-capacity ammunition magazines were outlawed for 10 years between 1994 and 2004 as part of the federal Assault Weapons Ban, providing us with periods for comparison in order to determine the ban's impact on mass shooting casualties. The results are startling.

**Between 1984 and 2012, shooters who used large-capacity magazines killed or injured 161% more people than those who did not. There were nearly 700 victims in those incidents—78% more killed than when a regular-capacity magazine was used, and 319% more injured.**

**MORE THAN HALF OF MASS SHOOTINGS BETWEEN 1984 AND 2012 INVOLVED A PERPETRATOR ARMED WITH A LARGE-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINE.**

**Perhaps the most important finding is that the federal ban clearly reduced mass shooting casualties: The number of people killed or injured in mass shootings during the decade of the ban was half what it was in the decade before (119 v. 241); and it was a third of the number of casualties since (329 from September 2004 through 2012).**

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**THE RESULT HAS BEEN DEADLY FOR AMERICANS.**

Magazines holding more than 10 rounds were made illegal by the Assault Weapons Ban in 1994. Since it expired in 2004, the number of people killed and injured from mass shootings where large-capacity magazines were used has **TRIPLED**.

### DURING BAN

9/1994 - 9/2004

TOTAL INCIDENTS 15

 = 10 VICTIMS

#### MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS



INCIDENTS 8  
**KILLED 51**  
 INJURED 68  
 TOTAL VICTIMS 119

#### 10 ROUNDS OR FEWER



INCIDENTS 7  
**KILLED 35**  
 INJURED 19  
 TOTAL VICTIMS 54

### AFTER BAN

9/2004 - 2012

TOTAL INCIDENTS 31

 = 10 VICTIMS

#### MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS



INCIDENTS 15  
**KILLED 160**  
 INJURED 169  
 TOTAL VICTIMS 329

#### 10 ROUNDS OR FEWER



INCIDENTS 16  
**KILLED 92**  
 INJURED 38  
 TOTAL VICTIMS 130

**161% MORE** KILLED AND INJURED SINCE 1984

MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS: 689

10 ROUNDS OR FEWER: 264



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Mass shooting defined by the FBI as four or more victims killed. Additional analysis criteria: occurred in a public place, and was unrelated to another crime (e.g., robbery, domestic violence). Information for this analysis has been compiled from publicly available sources. Every effort has been made to obtain the most accurate information, however, contradictions may exist between this analysis and other sources. As the ATF does not require police departments to collect data related to the capacity of a firearm's ammunition magazine, this analysis does not cover an exhaustive list of mass shootings.



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