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2017 UPDATE

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METHODOLOGY

To identify mass shootings and the weapons used, the Crime Commission reviewed descriptions of shootings found in news reports and lists created by government entities and advocacy groups. For the purpose of the this report, mass shooting is defined 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 and the media does not always report the details of the weapons used, this analysis does not cover an exhaustive list of mass shootings.