

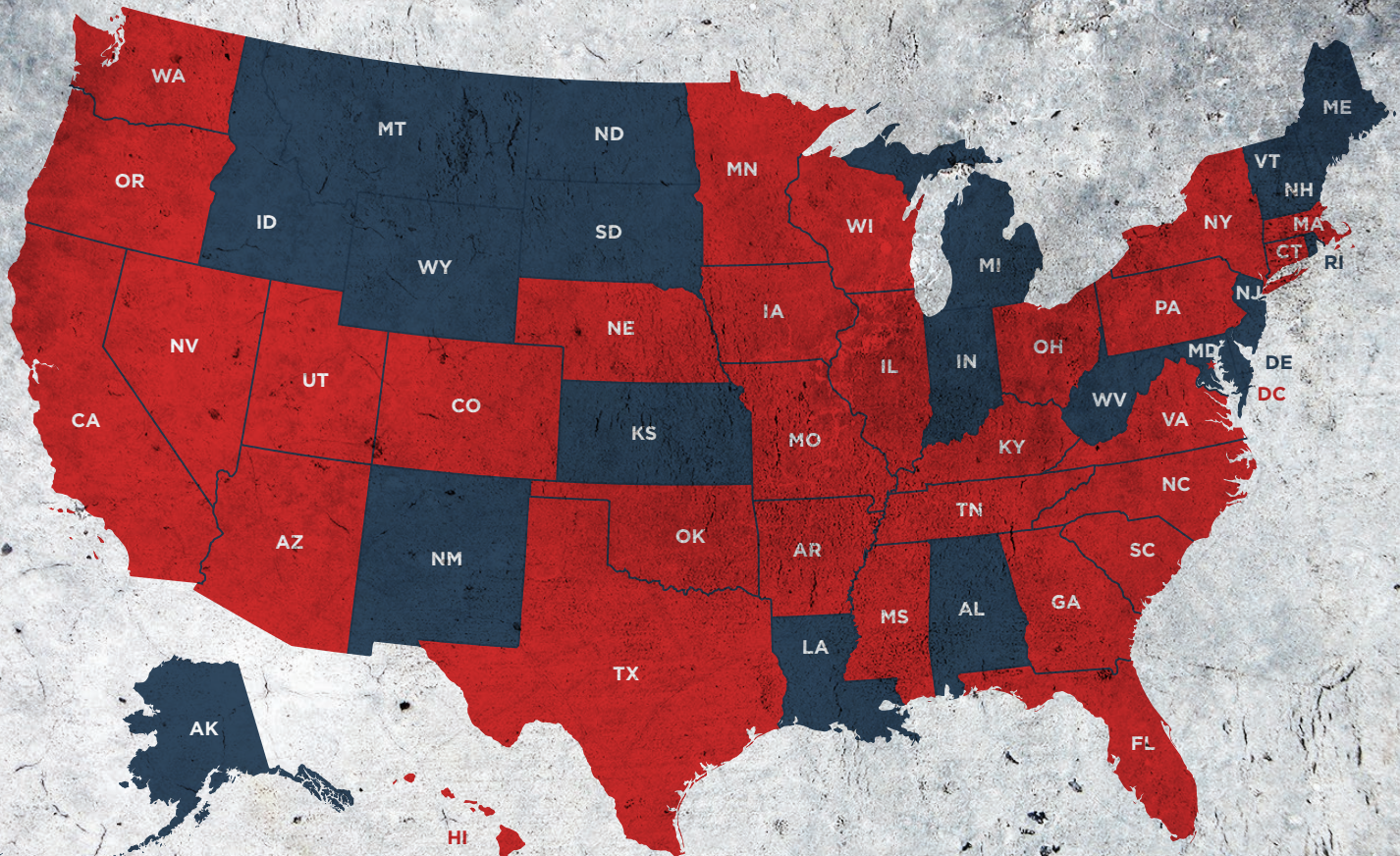


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MASS SHOOTERS & ASSAULT WEAPONS

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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, assault weapons and firearms equipped with 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 June 1984 and June 2016, there were 72 such incidents—46 (64%) of which involved a perpetrator armed with an assault weapon or firearms equipped with a large-capacity magazine.

Assault weapons and 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 June 1984 and June 2016, shooters who used assault weapons and large-capacity magazines killed or injured 301% more people than those who did not. There were nearly 1,000 victims in those incidents—186% more killed than when a non-assault weapon or regular-capacity magazine was used, and 523% more injured.

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 involving assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines during the decade of the ban was nearly half what it was in the decade before (145 v. 241); and it was a third of the number of casualties since (541 from September 2004 through June 2016).

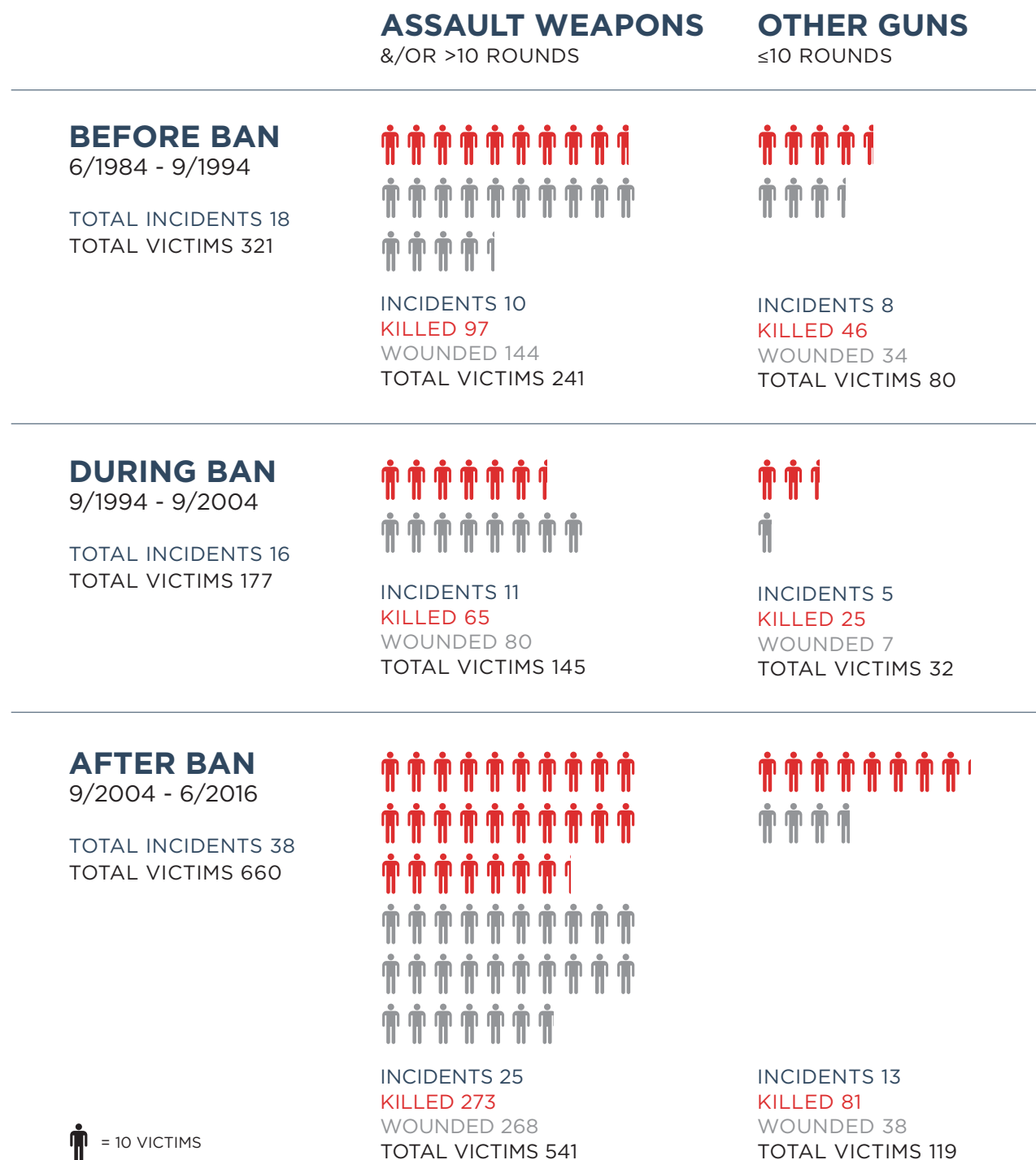
JUST SEVEN STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS AND IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON LARGE-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES (CA, CT, HI, MD, MA, NJ & NY).

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

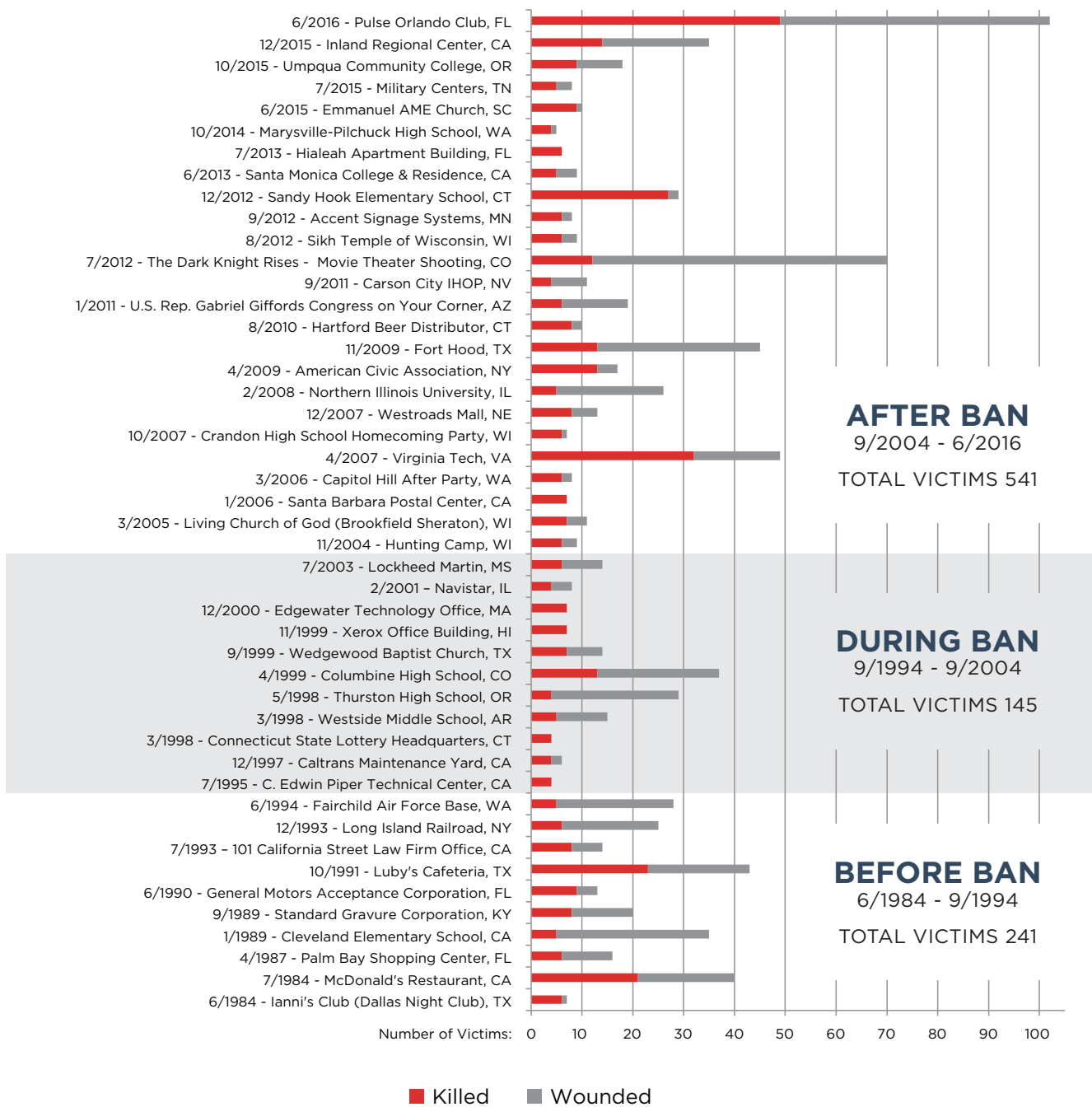
SHOOTERS WHO USE ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES ARE MUCH MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN THOSE WHO DO NOT.

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Assault weapons and 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 an assault weapon or firearm equipped with a large-capacity magazine was used has TRIPLED.

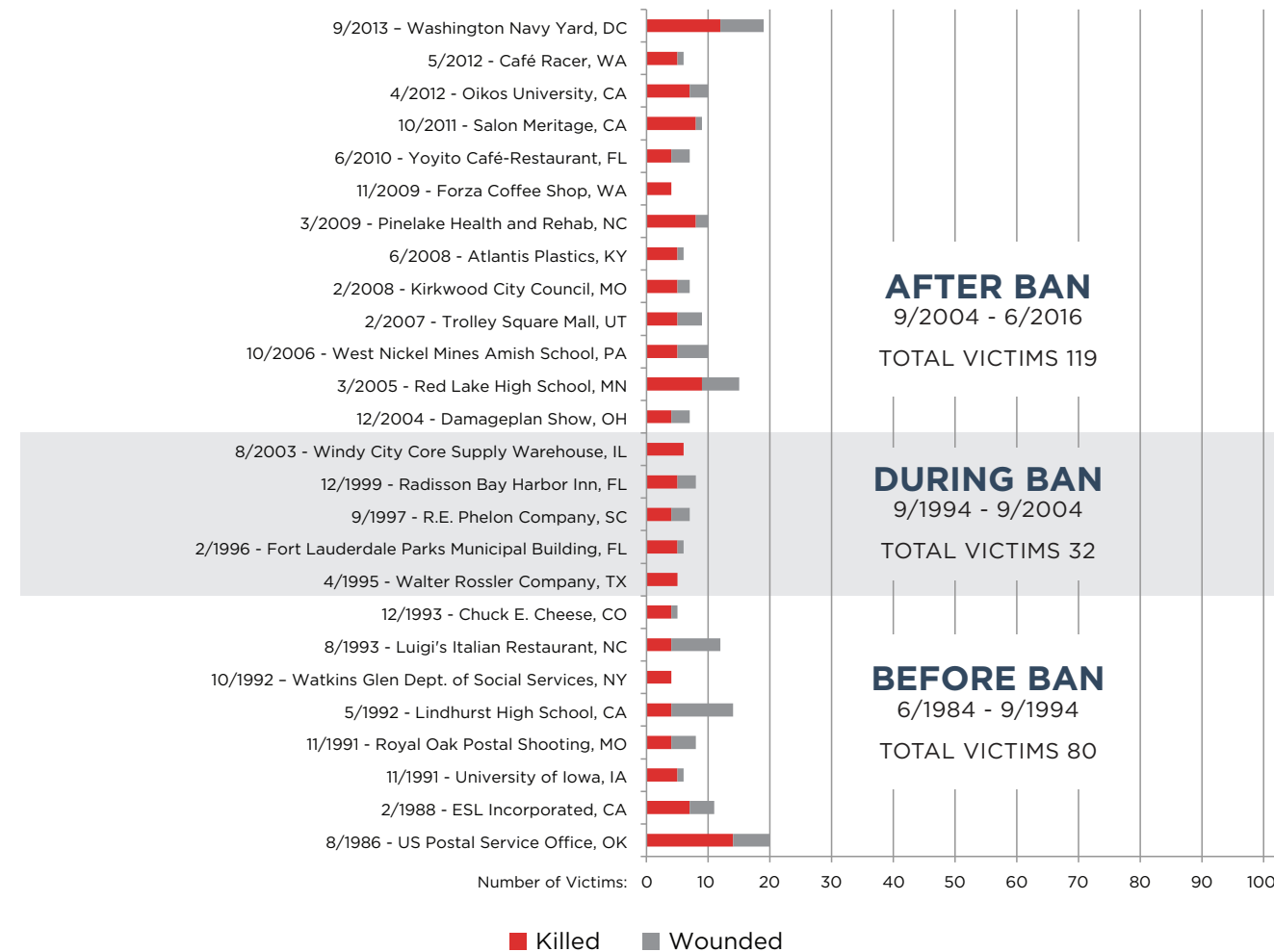


ASSAULT WEAPONS & LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES



MORE THAN HALF OF MASS SHOOTINGS BETWEEN JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 2016 INVOLVED A PERPETRATOR ARMED WITH AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR FIREARM EQUIPPED WITH A LARGE-CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINE.

OTHER GUNS ≤10 ROUNDS



301% MORE KILLED AND INJURED WITH ASSAULT WEAPONS & LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES THAN WITH OTHER GUNS (6/1984 - 6/2016)

ASSAULT WEAPONS &/OR >10 ROUNDS: 927

OTHER GUNS ≤10 ROUNDS: 231



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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 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.



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