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Death-Penalty Status of States in Which Deadliest U.S. Mass Shootings Occurred (Since 1976)				
Mass Shooting Incident	Location	Date	Casualties ⁺	Death-Penalty State?
Route 91 Harvest music festival ^x	Las Vegas, Nevada	October 2017	60 killed, 439 wounded ⁺	Yes
Pulse Nightclub ^x	Orlando, Florida	June 2016	49 killed, 53 wounded	Yes
Virginia Tech campus ^x	Blacksburg, Virginia	April 2007	32 killed, 17 wounded	Yes
Sandy Hook Elementary School ^x	Newtown, Connecticut	December 2012	27 killed, 2 wounded	No
First Baptist Church ^x	Sutherland Springs, Texas	November 2017	26 killed, 20 wounded	Yes
Luby's Cafeteria ^x	Killeen, Texas	October 1991	23 killed, 27 wounded	Yes
Walmart	El Paso, Texas	August 2019	23 killed, 23 wounded	Yes
McDonalds ^x	San Ysidro, California	July 1984	21 killed, 19 wounded	Yes
Robb Elementary School ^x	Uvalde, Texas	May 24, 2022	21 killed, 17 wounded	Yes
Just-In-Time Recreation bowling alley ^x	Lewistown, Maine	October 2023	18 killed, 13 wounded	No
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School	Parkland, Florida	February 2018	17 killed, 17 wounded	Yes
Inland Regional Center ^{xx}	San Bernardino, California	December 2015	14 killed, 19 wounded	Yes

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Edmond Post Office ^x	Edmond, Oklahoma	August 1986	14 killed, 6 wounded	Yes
Fort Hood	Fort Hood, Texas (federal property)	November 2009	13 killed, 31 wounded	Yes*
Binghamton Civic Association ^x	Binghamton, New York	April 2009	13 killed, 4 wounded	No
Private residence and mobile home park	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	September 1982	13 killed, 1 wounded	Yes
Wah Mee Club	Seattle, Washington	February 1983	13 killed, 1 wounded	Yes
Century 16 movie theater	Aurora, Colorado	July 2012	12 killed, 58 wounded++	Yes
Columbine High School ^{xx}	Littleton, Colorado	April 1999	12 killed, 21 wounded	Yes
Virginia Beach Municipal Center ^x	Virginia Beach, Virginia	May 2019	12 killed, 4 wounded	Yes
Washington Navy Yard ^x	Washington, D.C. (federal property)	September 2013	12 killed, 3 wounded+	Yes
The Borderline Bar & Grill ^x	Thousand Oaks, California	November 2018	12 killed, 2 wounded	Yes
Star Ballroom Dance Studio ^x	Monterey Park, California	January 2023	11 killed, 9 wounded	Yes
GMAC Payment Center ^x	Jacksonville, Florida	June 1990	11 killed, 6 wounded	Yes
Tree of Life Synagogue	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	October 2018	11 killed, 6 wounded	Yes*
Santa Fe High School	Santa Fe, Texas	May 2018	10 killed, 13 wounded	Yes
Spree shooting, multiple locations ^x	Kinston, Alabama	March 2009	10 killed, 6 wounded	Yes
Tops Markets supermarket	Buffalo, New York	May 2022	10 killed, 3 wounded	No*

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Private residence	Brooklyn, New York	April 1984	10 killed	No
King Soopers supermarket	Boulder, Colorado	March 2021	10 killed	No

^x Shooter(s) killed

^{*} Federal capital prosecution

⁺ Victim data from 2014-2024 from [Gun Violence Archive](#). Only victims who had been shot are included as “wounded.”

⁺⁺ The Gun Violence Archive inadvertently omits Jonathan Thomas Blunk from its list of individuals killed in the Aurora movie theater mass shooting. He is included in the total here.

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