

* There is no actual definition of 'assault rifle'. I use the term because that is how the public understands it- which is, of course, misleading...yet I am stuck using the term because a true definition, as it comports with the broad misunderstood (yet used) social definition, would take a good ten minutes of discussion in the Podcast.

The 'assault rifle' death statistics that I refer to in this Podcast are based upon the FBI's definition of a 'long gun' as this is where the public's understanding of assault rifles falls for data gathering and statistic reporting. The FBI's definition of long guns is based upon the definition provided by the National Firearms Act of 1934: The act sets a minimum length of 16 inches (40 cm) for rifle barrels and 18 inches (45 cm) for shotgun barrels.

The definitions are not accurate as reported by the media or understood by the general public. This is why I default to FBI's Uniform Crime Report statistics (as explained above) because this is the most accurate definition and national statistic, where the public's misunderstood definition of 'assault rifle' falls, that I have found.