



# Section Twelve

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## **BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY**



# INTRODUCTION

Crimes motivated by hate and bias tend to erode the basic fabric of society. Bias incidents having a racial, religious, ethnic, sexual or gender component as well as crimes against individuals with a handicap, manifest themselves in a wide spectrum of criminal activities. These bias incidents jeopardize the active and open pursuit of freedom and opportunity. They attack our citizens based on their race, religion, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, handicap, or gender. Closely linked to such heritage are individual values, beliefs, and identities.

Realizing that no agency within the state was collecting complete data on bias incidents, a broad-based Ad Hoc committee was created to develop a comprehensive statewide reporting system. As a result of the committee's recommendation, Attorney General Executive Directive No. 1987-3 was issued mandating all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to begin reporting bias incident offenses to the Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, on a monthly basis, effective January 1, 1988. On August 15, 1996, legislation was enacted which enhanced the state's definition of a bias incident to include crimes that are gender or handicap-motivated.

The directive was instituted to capture vital data in an effort to identify the problem. This information permits proper evaluation of progress in preventing bias crime and assist with necessary planning for the future.

This is the fourteenth annual publication concerning bias crimes, which contains comparisons to the previous year's statistics. The published statistics and graphs are the result of data submitted by the police community of New Jersey.

Hopefully, the information contained in this publication will be of value to various segments of society and serve its intended purpose.

# BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2001 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 777 individual bias incidents, resulting in 815 specific bias incident offenses in 2001, a 15% increase compared to 2000.
- Harassment accounted for 39% (318) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 44% (356) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 40% (324) of all bias incident crimes in 2001.
- The target category of person accounted for 54% (440) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 33% (272) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 24% (193) of all bias offenses.
- The Arab ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 11% (92) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (138 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was September (190 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 27% (223 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Thirty percent (245) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 56% (138) being cleared by arrest, and 44% (107) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 187 arrests (100 adults and 87 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2000, arrests increased 8 percent.

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

## 1997 through 2001

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Murder	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	2	4	-	2	3
Aggravated Assault	16	21	25	21	15
Burglary	4	4	2	5	2
Larceny-Theft	1	2	2	2	2
Simple Assault	68	63	60	53	58
Fear of Bodily Violence	22	20	20	15	34
Arson	2	2	-	-	7
Criminal Mischief	303	318	277	292	333
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	32	20	27	24	23
Weapons Offense	-	-	-	2	-
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	1	2	-	-
Terroristic Threats	46	41	37	38	11
Trespass	-	-	-	-	2
Disorderly Conduct	18	3	1	2	-
Harassment	267	336	210	252	318
Desecration of Venerated Objects	5	10	1	-	1
All Other Bias Incidents	21	32	15	2	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>815</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2000/2001

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2000	2	1	50	0	-	-
	2001	3	-	0	0	-	-
Aggravated Assault	2000	21	16	76	20	13	7
	2001	15	9	60	33	16	17
Burglary	2000	5	-	0	0	-	-
	2001	2	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	2000	2	-	0	0	-	-
	2001	2	-	0	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2000	53	37	70	39	25	14
	2001	58	36	62	34	17	17
Fear of Bodily Violence	2000	15	3	20	1	1	-
	2001	34	13	38	11	5	6
Arson	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	7	-	0	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	2000	292	18	6	25	10	15
	2001	333	15	5	17	6	11
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2000	24	3	13	3	1	2
	2001	23	2	9	7	-	7
Weapons Offense	2000	2	2	100	1	1	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Terroristic Threats	2000	38	16	42	12	10	2
	2001	11	5	45	3	2	1
Trespass	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	2	1	50	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2000	2	1	50	0	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	0	-	-
Harassment	2000	252	164	65	72	55	17
	2001	318	164	52	82	54	28
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2001	1	-	0	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2000	2	-	0	0	-	-
	2001	6	-	0	0	-	-
TOTAL	2000	710	261	37	173	116	57
	2001	815	245	30	187	100	87

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

## TARGET/TYPE – 2001

PERSON						440			
RACIAL	194	RELIGIOUS	92	ETHNIC	130	SEXUAL	23	OTHER	1
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	61	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	9	Hindu	7	Asian Indian	31	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>1</b>
Black	158	Islamic	38	Hispanic	34	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	1
White	27	Jewish	46	Oriental	2	Homosexual(F)	5	(2) Mental	-
Other	-	Protestant	-	Other	2	Homosexual(M)	18		
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	-		

PRIVATE PROPERTY						246			
RACIAL	73	RELIGIOUS	120	ETHNIC	42	SEXUAL	11	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	7	Arab	20	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	4	Hindu	4	Asian Indian	11	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>0</b>
Black	63	Islamic	13	Hispanic	6	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	6	Jewish	93	Oriental	3	Homosexual(F)	4	(2) Mental	-
Other	-	Protestant	1	Other	2	Homosexual(M)	6		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	1		

PUBLIC PROPERTY						129	
RACIAL	57	RELIGIOUS	57	ETHNIC	13	SEXUAL	2
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	11	Bisexual	-
Asian	-	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-
Black	51	Islamic	2	Hispanic	2	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	3	Jewish	54	Oriental	-	Homosexual(F)	-
Other	3	Protestant	-	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	1
		Other	1			Homosexual(M&F)	1

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2000/2001

		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Atlantic	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-	-
Bergen	2001	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	2	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Burlington	2001	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	1
	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	4	-
Camden	2001	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	3	1
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Cape May	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	2000	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	2000	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	1	-
Essex	2001	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	5	4	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
Gloucester	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1
	2000	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Hudson	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	5	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hunterdon	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
Mercer	2001	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	3	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Middlesex	2001	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	2	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-
Monmouth	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	4	2
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Morris	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	2000	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	6	-
Ocean	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	3	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-
Passaic	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salem	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Somerset	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	2001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	2000	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
Warren	2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2000	0	0	0	2	21	5	2	53	15	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>



# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2000/2001

Criminal Mischief	Damage to Property Threat of Violence	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated Objects	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	13
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	20
25	3	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	84
41	2	-	-	1	-	-	31	1	-	87
13	1	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	27
23	1	-	-	1	-	-	14	-	-	45
22	-	2	-	1	-	-	12	-	-	46
47	6	-	-	-	1	-	39	-	-	105
2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	7
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	13
3	-	-	-	4	-	-	13	-	-	22
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10
15	1	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	34
30	1	-	-	-	1	-	20	-	-	64
14	3	-	-	4	-	1	19	-	-	45
8	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	25
2	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	10
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	1	36
4	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	9
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	8
16	1	-	-	5	-	-	20	-	-	48
17	1	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	-	46
30	3	-	-	5	-	-	16	-	-	58
28	4	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	63
23	6	-	-	2	-	-	19	-	1	56
26	-	-	-	1	-	-	24	-	-	63
18	3	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	1	48
17	2	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	38
21	-	-	-	1	-	-	24	-	-	58
17	4	-	-	2	-	-	32	-	-	66
7	1	-	-	6	-	-	12	-	-	32
10	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	-	-	30
3	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	8
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	10
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	61
13	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	1	35
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	8
2	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	9
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	23
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	2	15
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	13
17	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	27
292	24	2	0	38	0	2	252	0	2	710
333	23	0	0	11	2	0	318	1	6	815

# VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

## 2001

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<b>AGE</b>		
10 and under	17	6
11 to 17	91	233
18 to 20	33	50
21 to 25	46	47
26 to 30	40	41
31 to 35	48	41
36 to 40	48	63
41 to 45	51	35
46 to 50	29	26
51 to 60	30	25
61 and over	7	12
<b>TOTAL AGE</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	271	470
Female	169	109
<b>TOTAL SEX</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>RACE</b>		
American Indian	-	-
Asian	134	9
Black	161	81
White	144	489
Other	1	-
<b>TOTAL RACE</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>579</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

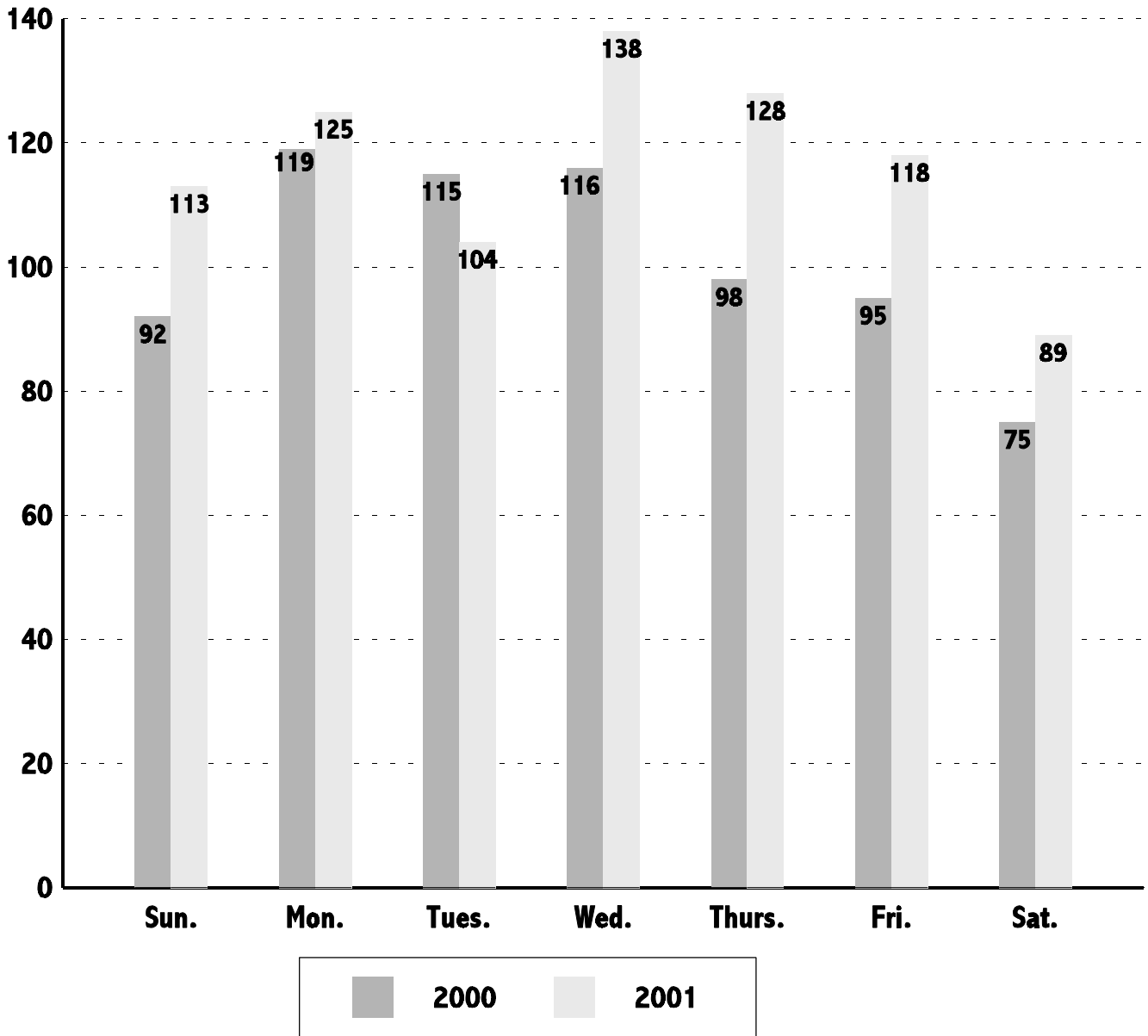
## 2001

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	104	Residence	223	Acquaintance	48
Cross Burning	1	Religious Building	30	Neighbor	70
Graffiti	183	Government Building	20	Employee	9
In Person	330	School Building	152	Stranger	204
Letters	61	Business Establishment	135	Unknown	435
Telephone	43	Cemetery	4	Other	49
Other	93	Motor Vehicle	57		
		Highway	104		
		Parking Lot	45		
		Other	45		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815</b>

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	-	Catholic	8	Arab	92	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
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		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	2		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>

# BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

## 2000/2001



# BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

## 2000/2001

