



Section Twelve

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 twelfth 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 1999 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 633 individual bias incidents, resulting in 679 specific bias incident offenses in 1999, a 23% decrease compared to 1998.
- Harassment accounted for 31% (210) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 45% (304) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 49% (336) of all bias incident crimes in 1999.
- The target category of person accounted for 52% (356) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 40% (272) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 26% (177) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 9% (59) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Thursday (120 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was April (80 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 27% (182 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-two percent (288) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 66% (191) being cleared by arrest, and 34% (97) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 224 arrests (136 adults and 88 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 1998 arrests increased 21 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

1995 through 1999

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Murder	-	1	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	7	8	2	4	-
Aggravated Assault	27	38	16	21	25
Burglary	8	6	4	4	2
Larceny-Theft	2	4	1	2	2
Simple Assault	88	84	68	63	60
Fear of Bodily Violence	30	23	22	20	20
Arson	6	6	2	2	-
Criminal Mischief	254	370	303	318	277
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	76	31	32	20	27
Weapons Offense	2	2	-	-	-
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	1	-	1	2
Terroristic Threats	55	53	46	41	37
Trespass	-	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	18	22	18	3	1
Harassment	288	344	267	336	210
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2	5	5	10	1
All Other Bias Incident	102	43	21	32	15
TOTAL	965	1,041	807	877	679

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 1998/1999

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1998	-	-	-	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	1998	-	-	-	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	1998	-	-	-	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	1998	4	-	0	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Aggravated Assault	1998	21	12	57	12	8	4
	1999	25	20	80	20	15	5
Burglary	1998	4	-	0	0	-	-
	1999	2	2	100	5	-	5
Larceny-Theft	1998	2	-	0	0	-	-
	1999	2	-	0	0	-	-
Simple Assault	1998	63	43	68	34	21	13
	1999	60	47	78	48	25	23
Fear of Bodily Violence	1998	20	9	45	13	12	1
	1999	20	14	70	11	7	4
Arson	1998	2	1	50	1	1	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	1998	318	20	6	26	12	14
	1999	277	24	9	25	10	15
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1998	20	-	0	0	-	-
	1999	27	5	19	8	1	7
Weapons Offense	1998	-	-	-	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1998	1	1	100	1	1	-
	1999	2	2	100	2	2	-
Terroristic Threats	1998	41	19	46	10	8	2
	1999	37	22	59	15	11	4
Trespass	1998	-	-	-	0	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	1998	3	3	100	2	2	-
	1999	1	1	100	0	-	-
Harassment	1998	336	185	55	86	67	19
	1999	210	150	71	90	65	25
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1998	10	-	0	0	-	-
	1999	1	-	0	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	1998	32	1	3	0	-	-
	1999	15	1	7	0	-	-
TOTAL	1998	877	294	34	185	132	53
	1999	679	288	42	224	136	88

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 1999

PERSON				356					
RACIAL	199	RELIGIOUS	53	ETHNIC	77	SEXUAL	27	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	7	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	15	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	0
Black	160	Islamic	3	Hispanic	50	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	31	Jewish	46	Oriental	7	Homosexual(F)	11	(2) Mental	-
Other	1	Protestant	-	Other	5	Homosexual(M)	13		
		Other	1			Homosexual(M&F)	2		

PRIVATE PROPERTY				207			
RACIAL	79	RELIGIOUS	94	ETHNIC	21	SEXUAL	13
American Indian	-	Catholic	2	Arab	-	Bisexual	1
Asian	3	Hindu	2	Asian Indian	7	Heterosexual(F)	1
Black	65	Islamic	1	Hispanic	8	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	8	Jewish	82	Oriental	2	Homosexual(F)	3
Other	3	Protestant	3	Other	4	Homosexual(M)	8
		Other	4			Homosexual(M&F)	-

PUBLIC PROPERTY				116			
RACIAL	58	RELIGIOUS	51	ETHNIC	2	SEXUAL	5
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	-	Bisexual	-
Asian	3	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-
Black	47	Islamic	1	Hispanic	1	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	4	Jewish	49	Oriental	1	Homosexual(F)	2
Other	4	Protestant	-	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	2
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	1

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1998/1999

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		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson	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
Atlantic	1998	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	3	-	13	-	-	-	2	-	1	30	1	2	56
	1999	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	1	-	7	2	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	27
Bergen	1998	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	1	-	22	-	-	-	10	-	-	39	1	1	83
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	25	4	-	1	4	-	-	20	-	1	62
Burlington	1998	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	12	1	-	1	-	-	-	12	1	-	29
	1999	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-	20	1	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	1	37
Camden	1998	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	3	1	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	71
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	3	-	32	4	-	-	2	-	-	30	-	-	77
Cape May	1998	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	17
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
Cumberland	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	2	1	28
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	12
Essex	1998	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	7	1	-	16	6	-	-	2	-	-	16	-	2	57
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	12	2	-	-	5	-	-	7	-	3	31
Gloucester	1998	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	1	-	10	2	-	-	2	-	-	20	-	-	43
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	1	-	6	1	-	-	3	-	-	17	-	-	35
Hudson	1998	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	7	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	1	21
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
Hunterdon	1998	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	12	1	-	17
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	11
Mercer	1998	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	22	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	9	46
	1999	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	16	2	-	-	2	-	-	14	1	1	40
Middlesex	1998	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	40	2	-	-	6	-	-	67	4	8	134
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	35	4	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	4	73
Monmouth	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	18	1	-	-	1	-	1	18	-	1	45
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	3	-	20	1	-	-	3	-	-	18	-	1	52
Morris	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	12	-	1	38
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	24	2	-	-	1	-	-	22	-	1	56
Ocean	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	15	1	-	-	6	-	-	22	-	1	52
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	17	1	-	-	5	-	-	15	-	-	43
Passaic	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	18	2	-	-	4	-	-	6	-	-	36
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	12	-	-	9	1	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	1	33
Salem	1998	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	7
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	7
Somerset	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	38	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	1	58
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	34
Sussex	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	11
Union	1998	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	9	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	22
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	15
Warren	1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	11
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
TOTAL	1998	0	0	0	4	21	4	2	63	20	2	318	20	0	1	41	0	3	336	10	32	877
	1999	0	0	0	0	25	2	2	60	20	0	277	27	0	2	37	0	1	210	1	15	679

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

1999

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	18	7
11 to 17	83	119
18 to 20	39	41
21 to 25	30	38
26 to 30	39	16
31 to 35	44	23
36 to 40	37	35
41 to 45	20	17
46 to 50	23	9
51 to 60	16	14
61 and over	7	12
TOTAL AGE	356	331
SEX		
Male	219	277
Female	137	54
TOTAL SEX	356	331
RACE		
American Indian	-	1
Asian	34	7
Black	160	45
White	160	277
Other	2	1
TOTAL RACE	356	331

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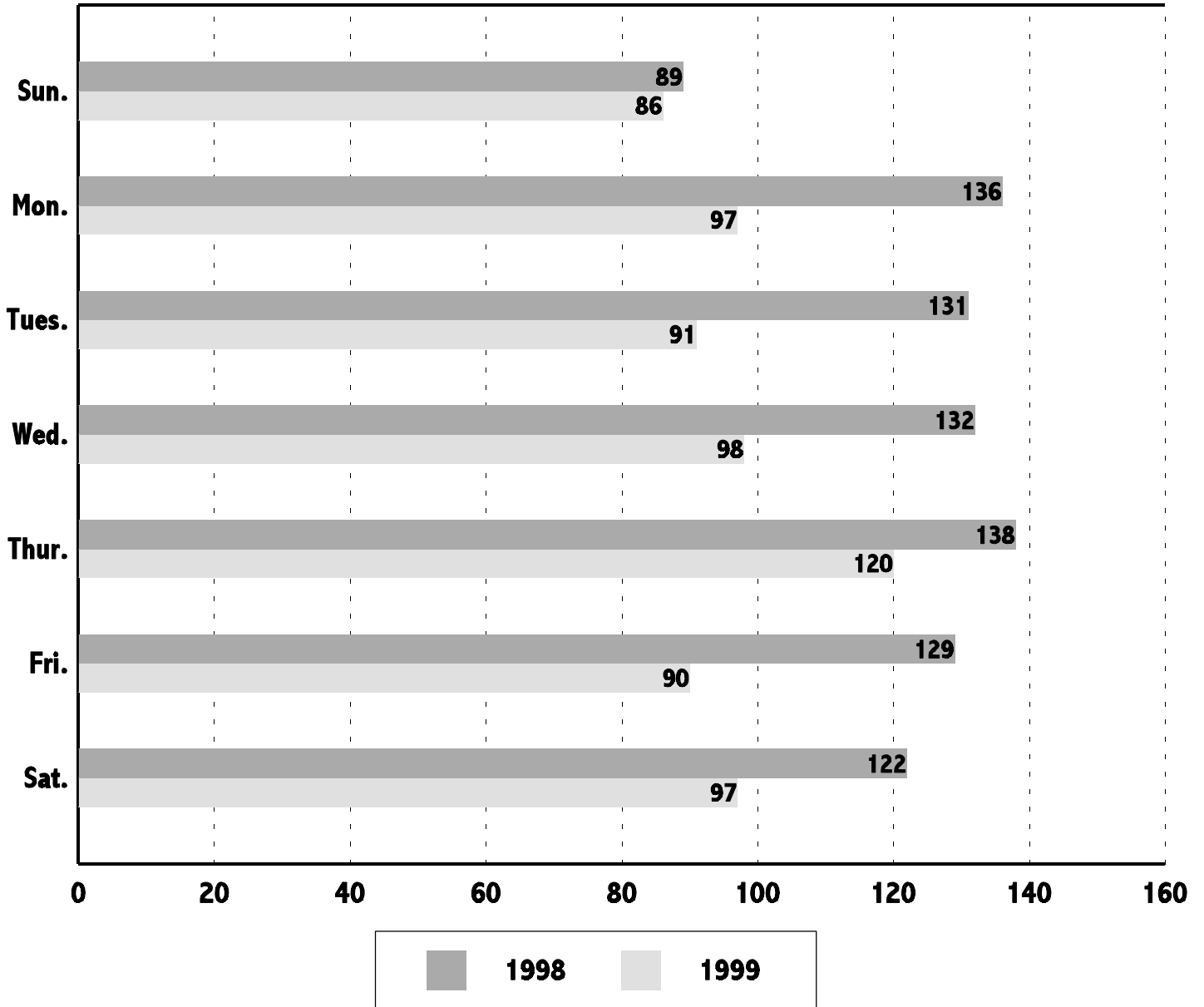
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Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	85	Residence	182	Acquaintance	70
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	14	Neighbor	55
Graffiti	155	Government Building	19	Employee	19
In Person	283	School Building	109	Stranger	135
Letters	31	Business Establishment	99	Unknown	334
Telephone	40	Cemetery	1	Other	66
Other	85	Motor Vehicle	55		
		Highway	67		
		Parking Lot	34		
		Other	99		
TOTAL	679	TOTAL	679	TOTAL	679

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	-	Catholic	2	Arab	-	Bisexual	1	Gender	-
Asian	13	Hindu	6	Asian Indian	22	Heterosexual(F)	2	Handicap:	0
Black	272	Islamic	5	Hispanic	59	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	43	Jewish	177	Oriental	10	Homosexual(F)	16	(2) Mental	-
Other	8	Protestant	3	Other	9	Homosexual(M)	23		
		Other	5			Homosexual(M&F)	3		
TOTAL	336	TOTAL	198	TOTAL	100	TOTAL	45	TOTAL	0

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

1998/1999



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

1998/1999

