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BIAS INCIDENTS IN NEW JERSEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009



New Jersey State Police
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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSE REPORT 2009

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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 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 twenty-second annual publication concerning bias crimes 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.



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The Honorable Chris Christie
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Honorable Members of the Senate and
Assembly of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to the Attorney General's Executive Directive 1987-3, I herewith submit for your information and review the twenty-second annual report on bias incidents in New Jersey. The annual report is based on the bias incident reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 2009.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey law enforcement agencies. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants, and in the interest of developing strategies for identifying and addressing bias-motivated crimes, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula T. Dow".

Paula T. Dow
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Dear Attorney General Dow:

Pursuant to the Attorney General's Executive Directive 1987-3, the twenty-second annual report on bias incidents in New Jersey is submitted. This report contains statistics related to bias incidents. All information is based on bias incident reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 2009. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2008 and 2009 data.

This report could not have been realized without the cooperation of all New Jersey law enforcement agencies. It is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Fuentes
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BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2009 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 632 bias incident investigations, resulting in 683 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2009, a 22% decrease compared to 2008.
- Harassment accounted for 41% (280) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 39% (264) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 39% (268) of all bias incident crimes in 2009.
- The target category of person accounted for 60% (408) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 34% (233) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 33% (224) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (33) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Tuesday (123 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (72 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 25% (177 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-seven percent (320) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 40% (129) being cleared by arrest, and 60% (191) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 122 arrests (78 adults and 44 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2008, arrests decreased 28 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2008/2009

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Bergen	2008	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Burlington	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Camden	2008	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Cape May	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cumberland	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Essex	2008	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	-
	2009	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Gloucester	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hudson	2008	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	6	-	1
	2009	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hunterdon	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2008	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	5	-
Middlesex	2008	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	5	1	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	2	-
Monmouth	2008	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	13	5	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	3	1
Morris	2008	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Ocean	2008	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-
Passaic	2008	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Salem	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Somerset	2008	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Sussex	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2008	0	0	0	1	19	3	2	47	9	1
	2009	0	0	0	3	10	2	1	38	21	3

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2008/2009

Criminal Mischief	Damage to Property Threat of	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
8	1	-	-	1	-	-	11	-	-	23
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	17
34	1	-	-	3	-	1	17	-	-	62
24	-	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	-	51
22	-	-	-	1	-	-	19	-	1	45
14	-	-	1	3	-	-	11	-	2	35
18	2	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	2	41
9	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	18
3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	8
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
18	4	-	-	7	-	-	12	-	1	47
4	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	1	14
29	-	-	-	-	-	2	16	-	1	50
8	-	1	-	-	-	2	15	-	-	27
7	1	-	-	9	-	-	11	-	2	41
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	23
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	1	34
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	30
39	2	-	-	4	-	-	48	2	4	110
38	-	-	-	3	-	-	42	-	3	98
64	1	-	-	4	-	8	108	-	7	215
37	-	-	-	4	-	12	94	-	9	173
26	-	-	-	1	-	-	13	-	6	49
25	-	-	-	1	-	-	18	-	1	48
29	1	-	-	4	-	-	29	-	1	71
29	1	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	3	57
6	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	3	16
14	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	24
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	23
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	24
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
14	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	20
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	12
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	9
358	14	0	0	37	0	12	340	3	30	876
263	1	1	1	22	0	16	280	0	21	683

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2008/2009

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2008	1	1	100	1	1	-
	2009	3	3	100	6	6	-
Aggravated Assault	2008	19	14	74	12	8	4
	2009	10	7	70	8	6	2
Burglary	2008	3	-	0	0	-	-
	2009	2	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	2008	2	-	0	0	-	-
	2009	1	1	100	1	-	1
Simple Assault	2008	47	36	77	23	11	12
	2009	38	33	87	20	15	5
Fear of Bodily Violence	2008	9	6	67	2	1	1
	2009	21	11	52	6	3	3
Arson	2008	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2009	3	1	33	1	1	-
Criminal Mischief	2008	358	22	6	37	7	30
	2009	263	12	5	13	2	11
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2008	14	1	7	0	-	-
	2009	1	-	0	0	-	-
Weapons Offense	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	1	1	100	1	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	1	-	0	0	-	-
Terroristic Threats	2008	37	25	68	18	12	6
	2009	22	13	59	9	6	3
Trespass	2008	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2008	12	11	92	6	4	2
	2009	16	15	94	6	5	1
Harassment	2008	340	249	73	65	47	18
	2009	280	213	76	47	31	16
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2008	3	-	0	0	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2008	30	15	50	5	5	-
	2009	21	10	48	4	2	2
TOTAL	2008	876	380	43	169	96	73
	2009	683	320	47	122	78	44

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2005 through 2009

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Murder	-	-	1	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	3	7	2	1	3
Aggravated Assault	15	25	12	19	10
Burglary	5	4	5	3	2
Larceny-Theft	1	3	1	2	1
Simple Assault	54	52	46	47	38
Fear of Bodily Violence	12	17	11	9	21
Arson	3	1	1	1	3
Criminal Mischief	346	290	268	358	263
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	9	16	23	14	1
Weapons Offense	1	-	1	-	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	1	3	-	1
Terroristic Threats	33	28	26	37	22
Trespass	1	1	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	4	15	19	12	16
Harassment	292	339	353	340	280
Desecration of Venerated Objects	-	2	2	3	-
All Other Bias Incidents	13	24	35	30	21
TOTAL	792	825	809	876	683

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2009

PERSON					408				
RACIAL	193	RELIGIOUS	86	ETHNIC	60	SEXUAL	62	OTHER	7
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	12	Bisexual	5	Gender	2
Asian	7	Hindu	2	Asian Indian	9	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	4
Black	166	Islamic	8	Hispanic	30	Heterosexual(M)	1	(1) Physical	-
White	16	Jewish	72	Asian	2	Homosexual(F)	10	(2) Mental	4
Other	4	Protestant	2	Nat. Origin	3	Homosexual(M)	40	Gender ID:	1
		Other	1	Other	4	Homosexual(M&F)	5		

PRIVATE PROPERTY					169				
RACIAL	46	RELIGIOUS	102	ETHNIC	9	SEXUAL	12	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	2	Arab	2	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	2	Hindu	5	Asian Indian	2	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	39	Islamic	1	Hispanic	3	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	4	Jewish	87	Asian	1	Homosexual(F)	3	(2) Mental	-
Other	1	Protestant	1	Nat. Origin	-	Homosexual(M)	9	Gender ID:	0
		Other	6	Other	1	Homosexual(M&F)	-		

PUBLIC PROPERTY					106				
RACIAL	29	RELIGIOUS	67	ETHNIC	2	SEXUAL	8	OTHER	0
American Indian	1	Catholic	-	Arab	-	Bisexual	1	Gender	-
Asian	-	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	28	Islamic	-	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	-	Jewish	65	Asian	1	Homosexual(F)	-	(2) Mental	-
Other	-	Protestant	-	Nat. Origin	-	Homosexual(M)	2	Gender ID:	0
		Other	2	Other	1	Homosexual(M&F)	5		

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY 2009

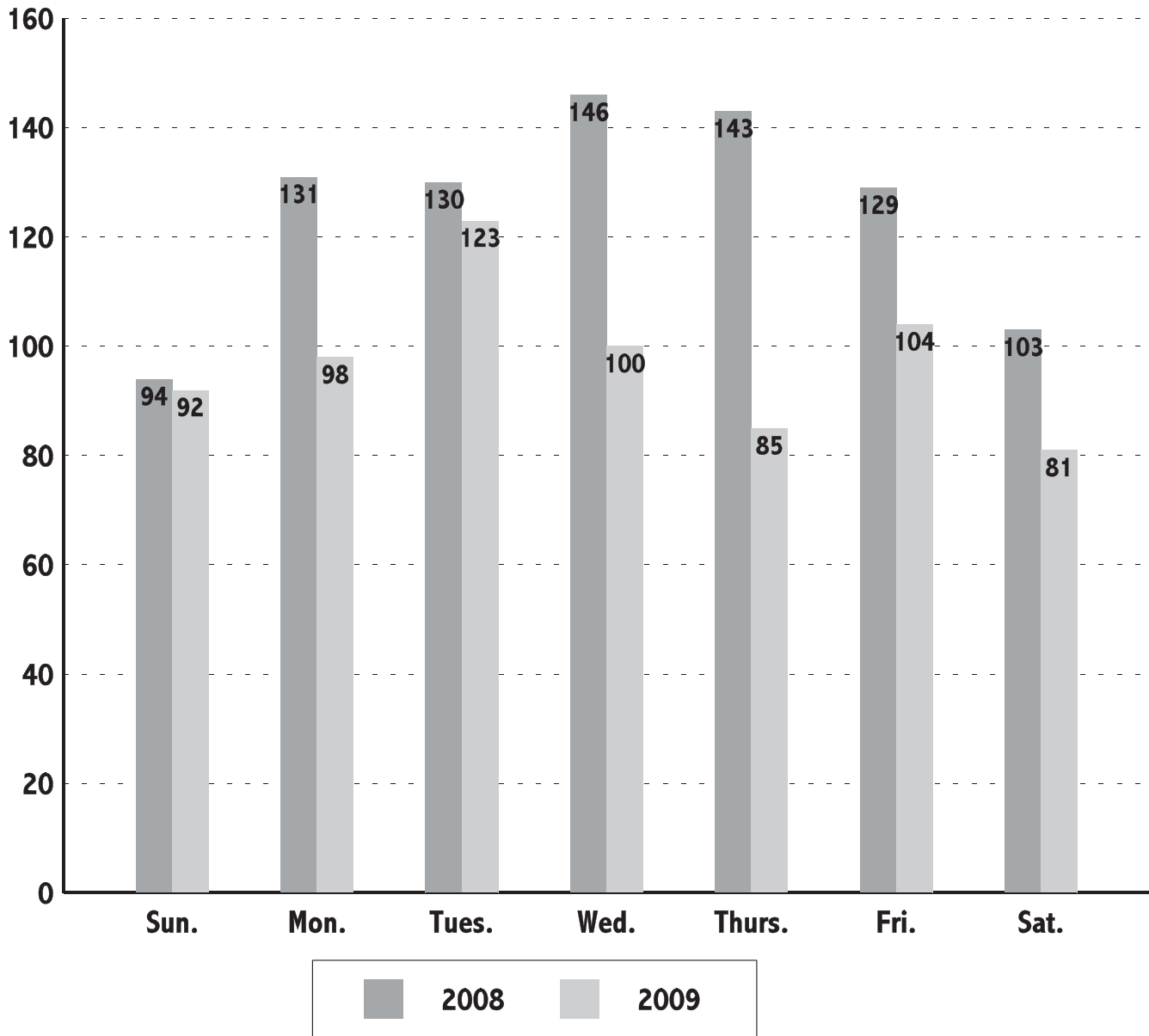
Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	128	Residence	177	Acquaintance	103
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	20	Neighbor	54
Graffiti	114	Government Building	11	Employee	5
In Person	304	School Building	171	Stranger	115
Letters	56	Business Establishment	92	Unknown	331
Telephone	33	Cemetery	1	Other	75
Other	48	Motor Vehicle	54		
		Highway	86		
		Parking Lot	32		
		Other	39		
TOTAL	683	TOTAL	683	TOTAL	683

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	1	Catholic	3	Arab	14	Bisexual	6	Gender	2
Asian	9	Hindu	7	Asian Indian	11	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	4
Black	233	Islamic	9	Hispanic	33	Heterosexual(M)	1	(1) Physical	-
White	20	Jewish	224	Asian	4	Homosexual(F)	13	(2) Mental	4
Other	5	Protestant	3	Nat. Origin	3	Homosexual(M)	51	Gender ID:	1
		Other	9	Other	6	Homosexual(M&F)	10		
TOTAL	268	TOTAL	255	TOTAL	71	TOTAL	82	TOTAL	7

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS 2009

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	6	2
11 to 17	127	128
18 to 20	41	32
21 to 25	36	26
26 to 30	20	15
31 to 35	38	18
36 to 40	32	13
41 to 45	31	24
46 to 50	27	17
51 to 60	31	21
61 and over	20	18
TOTAL AGE	409	314
SEX		
Male	240	226
Female	169	88
TOTAL SEX	409	314
RACE		
American Indian	10	4
Asian	24	3
Black	166	40
White	206	264
Other	3	3
TOTAL RACE	409	314

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 2008/2009



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH 2008/2009

