

SECTION XI
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 or sexual component manifest themselves in a wide spectrum of criminal activities. These bias incidents jeopardize the active and open pursuit of freedom and opportunity. They attack the racial, religious, ethnic heritage and sexual orientation of our citizens. 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 recommendations, Attorney General Executive Directive No. 1987-3 was issued mandating all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to begin reporting bias incidents to the Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, on a monthly basis, effective January 1, 1988.

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

This is the sixth 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

DEFINITION

A Bias Incident is defined as any suspected or confirmed offense or unlawful act which occurs to a person, private property, or public property on the basis of race, color, creed, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation. An offense is bias-based if the motive for the commission of the offense or unlawful act is racial, religious, ethnic or sexual oriented in nature.

Highlights of the 1994 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 895 individual bias incidents, resulting in 1,029 specific bias incident offenses in 1994, a 22% decrease compared to 1993.
- Harassment accounted for 33% (336) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 35% (357) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 55% (567) of all bias crimes in 1994.
- The target category of person accounted for 60% (620) of all bias incidents.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 41% (424) of all bias incidents.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 25% (256) of all bias incidents.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (51) of all bias incidents.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Thursday (185 incidents).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (115 incidents).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 30% (308) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Thirty-eight percent (386) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 18% (181) being cleared by arrest, and 20% (205) being exceptionally cleared.
- There were a total of 241 arrests (170 adults and 71 juveniles) made as a result of bias incidents, a 22% decrease compared to the 309 (190 adults and 119 juveniles) persons arrested in 1993.
- The involvement of organized hate groups was not substantiated in any of the reported bias incidents.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES
1990 through 1994

Bias Incident Offenses	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Murder	1	1	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	8	13	13	26	13
Aggravated Assault	60	61	78	47	35
Burglary	9	13	4	7	6
Larceny-Theft	6	1	8	3	1
Simple Assault	105	144	177	153	117
Fear of Bodily Violence	37	38	72	76	48
Arson	3	4	3	4	1
Criminal Mischief	176	202	357	394	316
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	38	26	37	32	41
Weapons Offense	1	1	-	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2	-	1	-	1
Terroristic Threats	52	80	79	65	43
Trespass	1	6	-	2	-
Disorderly Conduct	33	35	18	14	22
Harassment	255	323	444	464	336
Desecration of Venerated Objects	3	4	1	1	4
All Other Bias Incidents	34	24	11	36	45
TOTAL	824	976	1,303	1,325	1,029

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 1993/1994

Bias Incident Offense		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	1993	26	17	65	18	15	3
	1994	13	8	62	12	12	-
Aggravated Assault	1993	47	33	70	38	17	21
	1994	35	19	54	25	18	7
Burglary	1993	7	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	6	2	33	6	6	-
Larceny-Theft	1993	3	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	1	-	-	-	-	-
Simple Assault	1993	153	87	57	66	38	28
	1994	117	71	61	53	33	20
Fear of Bodily Violence	1993	76	47	62	23	17	6
	1994	48	23	48	13	8	5
Arson	1993	4	1	25	2	-	2
	1994	1	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Mischief	1993	394	26	7	29	9	20
	1994	316	19	6	21	12	9
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1993	32	4	13	2	-	2
	1994	41	4	10	3	1	2
Weapons Offense	1993	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1994	1	1	100	1	1	-
Terroristic Threats	1993	65	24	37	17	13	4
	1994	43	24	56	17	14	3
Trespass	1993	2	1	50	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	1993	14	9	64	7	5	2
	1994	22	18	82	11	9	2
Harassment	1993	464	272	59	105	76	29
	1994	336	194	58	75	52	23
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1993	1	1	100	1	-	1
	1994	4	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	1993	36	1	3	1	-	1
	1994	45	3	7	4	4	-
TOTAL	1993	1,325	523	39	309	190	119
	1994	1,029	386	38	241	170	71

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY - TARGET/TYPE - 1994

PERSON	620	{	RACIAL	401	American Indian	-
					Asian	26
					Black	289
					White	84
					Other	2
		{	RELIGIOUS	84	Catholic	2
					Hindu	3
					Islamic	4
					Jewish	73
					Protestant	2
					Other	-
		{	ETHNIC	96	Asian Indian	21
					Hispanic	41
					Oriental	8
					Other	26
		{	SEXUAL	39	Sexual Orientation	39
PRIVATE PROPERTY	278	{	RACIAL	115	American Indian	-
					Asian	11
					Black	94
					White	8
					Other	2
		{	RELIGIOUS	133	Catholic	2
					Hindu	5
					Islamic	2
					Jewish	117
					Protestant	4
					Other	3
		{	ETHNIC	22	Asian Indian	4
					Hispanic	8
					Oriental	4
					Other	6
		{	SEXUAL	8	Sexual Orientation	8
PUBLIC PROPERTY	131	{	RACIAL	51	American Indian	-
					Asian	-
					Black	41
					White	1
					Other	9
		{	RELIGIOUS	70	Catholic	2
					Hindu	-
					Islamic	-
					Jewish	66
					Protestant	2
					Other	-
		{	ETHNIC	5	Asian Indian	-
					Hispanic	2
					Oriental	1
					Other	2
		{	SEXUAL	5	Sexual Orientation	5

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1993/1994

		Murder	Manslaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	1993	-	-	-	2	9	2	-	8	1	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	1	-
Bergen	1993	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	17	8	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	-
Burlington	1993	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	8	2	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	1	-
Camden	1993	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	15	1
	1994	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	8	4	-
Cape May	1993	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	1	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-
Cumberland	1993	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1
Essex	1993	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	12	3	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	10	4	-
Gloucester	1993	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	7	8	1
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	2	-
Hudson	1993	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	4	2	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-
Hunterdon	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
Mercer	1993	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	3	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	6	7	-
Middlesex	1993	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	16	6	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	6	-
Monmouth	1993	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	10	2	1
	1994	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	9	2	-
Morris	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	5	1
	1994	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	9	1	-
Ocean	1993	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	22	4	-
	1994	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	10	2	-
Passaic	1993	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	5	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	-
Salem	1993	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Somerset	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Sussex	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Union	1993	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	5	4	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	4	-	-
Warren	1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-
TOTAL	1993	-	-	-	26	47	7	3	153	76	4
	1994	-	-	-	13	35	6	1	117	48	1

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1993/1994

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
19	-	1	-	4	1	-	22	-	2	71
12	-	-	-	4	-	-	9	1	-	39
61	8	-	-	4	-	-	64	-	5	170
21	6	-	-	7	-	2	42	-	5	100
25	3	-	-	4	-	3	21	-	-	69
14	2	-	-	1	-	5	7	-	1	39
38	4	-	-	4	-	2	39	-	4	115
40	5	-	-	1	-	2	25	-	2	90
6	1	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	-	22
3	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	17
3	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	13
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	16
28	1	-	-	6	-	-	12	-	4	68
16	-	-	-	10	-	3	22	1	1	75
8	2	-	-	2	-	1	38	-	1	77
6	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	2	29
6	1	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	1	32
6	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	32
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6
5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	11
18	-	-	-	3	-	-	27	-	5	62
14	2	-	-	-	-	1	33	-	3	69
44	4	-	-	8	-	2	47	-	3	140
31	1	-	-	5	-	-	34	1	1	88
38	1	-	-	5	1	2	37	-	2	104
33	7	-	-	5	-	4	36	-	7	111
21	2	-	-	8	-	1	30	-	2	76
18	1	-	-	2	-	-	19	-	6	62
16	-	-	-	6	-	-	40	-	-	102
23	4	-	-	2	-	1	28	-	5	81
15	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	-	-	45
10	2	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	25
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	1	1	57
11	1	-	1	2	-	-	11	-	2	31
4	1	-	-	2	-	1	9	-	1	20
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11
19	2	-	-	4	-	-	19	-	2	59
34	8	-	-	2	-	-	19	1	6	81
2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	10
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	16
394	32	1	-	65	2	14	464	1	36	1,325
316	41	-	1	43	-	22	336	4	45	1,029

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS 1994

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	25	6
11 to 17	139	150
18 to 20	48	58
21 to 25	82	49
26 to 30	72	51
31 to 35	68	31
36 to 40	61	37
41 to 45	41	17
46 to 50	35	12
51 to 60	33	18
61 and over	16	16
SEX		
Male	395	353
Female	225	92
RACE		
American Indian	-	-
Asian	57	7
Black	290	76
White	273	362
Other	-	-

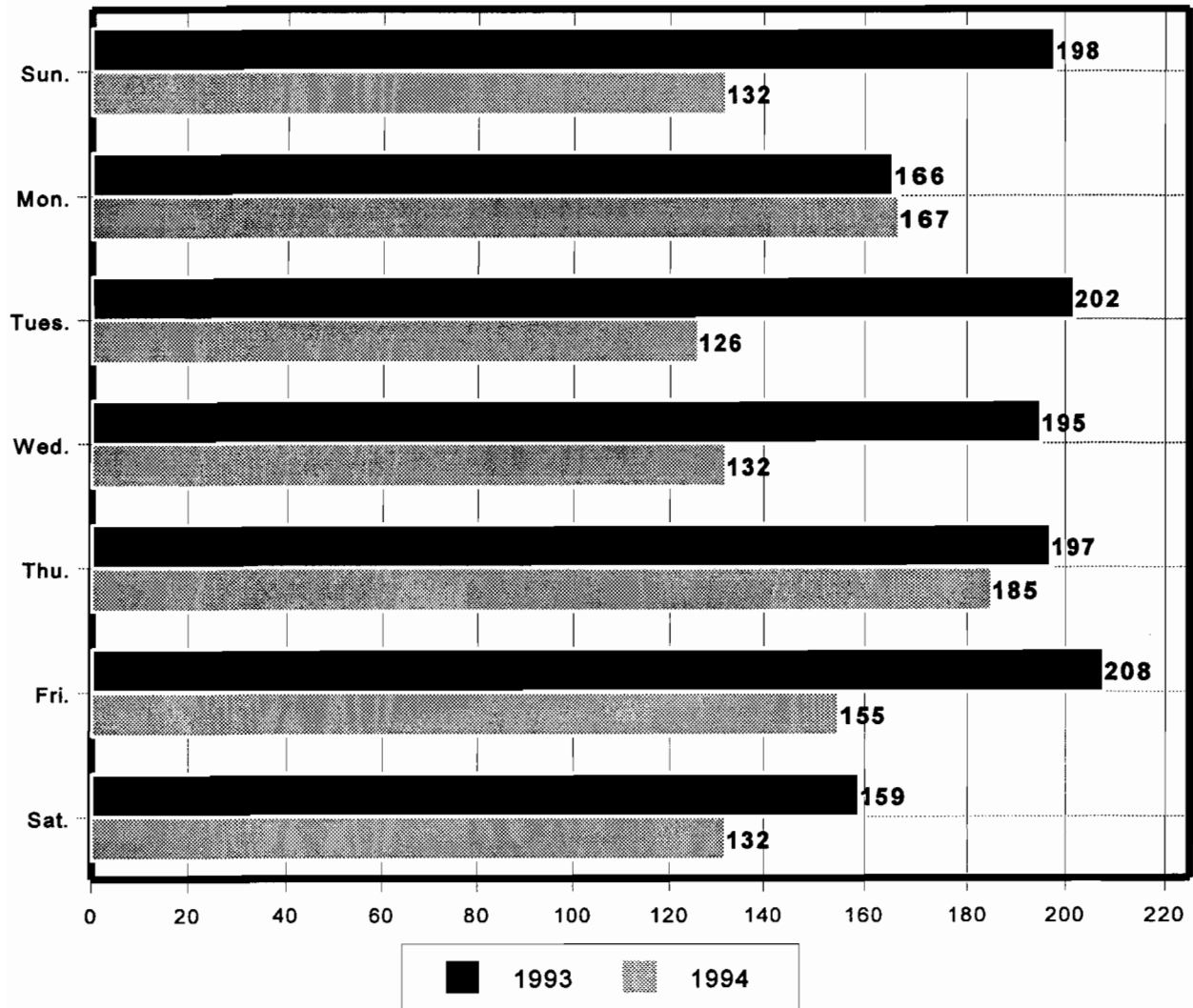
BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY 1994

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE		RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER	
Swastika	150	Residence	308	Acquaintance	94
Cross Burning	3	Religious Building	25	Neighbor	103
Graffiti	150	Government Building	27	Employee	8
In Person	511	School Building	135	Stranger	283
Letters	66	Business Establishment	166	Unknown	468
Telephone	55	Cemetery	4	Other	73
Other	94	Motor Vehicle	61		
		Highway/Parking Lot	229		
		Other	74		

TYPE OF BIAS INCIDENT

RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC	
American Indian	-	Catholic	6	Asian Indian	25
Asian	37	Hindu	8	Hispanic	51
Black	424	Islamic	6	Oriental	13
White	93	Jewish	256	Other	34
Other	13	Protestant	8		
		Other	3		
TOTAL RACIAL	567	TOTAL RELIGIOUS	287	TOTAL ETHNIC	123
TOTAL SEXUAL ORIENTATION		52			

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 1993/1994



BIAS INCIDENTS BY MONTH 1993/1994

