



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 eighteenth 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 2005 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 756 bias incident investigations, resulting in 792 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2005, a 9% decrease compared to 2004.
- Harassment accounted for 37% (292) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 44% (346) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 47% (372) of all bias incident crimes in 2005.
- The target category of person accounted for 53% (419) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 39% (309) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 32% (251) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (43) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Monday and Friday (132 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was April (85 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a school building, where 26% (203 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Thirty-eight percent (299) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 10% (75) being cleared by arrest, and 28% (224) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 90 arrests (46 adults and 44 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2004, arrests decreased 27 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2001 through 2005

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Murder	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	3	4	6	4	3
Aggravated Assault	15	12	26	5	15
Burglary	2	5	1	3	5
Larceny-Theft	2	-	4	-	1
Simple Assault	58	25	37	50	54
Fear of Bodily Violence	34	3	13	15	12
Arson	7	2	1	-	3
Criminal Mischief	333	252	291	391	346
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	23	8	5	8	9
Weapons Offense	-	-	-	3	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	-	1	-	-
Terroristic Threats	11	13	28	41	33
Trespass	2	1	-	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	-	2	8	5	4
Harassment	318	295	234	322	292
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1	3	3	1	-
All Other Bias Incidents	6	-	2	19	13
TOTAL	815	625	660	868	792

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2004/2005

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2004	4	3	75	4	4	-
	2005	3	2	67	1	1	-
Aggravated Assault	2004	5	3	60	7	3	4
	2005	15	6	40	7	5	2
Burglary	2004	3	2	67	7	3	4
	2005	5	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	1	1	100	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2004	50	44	88	21	8	13
	2005	54	36	67	14	11	3
Fear of Bodily Violence	2004	15	13	87	3	2	1
	2005	12	8	67	4	3	1
Arson	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	3	1	33	1	1	-
Criminal Mischief	2004	391	25	6	18	3	15
	2005	346	21	6	27	7	20
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2004	8	1	13	1	1	-
	2005	9	-	0	0	-	-
Weapons Offense	2004	3	3	100	0	-	-
	2005	1	1	100	1	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
Terroristic Threats	2004	41	27	66	9	4	5
	2005	33	15	45	7	4	3
Trespass	2004	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2005	1	-	0	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2004	5	5	100	1	-	1
	2005	4	4	100	0	-	-
Harassment	2004	322	234	73	52	32	20
	2005	292	201	69	28	13	15
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2004	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2004	19	7	37	0	-	-
	2005	13	3	23	0	-	-
TOTAL	2004	868	367	42	123	60	63
	2005	792	299	38	90	46	44

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2005

PERSON				419					
RACIAL	226	RELIGIOUS	82	ETHNIC	74	SEXUAL	32	OTHER	5
American Indian	1	Catholic	1	Arab	9	Bisexual	1	Gender	-
Asian	11	Hindu	2	Asian Indian	16	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	5
Black	185	Islamic	8	Hispanic	40	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	1
White	28	Jewish	69	Asian	5	Homosexual(F)	9	(2) Mental	4
Other	1	Protestant	-	Other	4	Homosexual(M)	21		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	-		

PRIVATE PROPERTY				209					
RACIAL	78	RELIGIOUS	111	ETHNIC	9	SEXUAL	11	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	7	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	3	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	3	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	66	Islamic	4	Hispanic	3	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	6	Jewish	95	Asian	2	Homosexual(F)	2	(2) Mental	-
Other	3	Protestant	2	Other	1	Homosexual(M)	8		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	1		

PUBLIC PROPERTY				164					
RACIAL	68	RELIGIOUS	90	ETHNIC	3	SEXUAL	3	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	2	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	2	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	58	Islamic	2	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	6	Jewish	87	Asian	-	Homosexual(F)	1	(2) Mental	-
Other	2	Protestant	-	Other	1	Homosexual(M)	2		
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	-		

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2004/2005

		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	2004	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Bergen	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Burlington	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
Camden	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
Cape May	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Cumberland	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-
Gloucester	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
Hudson	2004	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	-	1
Hunterdon	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mercer	2004	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Middlesex	2004	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	2	-
	2005	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	9	-	-
Monmouth	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	9	2	-
Morris	2004	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Ocean	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	2	-
Passaic	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Salem	2004	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Somerset	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Sussex	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2004	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-
Warren	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
TOTAL	2004	0	0	0	4	5	3	0	50	15	0
	2005	0	0	0	3	15	5	1	54	12	3

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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
10	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	24
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	22
28	2	-	-	5	-	-	26	1	2	66
23	-	-	-	3	-	-	11	-	-	39
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	32
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	20
41	1	-	-	1	-	1	31	-	-	78
32	1	1	-	4	-	1	26	-	-	70
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	9
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	15
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	10
12	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	1	27
6	-	-	-	2	-	2	7	-	1	24
22	1	-	-	-	-	1	22	-	-	48
15	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	-	36
11	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	26
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	26
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	12
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
18	-	3	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	37
23	2	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	52
24	-	-	-	5	-	-	15	-	1	54
58	1	-	-	5	-	-	22	-	2	99
58	-	-	-	2	1	3	83	-	3	161
54	1	-	-	4	-	-	73	-	1	148
30	-	-	-	4	-	-	15	-	6	57
18	-	-	-	2	-	-	12	-	4	40
34	1	-	-	13	-	-	48	-	1	110
34	2	-	-	3	-	-	48	-	1	98
12	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	24
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
35	1	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	1	51
9	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	-	22
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	10
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4
6	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	1	17
15	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	-	2	31
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	13
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	16
391	8	3	0	41	1	5	322	1	19	868
346	9	1	0	33	1	4	292	0	13	792

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2005

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	4	4
11 to 17	123	132
18 to 20	43	32
21 to 25	40	28
26 to 30	35	22
31 to 35	47	14
36 to 40	29	15
41 to 45	32	24
46 to 50	20	23
51 to 60	32	19
61 and over	14	9
TOTAL AGE	419	322
SEX		
Male	276	253
Female	143	69
TOTAL SEX	419	322
RACE		
American Indian	18	17
Asian	33	4
Black	187	27
White	161	265
Other	20	9
TOTAL RACE	419	322

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

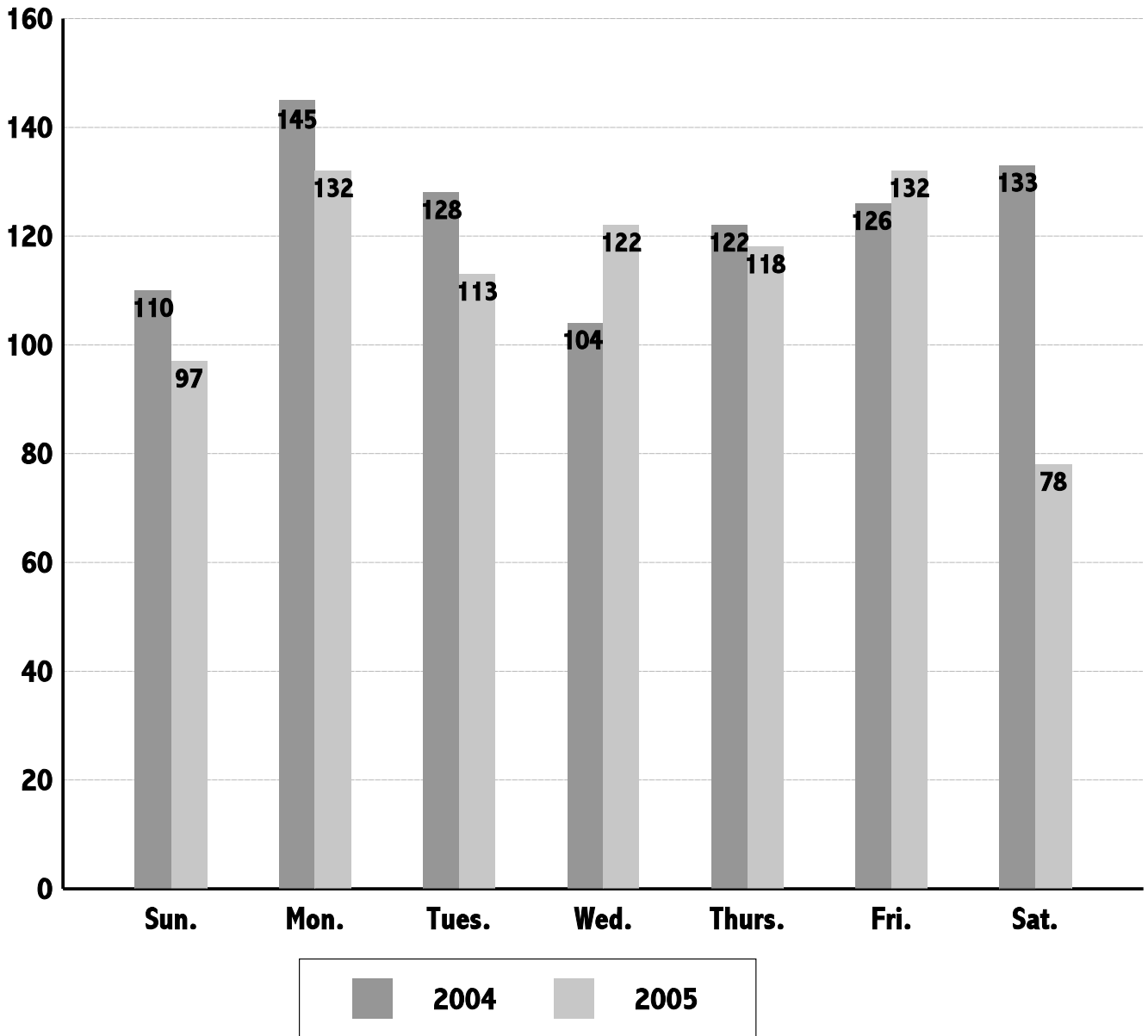
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Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	164	Residence	197	Acquaintance	118
Cross Burning	1	Religious Building	18	Neighbor	47
Graffiti	171	Government Building	16	Employee	8
In Person	308	School Building	203	Stranger	156
Letters	51	Business Establishment	94	Unknown	428
Telephone	50	Cemetery	3	Other	35
Other	47	Motor Vehicle	55		
		Highway	73		
		Parking Lot	40		
		Other	93		
TOTAL	792	TOTAL	792	TOTAL	792

TYPE OF BIAS									
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TOTAL	372	TOTAL	283	TOTAL	86	TOTAL	46	TOTAL	5

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

2004/2005



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

2004/2005

