



# 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 twentieth 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 2007 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 783 bias incident investigations, resulting in 809 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2007, a 2% decrease compared to 2006.
- Harassment accounted for 44% (353) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 36% (291) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 48% (392) of all bias incident crimes in 2007.
- The target category of person accounted for 61% (492) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 40% (325) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 30% (239) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (38) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Friday (130 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (116 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a school building, where 24% (198 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-five percent (367) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 32% (119) being cleared by arrest, and 68% (248) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 137 arrests (86 adults and 51 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2006, arrests decreased 9 percent.

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

## 2003 through 2007

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	-	-	-	-	1
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	6	4	3	7	2
Aggravated Assault	26	5	15	25	12
Burglary	1	3	5	4	5
Larceny-Theft	4	-	1	3	1
Simple Assault	37	50	54	52	46
Fear of Bodily Violence	13	15	12	17	11
Arson	1	-	3	1	1
Criminal Mischief	291	391	346	290	268
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	5	8	9	16	23
Weapons Offense	-	3	1	-	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	1	-	-	1	3
Terroristic Threats	28	41	33	28	26
Trespass	-	1	1	1	-
Disorderly Conduct	8	5	4	15	19
Harassment	234	322	292	339	353
Desecration of Venerated Objects	3	1	-	2	2
All Other Bias Incidents	2	19	13	24	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>809</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2006/2007

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	-
Manslaughter	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Rape	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Robbery	2006	7	6	86	16	9	7
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-
Aggravated Assault	2006	25	19	76	16	11	5
	<b>2007</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Burglary	2006	4	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Larceny-Theft	2006	3	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Simple Assault	2006	52	45	87	26	15	11
	<b>2007</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>
Fear of Bodily Violence	2006	17	14	82	8	2	6
	<b>2007</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
Arson	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Criminal Mischief	2006	290	11	4	9	-	9
	<b>2007</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2006	16	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Weapons Offense	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2006	1	1	100	1	-	1
	<b>2007</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
Terroristic Threats	2006	28	23	82	12	10	2
	<b>2007</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Trespass	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Disorderly Conduct	2006	15	13	87	4	4	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>
Harassment	2006	339	240	71	58	35	23
	<b>2007</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2006	2	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
All Other Bias Incidents	2006	24	12	50	1	-	1
	<b>2007</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	2006	825	384	47	151	86	65
	<b>2007</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>51</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

## TARGET/TYPE – 2007

PERSON				492					
RACIAL	275	RELIGIOUS	84	ETHNIC	58	SEXUAL	70	OTHER	5
American Indian	2	Catholic	-	Arab	7	Bisexual	-	Gender	1
Asian	13	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	5	Heterosexual(F)	2	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>4</b>
Black	223	Islamic	9	Hispanic	35	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	35	Jewish	73	Asian	4	Homosexual(F)	12	(2) Mental	3
Other	2	Protestant	-	Other	7	Homosexual(M)	51		
		Other	1			Homosexual(M&F)	3		

PRIVATE PROPERTY				183					
RACIAL	58	RELIGIOUS	108	ETHNIC	7	SEXUAL	10	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	2	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	3	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	1	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>0</b>
Black	48	Islamic	2	Hispanic	3	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	3	Jewish	101	Asian	1	Homosexual(F)	3	(2) Mental	-
Other	4	Protestant	2	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	2		

PUBLIC PROPERTY				134					
RACIAL	59	RELIGIOUS	65	ETHNIC	0	SEXUAL	10	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	2	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>0</b>
Black	54	Islamic	-	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	1	Jewish	65	Asian	-	Homosexual(F)	1	(2) Mental	-
Other	2	Protestant	-	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	4		

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2006/2007

		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
<b>Atlantic</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Bergen</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	-
<b>Burlington</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Camden</b>	2006	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>Cape May</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Cumberland</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Essex</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	1	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Gloucester</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	-
<b>Hudson</b>	2006	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	-
<b>Hunterdon</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Mercer</b>	2006	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	2	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Middlesex</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-
<b>Monmouth</b>	2006	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	8	6	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Morris</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ocean</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	6	3	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	-
<b>Passaic</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Salem</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Somerset</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Sussex</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Union</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Warren</b>	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2007</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	2006	0	0	0	7	25	4	3	52	17	1
	<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>



# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2006/2007

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	24
<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>10</b>	-	-	<b>19</b>
21	2	-	-	4	-	-	27	1	1	64
<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>20</b>	-	-	<b>48</b>
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	24
<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	-	<b>12</b>
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	23	-	-	46
<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>20</b>	-	-	<b>50</b>
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	11
<b>5</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>9</b>
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	8
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>
13	3	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	1	40
<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	-	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>
8	-	-	-	1	-	1	18	-	-	32
<b>17</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	22
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>26</b>
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
32	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	1	60
<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>13</b>	-	-	<b>33</b>
43	2	-	-	2	-	-	25	-	2	80
<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	-	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>
59	3	-	1	7	-	9	108	-	12	220
<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>9</b>	<b>107</b>	-	<b>12</b>	<b>186</b>
14	1	-	-	2	-	1	16	-	1	42
<b>12</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
24	3	-	-	3	1	3	32	-	3	82
<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	18
<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>
10	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	20
<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>29</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	14
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
290	16	0	1	28	1	15	339	2	24	825
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# VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

## 2007

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<b>AGE</b>		
10 and under	7	3
11 to 17	156	162
18 to 20	37	40
21 to 25	43	20
26 to 30	33	32
31 to 35	40	32
36 to 40	44	19
41 to 45	44	34
46 to 50	30	27
51 to 60	39	19
61 and over	19	9
<b>TOTAL AGE</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	308	298
Female	184	99
<b>TOTAL SEX</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>RACE</b>		
American Indian	4	1
Asian	20	1
Black	233	56
White	203	328
Other	32	11
<b>TOTAL RACE</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>397</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

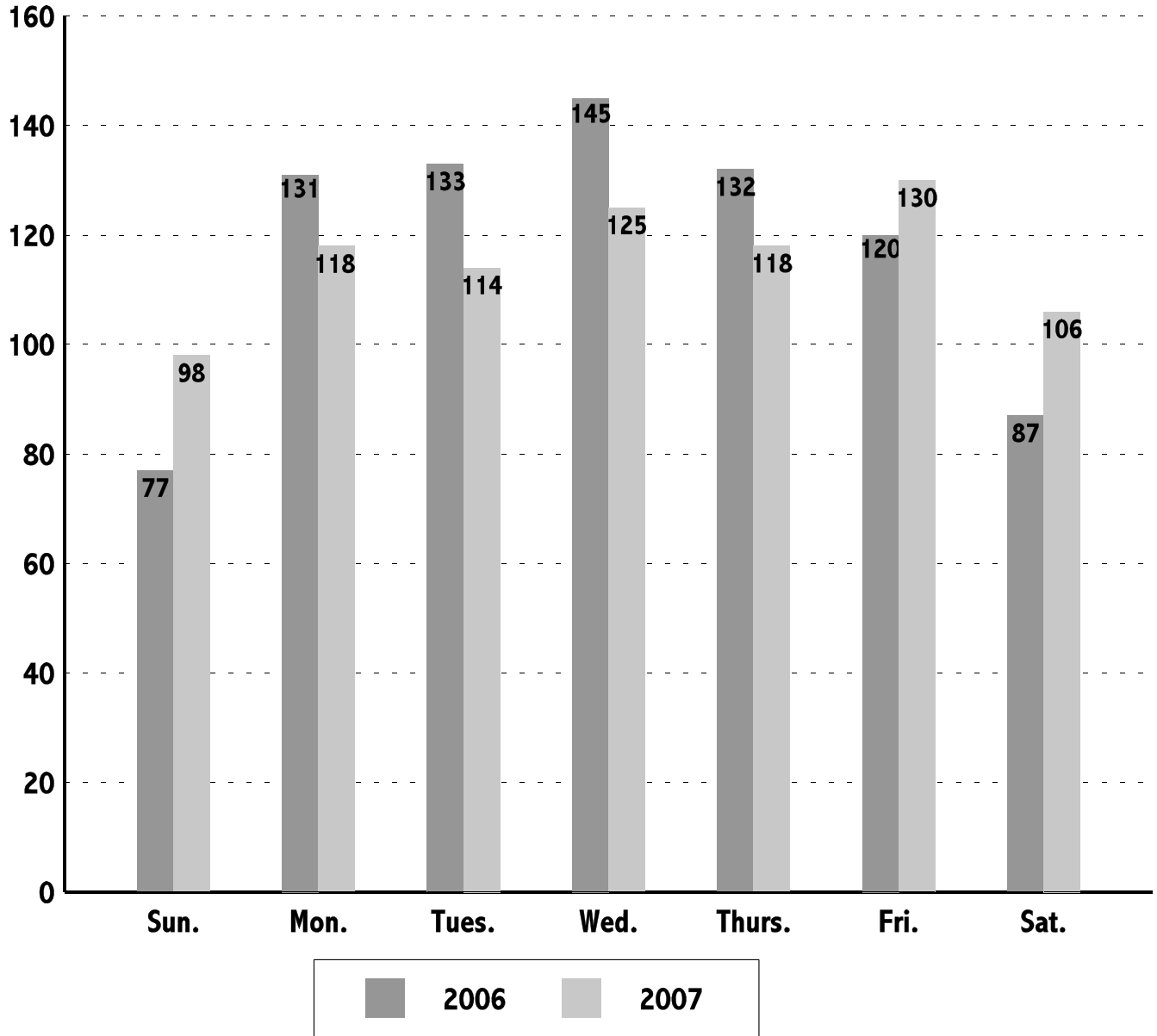
## 2007

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	139	Residence	205	Acquaintance	100
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	19	Neighbor	67
Graffiti	146	Government Building	26	Employee	8
In Person	368	School Building	198	Stranger	174
Letters	61	Business Establishment	107	Unknown	373
Telephone	49	Cemetery	-	Other	87
Other	46	Motor Vehicle	61		
		Highway	94		
		Parking Lot	29		
		Other	70		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>809</b>

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	2	Catholic	1	Arab	9	Bisexual	-	Gender	1
Asian	18	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	6	Heterosexual(F)	2	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>4</b>
Black	325	Islamic	11	Hispanic	38	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	39	Jewish	239	Asian	5	Homosexual(F)	16	(2) Mental	3
Other	8	Protestant	2	Other	7	Homosexual(M)	61		
		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	9		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

# BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

## 2006/2007



# BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

## 2006/2007

