

2010

BIAS INCIDENTS *In New Jersey*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010



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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSE REPORT 2010

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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-third 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-third 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 2010.

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-third 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 2010. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2009 and 2010 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 2010 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 710 bias incident investigations, resulting in 775 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2010, a 13% increase compared to 2009.
- Harassment accounted for 45% (351) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 38% (291) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 42% (324) of all bias incident crimes in 2010.
- The target category of person accounted for 62% (478) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 34% (265) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 34% (260) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 6% (47) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (124 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was September (94 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 25 % (196 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-seven percent (368) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 32% (117) being cleared by arrest, and 68% (251) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 117 arrests (73 adults and 44 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2009, arrests decreased 4 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2009/2010

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	2009	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bergen	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Burlington	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	-
Camden	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Cape May	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2009	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	2009	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gloucester	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	1
Hudson	2009	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
	2010	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	-
Hunterdon	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2009	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	5	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Middlesex	2009	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	2	-
	2010	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	1	-
Monmouth	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	3	1
	2010	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	8	2	-
Morris	2009	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2009	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	13	2	1
Passaic	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
Salem	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sussex	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Union	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Warren	2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2009	0	0	0	3	10	2	1	38	21	3
	2010	0	0	0	9	8	1	2	52	8	2

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2009/2010

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
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	17
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	16
24	-	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	-	51
22	-	-	-	3	-	-	19	-	-	48
14	-	-	1	3	-	-	11	-	2	35
27	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	3	61
9	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	18
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	25
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	8
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	8
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
4	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	1	14
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	15
8	-	1	-	-	-	2	15	-	-	27
13	-	-	-	4	-	1	27	-	2	56
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	23
8	-	-	1	1	-	1	5	-	2	24
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	30
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11
38	-	-	-	3	-	-	42	-	3	98
51	-	-	-	7	-	-	50	-	1	119
37	-	-	-	4	-	12	94	-	9	173
39	3	-	-	3	-	6	107	-	4	176
25	-	-	-	1	-	-	18	-	1	48
19	1	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	26
29	1	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	3	57
32	-	-	-	4	-	-	53	-	2	111
14	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	24
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	-	1	22
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	24
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	16
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	7
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	12
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	15
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	9
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	10
263	1	1	1	22	0	16	280	0	21	683
287	4	0	1	26	0	8	351	0	16	775

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2009/2010

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2009	3	3	100	6	6	-
	2010	9	6	67	2	2	-
Aggravated Assault	2009	10	7	70	8	6	2
	2010	8	3	38	2	2	-
Burglary	2009	2	-	0	0	-	-
	2010	1	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	2009	1	1	100	1	-	1
	2010	2	1	50	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2009	38	33	87	20	15	5
	2010	52	37	71	23	17	6
Fear of Bodily Violence	2009	21	11	52	6	3	3
	2010	8	5	63	3	2	1
Arson	2009	3	1	33	1	1	-
	2010	2	1	50	2	-	2
Criminal Mischief	2009	263	12	5	13	2	11
	2010	287	23	8	28	7	21
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2009	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2010	4	3	75	1	1	-
Weapons Offense	2009	1	1	100	1	1	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2009	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2010	1	1	100	1	-	1
Terroristic Threats	2009	22	13	59	9	6	3
	2010	26	19	73	8	7	1
Trespass	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2009	16	15	94	6	5	1
	2010	8	8	100	7	6	1
Harassment	2009	280	213	76	47	31	16
	2010	351	247	70	40	29	11
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2009	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2009	21	10	48	4	2	2
	2010	16	14	88	0	-	-
TOTAL	2009	683	320	47	122	78	44
	2010	775	368	47	117	73	44

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2006 through 2010

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Murder	-	1	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	7	2	1	3	9
Aggravated Assault	25	12	19	10	8
Burglary	4	5	3	2	1
Larceny-Theft	3	1	2	1	2
Simple Assault	52	46	47	38	52
Fear of Bodily Violence	17	11	9	21	8
Arson	1	1	1	3	2
Criminal Mischief	290	268	358	263	287
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	16	23	14	1	4
Weapons Offense	-	1	-	1	-
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	1	3	-	1	1
Terroristic Threats	28	26	37	22	26
Trespass	1	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	15	19	12	16	8
Harassment	339	353	340	280	351
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2	2	3	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	24	35	30	21	16
TOTAL	825	809	876	683	775

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2010

PERSON						478			
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
241		108		69		51		9	
American Indian	1	Catholic	2	Arab	11	Bisexual	4	Gender	-
Asian	12	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	5	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	9
Black	189	Islamic	16	Hispanic	42	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1)	6
White	36	Jewish	82	Asian	6	Homosexual(F)	9	(2) Mental	3
Other	3	Protestant	-	Nat. Origin	2	Homosexual(M)	34	Gender ID:	0
		Other	7	Other	3	Homosexual(M&F)	4		

PRIVATE PROPERTY						188			
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
52		117		9		9		1	
American Indian	-	Catholic	3	Arab	1	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	3	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	1	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	1
Black	46	Islamic	3	Hispanic	4	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	3	Jewish	104	Asian	1	Homosexual(F)	1	(2) Mental	1
Other	-	Protestant	3	Nat. Origin	1	Homosexual(M)	4	Gender ID:	0
		Other	3	Other	1	Homosexual(M&F)	3		

PUBLIC PROPERTY						109			
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
31		75		1		2		0	
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	-	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	30	Islamic	-	Hispanic	1	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	1	Jewish	74	Asian	-	Homosexual(F)	-	(2) Mental	-
Other	-	Protestant	-	Nat. Origin	-	Homosexual(M)	1	Gender ID:	0
		Other	-	Other	-	Homosexual(M&F)	1		

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY 2010

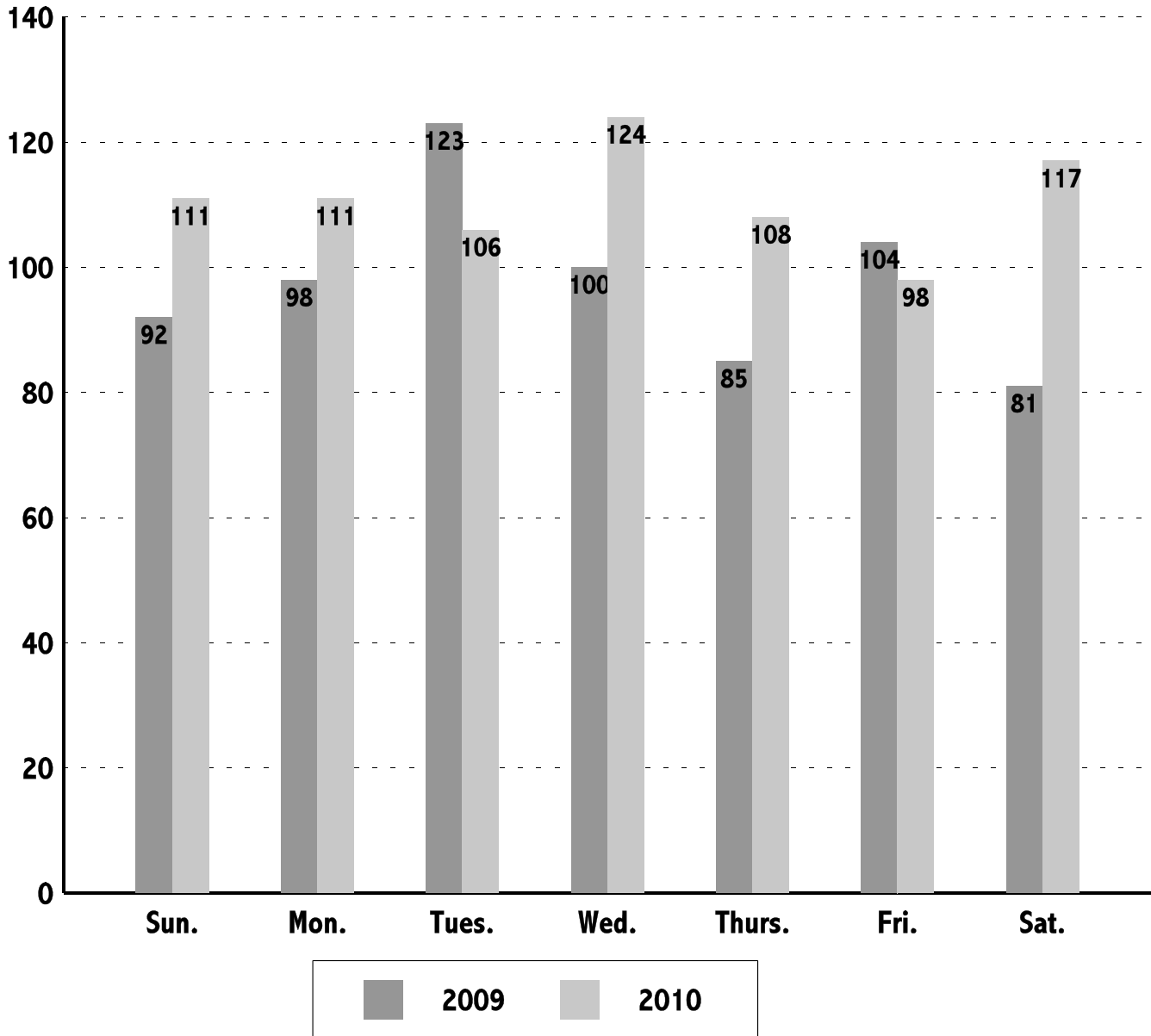
Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	142	Residence	196	Acquaintance	97
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	13	Neighbor	68
Graffiti	123	Government Building	16	Employee	10
In Person	347	School Building	146	Stranger	161
Letters	64	Business Establishment	130	Unknown	368
Telephone	46	Cemetery	1	Other	71
Other	53	Motor Vehicle	69		
		Highway	88		
		Parking Lot	40		
		Other	76		
TOTAL	775	TOTAL	775	TOTAL	775

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	1	Catholic	6	Arab	12	Bisexual	4	Gender	-
Asian	15	Hindu	2	Asian Indian	6	Heterosexual(F)	1	Handicap:	10
Black	265	Islamic	19	Hispanic	47	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	6
White	40	Jewish	260	Asian	7	Homosexual(F)	10	(2) Mental	4
Other	3	Protestant	3	Nat. Origin	3	Homosexual(M)	39	Gender ID:	0
		Other	10	Other	4	Homosexual(M&F)	8		
TOTAL	324	TOTAL	300	TOTAL	79	TOTAL	62	TOTAL	10

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS 2010

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	12	5
11 to 17	123	137
18 to 20	34	35
21 to 25	35	26
26 to 30	32	23
31 to 35	42	12
36 to 40	52	19
41 to 45	46	28
46 to 50	36	40
51 to 60	41	34
61 and over	24	13
TOTAL AGE	477	372
SEX		
Male	289	281
Female	188	91
TOTAL SEX	477	372
RACE		
American Indian	9	2
Asian	30	4
Black	195	35
White	224	326
Other	19	5
TOTAL RACE	477	372

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 2009/2010



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH 2009/2010

