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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 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 third annual publication concerning bias and hate 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.



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The Honorable Jim Florio  
Governor of the State of New Jersey

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, I herewith submit for your information and review the 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 1990.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey's criminal justice family. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants, and the victims of bias incidents, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Del Tufo', written over the typed name.

Robert J. Del Tufo  
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## 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 1990 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- There were 824 actual bias incident offenses reported by the police in 1990, a 36% increase compared to 1989 (607).
- Harassment accounted for 31% (255) of all bias incident offenses.
- Bias incidents involving property damage accounted for 26% (214) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 59% (485) of all bias crimes in 1990.
- Persons were the target in 549, or 67%, of all bias incident offenses reported.
- Thirty-nine percent (323) of all bias incidents were directed toward individuals of the Black race and their properties.
- Twenty-three percent (191) of all bias incidents were directed at individuals and properties representing the Jewish religion.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (139 incidents).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (108 incidents).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 31% (252) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-six percent (380) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 28% (233) being cleared by arrest, and 18% (147) being exceptionally cleared.
- There were a total of 341 arrests (205 adults and 136 juveniles) made as a result of bias incidents, a 127% increase compared to the 150 (106 adults and 44 juveniles) persons arrested in 1989.
- The involvement of organized hate groups was not substantiated in any of the reported bias incidents.

**BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS**  
**1989/1990**

Bias Incident Offense		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1989	1	1	100	1	1	—
	1990	1	1	100	1	—	1
Manslaughter	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rape	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery	1989	11	4	36	4	3	1
	1990	8	3	38	6	2	4
Aggravated Assault	1989	37	25	68	24	19	5
	1990	60	44	73	98	48	50
Burglary	1989	4	1	25	1	—	1
	1990	9	1	11	2	1	1
Larceny—Theft	1989	3	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	6	1	17	1	1	—
Simple Assault	1989	67	43	64	33	24	9
	1990	105	65	62	52	36	16
Fear of Bodily Violence	1989	28	11	39	9	5	4
	1990	37	18	49	7	5	2
Arson	1989	1	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	3	—	—	—	—	—
Criminal Mischief	1989	178	17	10	13	10	3
	1990	176	20	11	36	7	29
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1989	21	4	19	4	1	3
	1990	38	12	32	12	7	5
Weapons Offenses	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	1	—	—	—	—	—
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	2	2	100	3	3	—
Terroristic Threats	1989	43	12	28	7	4	3
	1990	52	21	40	12	11	1
Trespass	1989	2	1	50	1	—	1
	1990	1	1	100	1	—	1
Disorderly Conduct	1989	14	11	79	7	7	—
	1990	33	27	82	21	19	2
Harassment	1989	164	82	50	42	30	12
	1990	255	150	59	85	61	24
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1989	4	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	3	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Bias Incidents	1989	29	19	66	4	2	2
	1990	34	14	41	4	4	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	1989	607	231	38	150	106	44
	1990	824	380	46	341	205	136

**BIAS INCIDENT OFFER**  
**1989/1990**

County		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Viol.	Ar.
Atlantic	1989	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	2	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	1	—
Bergen	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	—
	1990	—	—	—	1	7	1	1	17	2	—
Burlington	1989	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	7	3	—
Camden	1989	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	7	6	—
Cape May	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cumberland	1989	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—	—
Essex	1989	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	3	4	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	8	1	1
Gloucester	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	—
Hudson	1989	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	3	4	1	—	2	2	—
Hunterdon	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Mercer	1989	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	13	3	—
	1990	1	—	—	—	5	—	1	8	3	—
Middlesex	1989	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	3	2	—
	1990	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	3	1	—
Monmouth	1989	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	9	5	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	5	—	—
Morris	1989	—	—	—	4	14	—	1	8	1	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	10	1	1
Ocean	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	13	8	—
Passaic	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—
Salem	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Somerset	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—
	1990	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	3	4	1
Sussex	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Union	1989	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	5	3	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	6	2	—
Warren	1989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1990	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
TOTAL	1989	1	—	—	11	37	4	3	67	28	—
	1990	1	—	—	8	60	9	6	105	37	—

# OFFENSES BY COUNTY

1990

County	Criminal Mischief	Damage to Prop., Threat of Viol.	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated Objects	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
	13	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	28
	5	—	—	—	6	—	1	18	—	—	37
	23	4	—	—	4	—	—	24	2	3	68
	35	15	—	—	6	—	3	27	2	6	123
	4	—	—	—	5	—	2	5	—	1	26
	3	1	—	—	2	1	4	19	—	9	59
	6	—	—	—	4	—	1	6	—	1	24
	10	1	1	—	1	—	1	25	—	1	57
	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	—	—	17
	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	11
	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	19
	10	3	—	—	10	—	—	13	—	12	60
	14	2	—	—	1	—	5	11	—	—	50
	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	10
	7	—	—	—	2	—	3	16	—	1	36
	9	2	—	—	2	—	—	6	—	2	25
	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	1	32
	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	4
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
	5	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	—	—	30
	8	—	—	—	1	—	1	9	—	1	38
	37	4	—	—	3	—	1	13	1	3	72
	26	7	—	—	6	—	—	17	—	—	65
	18	1	—	—	2	1	3	21	—	—	68
	15	1	—	—	6	—	5	16	1	4	60
	5	—	—	—	3	—	—	11	1	2	50
	11	1	—	—	2	—	6	17	—	—	54
	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	17
	8	3	—	2	5	—	1	16	—	1	59
	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	6
	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	7	—	—	17
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	11	—	1	22
	5	2	—	—	5	—	—	12	—	—	36
	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5
	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	10
	25	2	—	—	6	—	1	14	—	1	60
	7	1	—	—	1	—	2	13	—	7	43
	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	8
	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	12
	178	21	—	—	43	2	14	164	4	29	607
	176	38	1	2	52	1	33	255	3	34	824

## BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY – TARGET/TYPE – 1990

Target Type	Total Incidents	Category	Sub-Category	Count
PERSON	549	RACIAL	American Indian	2
			Asian	0
			Black	254
			White	140
			Other	0
		RELIGIOUS	Catholic	0
			Hindu	2
			Islamic	2
			Jewish	73
			Protestant	0
			Other	0
		ETHNIC	Asian Indian	18
			Hispanic	18
Oriental	23			
Other	11			
SEXUAL*	6	Sexual Orientation	6	
PRIVATE PROPERTY	209	RACIAL	American Indian	1
			Asian	0
			Black	46
			White	18
			Other	0
		RELIGIOUS	Catholic	7
			Hindu	2
			Islamic	4
			Jewish	80
			Protestant	5
			Other	1
		ETHNIC	Asian Indian	21
			Hispanic	1
Oriental	11			
Other	9			
SEXUAL*	3	Sexual Orientation	3	
PUBLIC PROPERTY	66	RACIAL	American Indian	0
			Asian	0
			Black	23
			White	1
			Other	0
		RELIGIOUS	Catholic	0
			Hindu	0
			Islamic	0
			Jewish	38
			Protestant	0
Other	0			
ETHNIC	Asian Indian	1		
	Hispanic	0		
	Oriental	0		
	Other	3		

\* Partial Reporting Period

**BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY  
1990**

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE		RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER	
Swastika	79	Residence	252	Acquaintance	62
Cross Burning	3	Religious Building	30	Neighbor	91
Graffiti	100	Government Building	19	Employee	11
In Person	436	School Building	69	Stranger	295
Letters	55	Business Establishment	134	Unknown	315
Telephone	54	Cemetery	5	Other	50
Other	97	Motor Vehicle	57		
		Highway/Parking Lot	172		
		Other	86		

**TYPE OF BIAS INCIDENT**

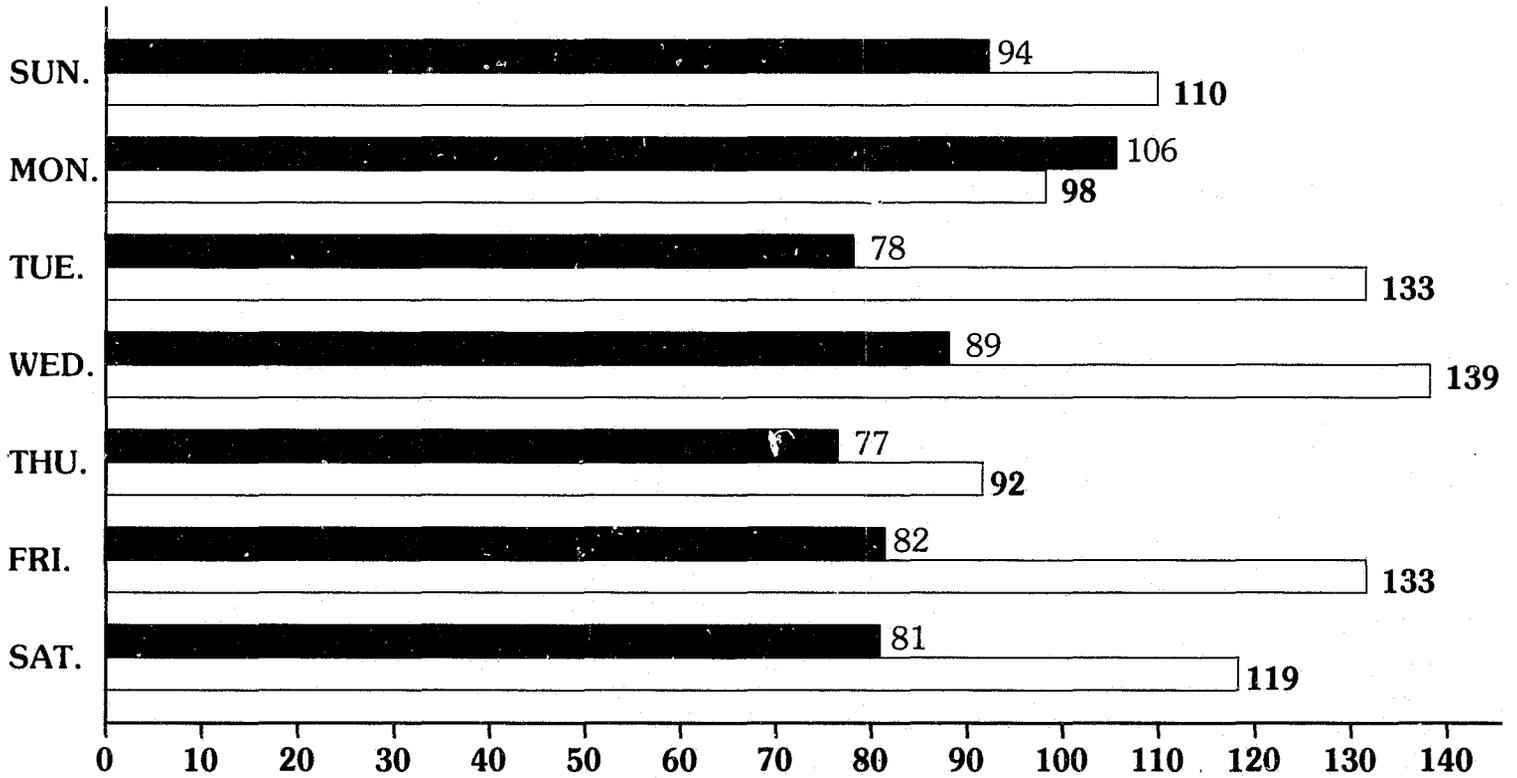
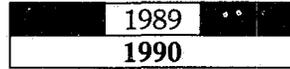
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC	
American Indian	3	Catholic	7	Asian Indian	40
Asian	0	Hindu	4	Hispanic	19
Black	323	Islamic	6	Oriental	34
White	159	Jewish	191	Other	23
Other	0	Protestant	5		
		Other	1		
<b>TOTAL RACIAL</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>TOTAL RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>TOTAL ETHNIC</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>TOTAL SEXUAL ORIENTATION*</b>		<b>9</b>			

\* Partial Reporting Period

**VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS  
1990**

	<b>VICTIM</b>	<b>OFFENDER</b>
<b><u>AGE</u></b>		
10 and under	30	6
11 to 17	108	184
18 to 20	57	85
21 to 25	76	58
26 to 30	68	62
31 to 35	64	37
36 to 40	51	22
41 to 45	42	15
46 to 50	20	9
51 to 60	20	13
61 and over	13	15
<b><u>SEX</u></b>		
Male	385	432
Female	164	74
<b><u>RACE</u></b>		
American Indian	2	4
Asian	45	10
Black	244	133
White	256	359
Other	2	—

# BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 1989/1990



### BIAS INCIDENTS BY MONTH 1989/1990

