

**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, 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.

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 eighth annual publication concerning bias crimes, which contains comparisons to the previous year's statistics. (NOTE: On August 15, 1995, legislation was enacted which enhanced the state's definition of a bias incident to include crimes that are gender or handicap-motivated. Because statistical data was collected for only a small portion of 1995, no data on gender or handicap-motivated bias incident offenses will be presented in this publication). 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, sexual orientation, gender, or handicap. An offense is bias-based if the motive for the commission of the offense or unlawful act is racial, religious, ethnic, sexual orientation, gender, or handicap.

Highlights of the 1995 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 885 individual bias incidents, resulting in 965 specific bias incident offenses in 1995, a 6% decrease compared to 1994.
- Harassment accounted for 30% (288) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 34% (330) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 56% (544) of all bias incident crimes in 1995.
- The target category of person accounted for 57% (550) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 43% (417) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 27% (265) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (50) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (158 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (126 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 30% (285 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Thirty-five percent (336) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 20% (192) being cleared by arrest, and 15% (144) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 164 arrests (111 adults and 53 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. A 32% decrease compared to the 241 (170 adults and 71 juveniles) persons arrested in 1994.

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

## 1991 through 1995

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>Murder</b>	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Manslaughter</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Rape</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Robbery</b>	13	13	26	13	7
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	61	78	47	35	27
<b>Burglary</b>	13	4	7	6	8
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	1	8	3	1	2
<b>Simple Assault</b>	144	177	153	117	88
<b>Fear of Bodily Violence</b>	38	72	76	48	30
<b>Arson</b>	4	3	4	1	6
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	202	357	394	316	254
<b>Damage to Property; Threat of Violence</b>	26	37	32	41	76
<b>Weapons Offense</b>	1	-	1	-	2
<b>Sex Offense (Except Rape)</b>	-	1	-	1	-
<b>Terroristic Threats</b>	80	79	65	43	55
<b>Trespass</b>	6	-	2	-	-
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	35	18	14	22	18
<b>Harassment</b>	323	444	464	336	288
<b>Desecration of Venerated Objects</b>	4	1	1	4	2
<b>All Other Bias Incident</b>	24	11	36	45	102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>965</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 1994/1995

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSE	Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
				Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1994 - 1995 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Manslaughter	1994 - 1995 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Rape	1994 - 1995 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Robbery	1994 13 1995 7	8 5	62 71	12 4	12 1	- 3
Aggravated Assault	1994 35 1995 27	19 11	54 41	25 9	18 9	7 -
Burglary	1994 6 1995 8	2 2	33 25	6 1	6 -	- 1
Larceny-Theft	1994 1 1995 2	- 1	- 50	- 1	- 1	- -
Simple Assault	1994 117 1995 88	71 57	61 65	53 38	33 21	20 17
Fear of Bodily Violence	1994 48 1995 30	23 14	48 47	13 5	8 2	5 3
Arson	1994 1 1995 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Criminal Mischief	1994 316 1995 254	19 20	6 8	21 10	12 3	9 7
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1994 41 1995 76	4 12	10 16	3 9	1 7	2 2
Weapons Offense	1994 - 1995 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1994 1 1995 -	1 -	100 -	1 -	1 -	- -
Terroristic Threats	1994 43 1995 55	24 27	56 49	17 17	14 11	3 6
Trespass	1994 - 1995 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Disorderly Conduct	1994 22 1995 18	18 17	82 94	11 7	9 6	2 1
Harassment	1994 336 1995 288	194 164	58 57	75 60	52 48	23 12
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1994 4 1995 2	- 1	- 50	- 1	- -	- 1
All Other Bias Incidents	1994 45 1995 102	3 5	7 5	4 2	4 2	- -
<b>TOTAL</b>	1994 1,029 1995 965	386 336	38 35	241 164	170 111	71 53

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

## TARGET/TYPE – 1995

<b>PERSON</b>				<b>550</b>			
<b>RACIAL</b>		<b>RELIGIOUS</b>		<b>ETHNIC</b>		<b>SEXUAL</b>	
370		86		72		22	
American Indian	1	Catholic	-	Arab	12	Bisexual	1
Asian	20	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	10	Heterosexual(F)	2
Black	270	Islamic	1	Hispanic	39	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	78	Jewish	82	Oriental	4	Homosexual(F)	2
Other	1	Protestant	-	Other	7	Homosexual(M)	17
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	-

<b>PRIVATE PROPERTY</b>				<b>292</b>			
<b>RACIAL</b>		<b>RELIGIOUS</b>		<b>ETHNIC</b>		<b>SEXUAL</b>	
115		140		27		10	
American Indian	-	Catholic	4	Arab	2	Bisexual	5
Asian	4	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	2	Heterosexual(F)	-
Black	98	Islamic	1	Hispanic	11	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	10	Jewish	128	Oriental	6	Homosexual(F)	2
Other	3	Protestant	1	Other	6	Homosexual(M)	2
		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	1

<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>				<b>123</b>			
<b>RACIAL</b>		<b>RELIGIOUS</b>		<b>ETHNIC</b>		<b>SEXUAL</b>	
59		59		0		5	
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	-	Bisexual	-
Asian	1	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-
Black	49	Islamic	-	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	2	Jewish	55	Oriental	-	Homosexual(F)	1
Other	7	Protestant	1	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	1
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	3

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1994/1995

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
	1994	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	1	-
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	-
<b>Bergen</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	1	-
<b>Burlington</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	8	4	-
<b>Camden</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>8</b>	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-
<b>Cape May</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	10	4	-
<b>Essex</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	2	-
<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1</b>
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
<b>Hunterdon</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	6	7	-
<b>Mercer</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	6	-
<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>1</b>
	1994	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	9	2	-
<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	1994	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	9	1	-
<b>Morris</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	10	2	-
<b>Ocean</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	-
<b>Passaic</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Salem</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-
	1994	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	4	-	-
<b>Union</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	1994	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-
<b>Warren</b>	<b>1995</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
	1994	0	0	0	13	35	6	1	117	48	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>



# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1994/1995

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
12	-	-	-	4	-	-	9	1	-	39
<b>19</b>	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>57</b>
21	6	-	-	7	-	2	42	-	5	100
<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	-	<b>20</b>	<b>87</b>
14	2	-	-	1	-	5	7	-	1	39
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>
40	5	-	-	1	-	2	25	-	2	90
<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	-	<b>10</b>	<b>84</b>
3	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	17
<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	16
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>
16	-	-	-	10	-	3	22	1	1	75
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>
6	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	2	29
<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>69</b>
6	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	32
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>10</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>
5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	11
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>7</b>
14	2	-	-	-	-	1	33	-	3	69
<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>
31	1	-	-	5	-	-	34	1	1	88
<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	-	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>
33	7	-	-	5	-	4	36	-	7	111
<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>3</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>79</b>
18	1	-	-	2	-	-	19	-	6	62
<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	-	<b>9</b>	<b>64</b>
23	4	-	-	2	-	1	28	-	5	81
<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>28</b>	-	<b>11</b>	<b>69</b>
10	2	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	25
<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
11	1	-	1	2	-	-	11	-	2	31
<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>8</b>	-	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>
34	8	-	-	2	-	-	19	1	6	81
<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6</b>	-	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	16
<b>3</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
316	41	0	1	43	0	22	336	4	45	1,029
<b>254</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>965</b>

# VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

## 1995

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<b>AGE</b>		
10 and under	18	7
11 to 17	123	136
18 to 20	51	49
21 to 25	54	48
26 to 30	61	38
31 to 35	68	31
36 to 40	49	20
41 to 45	35	16
46 to 50	41	7
51 to 60	32	14
61 and over	18	11
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	356	280
Female	194	97
<b>RACE</b>		
American Indian	2	-
Asian	48	7
Black	257	78
White	242	292
Other	1	7

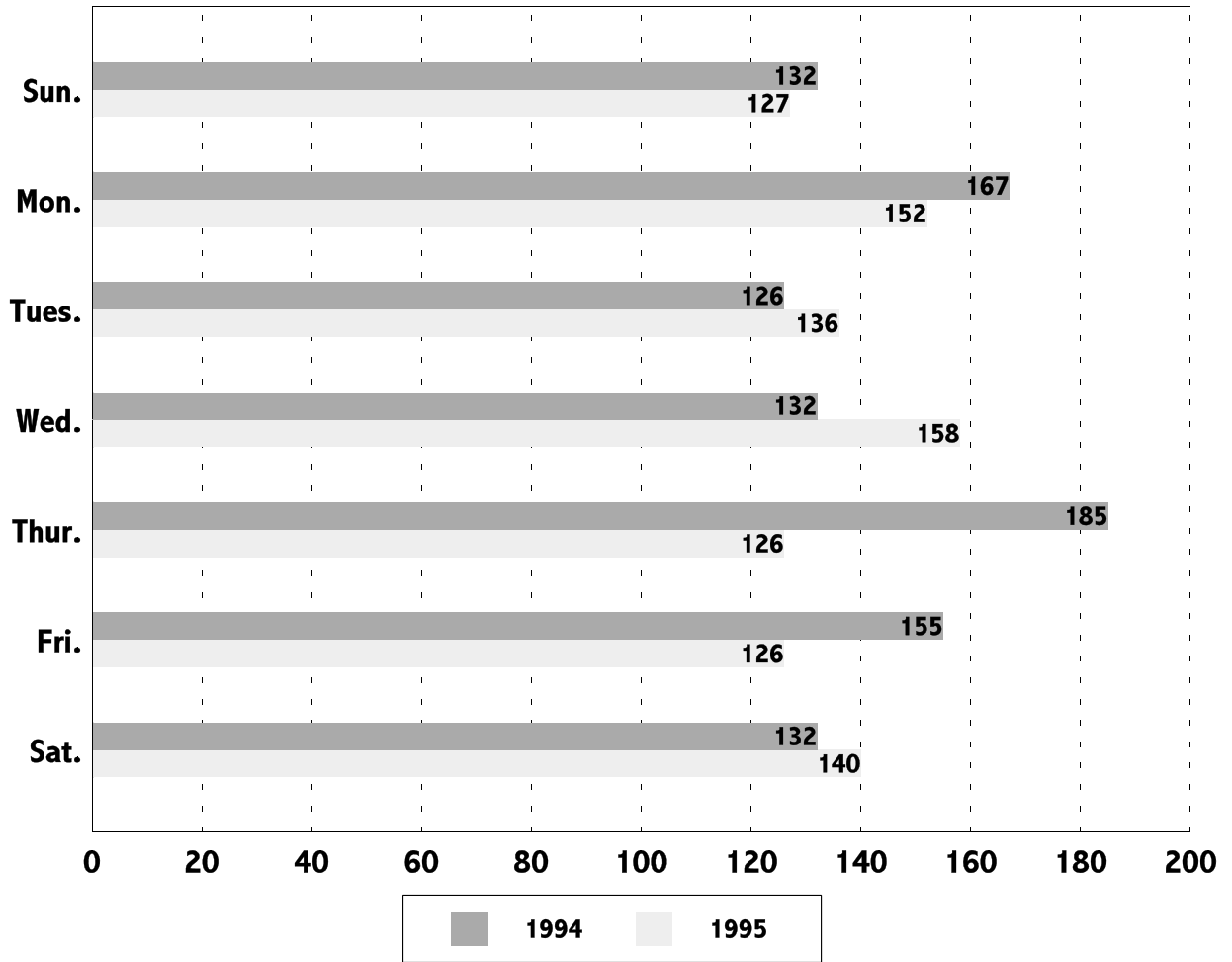
# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY 1995

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	180	Residence	285	Acquaintance	89
Cross Burning	1	Religious Building	23	Neighbor	87
Graffiti	123	Government Building	26	Employee	12
In Person	420	School Building	138	Stranger	259
Letters	96	Business Establishment	147	Unknown	450
Telephone	67	Cemetery	4	Other	68
Other	78	Motor Vehicle	64		
		Highway	125		
		Parking Lot	74		
		Other	79		

TYPE OF BIAS INCIDENT					
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC	
American Indian	1	Catholic	5	Arab	13
Asian	25	Hindu	6	Asian Indian	12
Black	417	Islamic	2	Hispanic	50
White	90	Jewish	265	Oriental	10
Other	11	Protestant	2	Other	14
		Other	5		
<b>TOTAL RACIAL</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>TOTAL RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>TOTAL ETHNIC</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>TOTAL SEXUAL ORIENTATION</b>	<b>37</b>				

# BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

## 1994/1995



# BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH 1994/1995

