



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 assists with necessary planning for the future.

This is the fifteenth 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 2002 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 578 individual bias incidents, resulting in 625 specific bias incident offenses in 2002, a 23% decrease compared to 2001.
- Harassment accounted for 47% (295) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 42% (260) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 42% (262) of all bias incident crimes in 2002.
- The target category of person accounted for 57% (354) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 35% (221) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 31% (193) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 7% (43) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent days of occurrence were Monday & Friday (99 offenses each).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was April (77 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 33% (204 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-four percent (278) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 36% (101) being cleared by arrest, and 64% (177) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 113 arrests (73 adults and 40 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2001, arrests decreased 40 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

1998 through 2002

| BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Murder | - | - | - | - | - |
| Manslaughter | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rape | - | - | - | - | - |
| Robbery | 4 | - | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Aggravated Assault | 21 | 25 | 21 | 15 | 12 |
| Burglary | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Larceny-Theft | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Simple Assault | 63 | 60 | 53 | 58 | 25 |
| Fear of Bodily Violence | 20 | 20 | 15 | 34 | 3 |
| Arson | 2 | - | - | 7 | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief | 318 | 277 | 292 | 333 | 252 |
| Damage to Property; Threat of Violence | 20 | 27 | 24 | 23 | 8 |
| Weapons Offense | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Sex Offense (Except Rape) | 1 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Terroristic Threats | 41 | 37 | 38 | 11 | 13 |
| Trespass | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 |
| Harassment | 336 | 210 | 252 | 318 | 295 |
| Desecration of Venerated Objects | 10 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| All Other Bias Incidents | 32 | 15 | 2 | 6 | - |
| TOTAL | 877 | 679 | 710 | 815 | 625 |

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2001/2002

| BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES | | Number of Offenses | Offenses Cleared | Percent Cleared | Number of Arrests | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | Total Arrests | Adult Arrests | Juvenile Arrests |
| Murder | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Manslaughter | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Rape | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Robbery | 2001 | 3 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 4 | 3 | 75 | 5 | - | 5 |
| Aggravated Assault | 2001 | 15 | 9 | 60 | 33 | 16 | 17 |
| | 2002 | 12 | 11 | 92 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| Burglary | 2001 | 2 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 3 | 3 | - |
| Larceny-Theft | 2001 | 2 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Simple Assault | 2001 | 58 | 36 | 62 | 34 | 17 | 17 |
| | 2002 | 25 | 22 | 88 | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| Fear of Bodily Violence | 2001 | 34 | 13 | 38 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| | 2002 | 3 | 2 | 67 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Arson | 2001 | 7 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Criminal Mischief | 2001 | 333 | 15 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 11 |
| | 2002 | 252 | 25 | 10 | 22 | 12 | 10 |
| Damage to Property; Threat of Violence | 2001 | 23 | 2 | 9 | 7 | - | 7 |
| | 2002 | 8 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| Weapons Offense | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Sex Offenses (Except Rape) | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| Terroristic Threats | 2001 | 11 | 5 | 45 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| | 2002 | 13 | 11 | 85 | 5 | 5 | - |
| Trespass | 2001 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 1 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| Disorderly Conduct | 2001 | - | - | - | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 2 | 2 | 100 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Harassment | 2001 | 318 | 164 | 52 | 82 | 54 | 28 |
| | 2002 | 295 | 199 | 67 | 49 | 36 | 13 |
| Desecration of Venerated Objects | 2001 | 1 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | 3 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| All Other Bias Incidents | 2001 | 6 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | 2002 | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 2001 | 815 | 245 | 30 | 187 | 100 | 87 |
| | 2002 | 625 | 278 | 44 | 113 | 73 | 40 |

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2002

| PERSON | | | | | 354 | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------------|----|--------------|-----|-----------------|----|------------------|----------|
| RACIAL | 189 | RELIGIOUS | 70 | ETHNIC | 64 | SEXUAL | 30 | OTHER | 1 |
| American Indian | - | Catholic | - | Arab | 11 | Bisexual | 2 | Gender | - |
| Asian | 7 | Hindu | 4 | Asian Indian | 12 | Heterosexual(F) | - | Handicap: | 1 |
| Black | 153 | Islamic | 7 | Hispanic | 26 | Heterosexual(M) | - | (1) Physical | - |
| White | 25 | Jewish | 59 | Oriental | 6 | Homosexual(F) | 9 | (2) Mental | 1 |
| Other | 4 | Protestant | - | Other | 9 | Homosexual(M) | 17 | | |
| | | Other | - | | | Homosexual(M&F) | 2 | | |

| PRIVATE PROPERTY | | | | | 171 | | | | |
|------------------|----|------------|----|--------------|-----|-----------------|---|------------------|----------|
| RACIAL | 41 | RELIGIOUS | 96 | ETHNIC | 28 | SEXUAL | 6 | OTHER | 0 |
| American Indian | - | Catholic | 3 | Arab | 2 | Bisexual | - | Gender | - |
| Asian | 2 | Hindu | 2 | Asian Indian | 6 | Heterosexual(F) | - | Handicap: | 0 |
| Black | 38 | Islamic | 8 | Hispanic | 14 | Heterosexual(M) | - | (1) Physical | - |
| White | 1 | Jewish | 77 | Oriental | 1 | Homosexual(F) | 2 | (2) Mental | - |
| Other | - | Protestant | 3 | Other | 5 | Homosexual(M) | 4 | | |
| | | Other | 3 | | | Homosexual(M&F) | - | | |

| PUBLIC PROPERTY | | | | | 100 | | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------|----|--------------|-----|-----------------|---|------------------|----------|
| RACIAL | 32 | RELIGIOUS | 57 | ETHNIC | 5 | SEXUAL | 5 | OTHER | 1 |
| American Indian | - | Catholic | - | Arab | 1 | Bisexual | - | Gender | - |
| Asian | - | Hindu | - | Asian Indian | - | Heterosexual(F) | - | Handicap: | 1 |
| Black | 30 | Islamic | - | Hispanic | 3 | Heterosexual(M) | - | (1) Physical | 1 |
| White | 1 | Jewish | 57 | Oriental | - | Homosexual(F) | - | (2) Mental | - |
| Other | 1 | Protestant | - | Other | 1 | Homosexual(M) | 2 | | |
| | | Other | - | | | Homosexual(M&F) | 3 | | |

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2001/2002

| | | Murder | Man- slaughter | Rape | Robbery | Aggravated Assault | Burglary | Larceny- Theft | Simple Assault | Fear of Bodily Violence | Arson |
|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 1 | - |
| Atlantic | 2002 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 8 | 2 | - |
| Bergen | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Burlington | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Camden | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 3 | - | 1 |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Cape May | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Cumberland | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 5 | 4 | - |
| Essex | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | 1 |
| Gloucester | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 | 5 | - |
| Hudson | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Hunterdon | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | 3 | - |
| Mercer | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Middlesex | 2002 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Monmouth | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Morris | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 7 | 3 | - |
| Ocean | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Passaic | 2002 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salem | 2002 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Somerset | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sussex | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Union | 2002 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Warren | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 58 | 34 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 2002 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 2 |

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2001/2002

| 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 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | - | - | 20 |
| 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | 24 |
| 41 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 31 | 1 | - | 87 |
| 13 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 17 | - | - | 37 |
| 23 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 14 | - | - | 45 |
| 15 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | - | - | 30 |
| 47 | 6 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 39 | - | - | 105 |
| 12 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 18 | - | - | 40 |
| 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | 13 |
| 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | - | - | 12 |
| 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 10 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| 30 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 20 | - | - | 64 |
| 14 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 30 | 1 | - | 51 |
| 8 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | - | - | 25 |
| 13 | - | - | - | 5 | - | - | 27 | - | - | 48 |
| 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | - | 1 | 36 |
| 8 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | 14 |
| 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 8 |
| 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 7 |
| 17 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 17 | - | - | 46 |
| 24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | - | - | 38 |
| 28 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 21 | - | - | 63 |
| 20 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 25 | - | - | 49 |
| 26 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 24 | - | - | 63 |
| 36 | 3 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 27 | - | - | 73 |
| 17 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 16 | - | - | 38 |
| 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | - | - | 23 |
| 17 | 4 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 32 | - | - | 66 |
| 19 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 40 | - | - | 66 |
| 10 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 16 | - | - | 30 |
| 22 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | - | - | 38 |
| 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | - | 10 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 7 |
| 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | - | 1 | 35 |
| 20 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | 28 |
| 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 | - | - | 9 |
| 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 5 |
| 7 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | 2 | 15 |
| 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 1 | - | 17 |
| 17 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | 1 | 27 |
| 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | - | - | 14 |
| 333 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 318 | 1 | 6 | 815 |
| 252 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 295 | 3 | 0 | 625 |

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2002

| | VICTIM | OFFENDER |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| AGE | | |
| 10 and under | 16 | 8 |
| 11 to 17 | 76 | 94 |
| 18 to 20 | 13 | 22 |
| 21 to 25 | 29 | 28 |
| 26 to 30 | 30 | 24 |
| 31 to 35 | 37 | 19 |
| 36 to 40 | 37 | 25 |
| 41 to 45 | 45 | 21 |
| 46 to 50 | 26 | 10 |
| 51 to 60 | 27 | 23 |
| 61 and over | 18 | 9 |
| TOTAL AGE | 354 | 283 |
| SEX | | |
| Male | 226 | 238 |
| Female | 128 | 45 |
| TOTAL SEX | 354 | 283 |
| RACE | | |
| American Indian | 8 | 8 |
| Asian | 31 | 4 |
| Black | 153 | 36 |
| White | 154 | 230 |
| Other | 8 | 5 |
| TOTAL RACE | 354 | 283 |

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

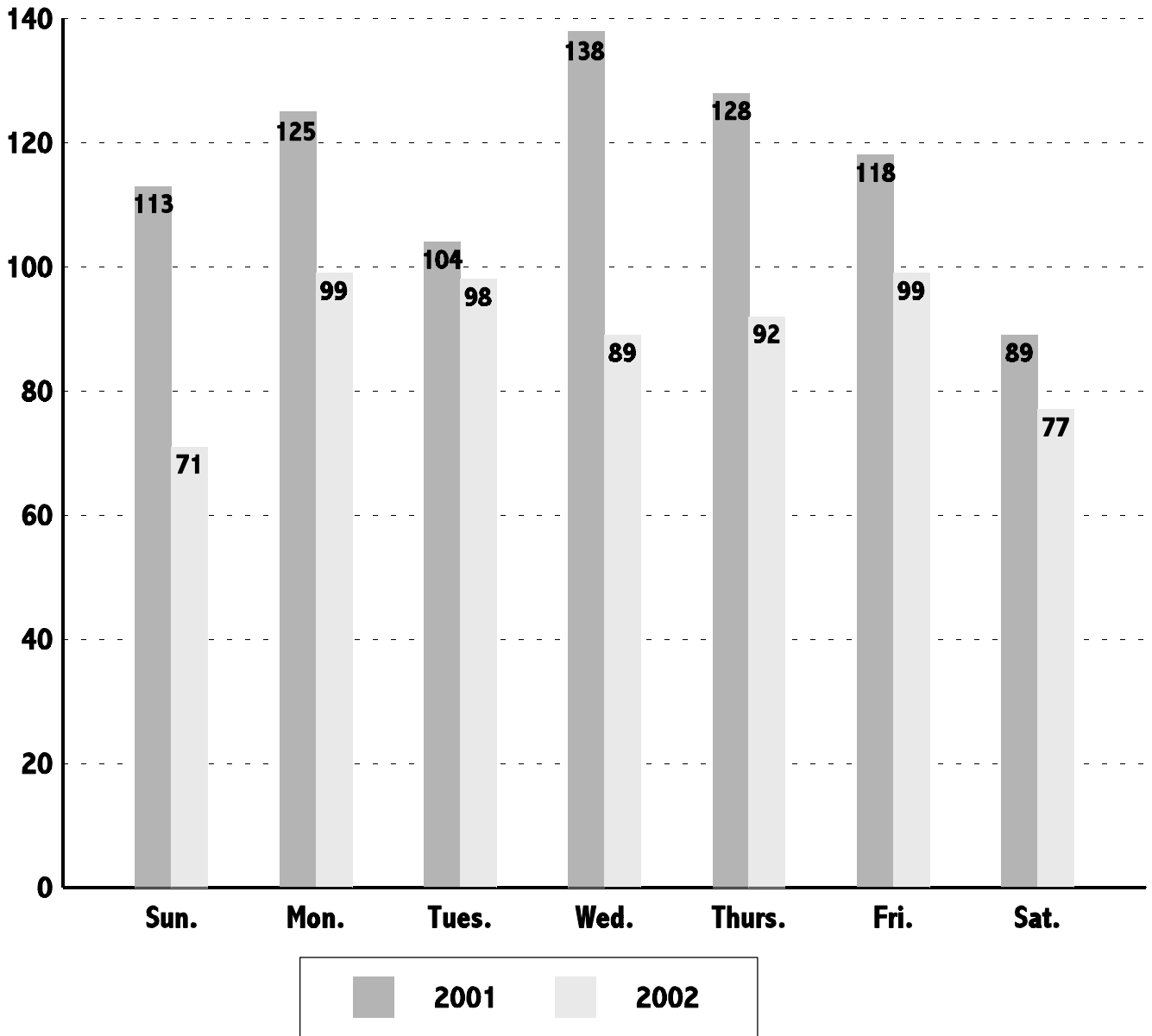
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| Description of Incident | | Place of Occurrence | | Relationship of Victim to Offender | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Swastika | 89 | Residence | 204 | Acquaintance | 78 |
| Cross Burning | 1 | Religious Building | 16 | Neighbor | 68 |
| Graffiti | 117 | Government Building | 20 | Employee | 6 |
| In Person | 269 | School Building | 99 | Stranger | 109 |
| Letters | 63 | Business Establishment | 89 | Unknown | 346 |
| Telephone | 42 | Cemetery | 1 | Other | 18 |
| Other | 44 | Motor Vehicle | 42 | | |
| | | Highway | 67 | | |
| | | Parking Lot | 31 | | |
| | | Other | 56 | | |
| TOTAL | 625 | TOTAL | 625 | TOTAL | 625 |

| TYPE OF BIAS | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| RACIAL | | RELIGIOUS | | ETHNIC | | SEXUAL | | OTHER | |
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| Other | 5 | Protestant | 3 | Other | 15 | Homosexual(M) | 23 | | |
| | | Other | 3 | | | Homosexual(M&F) | 5 | | |
| TOTAL | 262 | TOTAL | 223 | TOTAL | 97 | TOTAL | 41 | TOTAL | 2 |

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

2001/2002



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

2001/2002

