



# 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 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-first 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.

# BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2008 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 772 bias incident investigations, resulting in 876 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2008, an 8% increase compared to 2007.
- Harassment accounted for 39% (340) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 42% (372) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 47% (409) of all bias incident crimes in 2008.
- The target category of person accounted for 55% (486) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 40% (351) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 29% (256) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 4% (35) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (146 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (90 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a school building, where 27% (238 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-three percent (380) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 16% (141) being cleared by arrest, and 27% (239) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 169 arrests (96 adults and 73 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2007, arrests increased 23 percent.

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

## 2004 through 2008

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Murder	-	-	-	1	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	4	3	7	2	1
Aggravated Assault	5	15	25	12	19
Burglary	3	5	4	5	3
Larceny-Theft	-	1	3	1	2
Simple Assault	50	54	52	46	47
Fear of Bodily Violence	15	12	17	11	9
Arson	-	3	1	1	1
Criminal Mischief	391	346	290	268	358
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	8	9	16	23	14
Weapons Offense	3	1	-	1	-
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	-	1	3	-
Terroristic Threats	41	33	28	26	37
Trespass	1	1	1	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	5	4	15	19	12
Harassment	322	292	339	353	340
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1	-	2	2	3
All Other Bias Incidents	19	13	24	35	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>876</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2007/2008

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2007	1	1	100	3	3	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Manslaughter	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Rape	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Robbery	2007	2	1	50	1	1	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
Aggravated Assault	2007	12	7	58	6	4	2
	<b>2008</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
Burglary	2007	5	1	20	2	1	1
	<b>2008</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Larceny-Theft	2007	1	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Simple Assault	2007	46	38	83	31	22	9
	<b>2008</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Fear of Bodily Violence	2007	11	6	55	1	-	1
	<b>2008</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Arson	2007	1	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Criminal Mischief	2007	268	12	4	16	1	15
	<b>2008</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2007	23	-	0	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Weapons Offense	2007	1	1	100	1	1	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2007	3	3	100	2	2	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Terroristic Threats	2007	26	13	50	7	4	3
	<b>2008</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
Trespass	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Disorderly Conduct	2007	19	18	95	8	8	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Harassment	2007	353	248	70	58	38	20
	<b>2008</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>18</b>
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2007	2	1	50	0	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
All Other Bias Incidents	2007	35	17	49	1	1	-
	<b>2008</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	2007	809	367	45	137	86	51
	<b>2008</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>73</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

## TARGET/TYPE – 2008

PERSON					486				
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
	265		79		60		77		5
American Indian	1	Catholic	1	Arab	9	Bisexual	-	Gender	3
Asian	8	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	9	Heterosexual(F)	1	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>2</b>
Black	225	Islamic	10	Hispanic	33	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	25	Jewish	62	Asian	5	Homosexual(F)	13	(2) Mental	1
Other	6	Protestant	-	Nat. Origin	2	Homosexual(M)	55		
		Other	5	Other	2	Homosexual(M&F)	6		

PRIVATE PROPERTY					219				
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
	76		122		8		13		0
American Indian	2	Catholic	6	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	2	Hindu	2	Asian Indian	1	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>0</b>
Black	68	Islamic	3	Hispanic	2	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	3	Jewish	107	Asian	2	Homosexual(F)	1	(2) Mental	-
Other	1	Protestant	1	Nat. Origin	2	Homosexual(M)	10		
		Other	3	Other	1	Homosexual(M&F)	2		

PUBLIC PROPERTY					171				
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
	68		94		2		7		0
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	1	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>0</b>
Black	58	Islamic	-	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	5	Jewish	87	Asian	-	Homosexual(F)	-	(2) Mental	-
Other	4	Protestant	-	Nat. Origin	2	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	5	Other	-	Homosexual(M&F)	2		

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2007/2008

		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
<b>Atlantic</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Bergen</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>Burlington</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Camden</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Cape May</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cumberland</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Essex</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Gloucester</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Hudson</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>6</b>	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Hunterdon</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Mercer</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Middlesex</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Monmouth</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	9	1	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	-
<b>Morris</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Ocean</b>	2007	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	7	2	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-
<b>Passaic</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Salem</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Somerset</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Sussex</b>	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Union</b>	2007	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Warren</b>	2007	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>2008</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	2007	1	0	0	2	12	5	1	46	11	1
	<b>2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2007/2008

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
5	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	19
<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>11</b>	-	-	<b>23</b>
16	3	-	-	2	-	-	20	-	-	48
<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	-	-	<b>62</b>
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	12
<b>22</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>19</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>
18	1	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	-	50
<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>16</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	9
<b>3</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
8	1	-	-	1	-	1	10	-	5	29
<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>7</b>	-	-	<b>12</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>
17	-	-	-	-	-	2	21	-	1	47
<b>29</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
5	1	-	2	3	-	-	5	-	-	26
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>9</b>	-	-	<b>11</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	1	15
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>
16	1	-	-	1	-	-	13	-	-	33
<b>21</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>11</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>
43	2	-	-	5	-	1	41	-	7	101
<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>110</b>
37	3	-	-	5	-	9	107	-	12	186
<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	<b>8</b>	<b>108</b>	-	<b>7</b>	<b>215</b>
12	-	-	1	1	-	1	15	-	1	31
<b>26</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>13</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>
32	3	-	-	4	-	5	43	-	2	101
<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>29</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>
20	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2	34
<b>6</b>	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
16	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	29
<b>9</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>11</b>	-	-	<b>23</b>
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	8
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	14
<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>20</b>
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	12
<b>6</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>11</b>
268	23	1	3	26	0	19	353	2	35	809
<b>358</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>876</b>

# VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

## 2008

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<b>AGE</b>		
10 and under	11	3
11 to 17	144	170
18 to 20	37	27
21 to 25	43	31
26 to 30	40	24
31 to 35	24	27
36 to 40	45	37
41 to 45	41	21
46 to 50	41	32
51 to 60	29	24
61 and over	31	26
<b>TOTAL AGE</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	321	322
Female	165	100
<b>TOTAL SEX</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>RACE</b>		
American Indian	9	-
Asian	17	4
Black	230	63
White	208	345
Other	22	10
<b>TOTAL RACE</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>422</b>

# BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

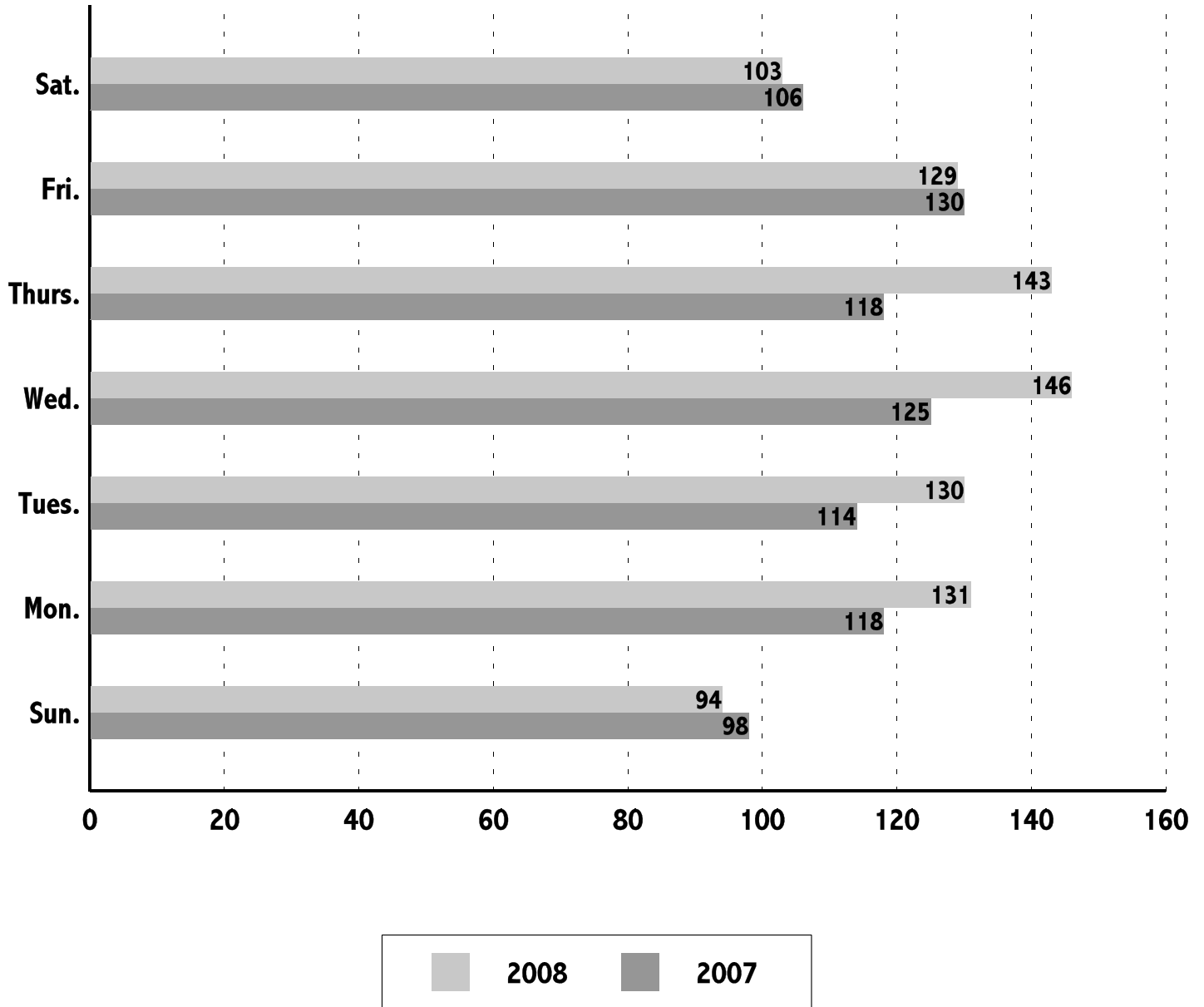
## 2008

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	163	Residence	193	Acquaintance	130
Cross Burning	1	Religious Building	14	Neighbor	72
Graffiti	191	Government Building	19	Employee	7
In Person	365	School Building	238	Stranger	155
Letters	72	Business Establishment	128	Unknown	422
Telephone	42	Cemetery	2	Other	90
Other	42	Motor Vehicle	74		
		Highway	90		
		Parking Lot	44		
		Other	74		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>876</b>

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	3	Catholic	8	Arab	9	Bisexual	-	Gender	3
Asian	11	Hindu	4	Asian Indian	10	Heterosexual(F)	1	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>2</b>
Black	351	Islamic	13	Hispanic	35	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	33	Jewish	256	Asian	7	Homosexual(F)	14	(2) Mental	1
Other	11	Protestant	1	Nat. Origin	6	Homosexual(M)	70		
		Other	13	Other	3	Homosexual(M&F)	10		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

# BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

## 2007/2008



# BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

## 2007/2008

