

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 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 fourth 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

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 sexually oriented in nature.

Highlights of the 1991 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- There were 976 actual bias incident offenses reported by the police in 1991, an 18% increase compared to 1990 (824).
- Harassment accounted for 33% (323) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 23% (228) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 53% (513) of all bias crimes in 1991.
- Persons were the target in 654, or 67%, of all bias incident offenses reported.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 37% (358) of all bias incidents.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 25% (245) of all bias incidents.
- The Asian Indian ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 6% (58) of all bias incidents.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Sunday (153 incidents).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (118 incidents).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 32% (309) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-two percent (411) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 23% (228) being cleared by arrest, and 19% (183) being exceptionally cleared.
- There were a total of 297 arrests (180 adults and 117 juveniles) made as a result of bias incidents, a 13% decrease compared to the 341 (205 adults and 136 juveniles) persons arrested in 1990.
- The involvement of organized hate groups was not substantiated in any of the reported bias incidents.

**BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS
1990/1991**

Bias Incident Offense		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1990	1	1	100	1	—	1
	1991	1	1	100	1	—	1
Manslaughter	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rape	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery	1990	8	3	38	6	2	4
	1991	13	6	46	7	2	5
Aggravated Assault	1990	60	44	73	98	48	50
	1991	61	36	59	43	24	19
Burglary	1990	9	1	11	2	1	1
	1991	13	2	15	6	—	6
Larceny—Theft	1990	6	1	17	1	1	—
	1991	1	—	—	—	—	—
Simple Assault	1990	105	65	62	52	36	16
	1991	144	94	65	79	45	34
Fear of Bodily Violence	1990	37	18	49	7	5	2
	1991	38	18	47	16	9	7
Arson	1990	3	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	4	3	75	6	6	—
Criminal Mischief	1990	176	20	11	36	7	29
	1991	202	19	9	27	9	18
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1990	38	12	32	12	7	5
	1991	26	4	15	1	1	—
Weapons Offenses	1990	1	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	1	1	100	1	1	—
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1990	2	2	100	3	3	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	—
Terroristic Threats	1990	52	21	40	12	11	1
	1991	80	16	20	12	9	3
Trespass	1990	1	1	100	1	—	—
	1991	6	3	50	2	2	—
Disorderly Conduct	1990	33	27	82	21	19	2
	1991	35	28	80	16	13	3
Harassment	1990	255	150	59	85	61	24
	1991	323	170	53	77	56	21
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1990	3	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	4	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Bias Incidents	1990	34	14	41	4	4	—
	1991	24	10	42	3	3	—
TOTAL	1990	824	380	46	341	205	136
	1991	976	411	42	297	180	117

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1990/1991

County		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Viol.
Atlantic	1990	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	1
	1991	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
Bergen	1990	—	—	—	1	7	1	1	17	2
	1991	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	12	1
Burlington	1990	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	7	3
	1991	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	7	—
Camden	1990	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	7	6
	1991	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	16	2
Cape May	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cumberland	1990	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—
	1991	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	2
Essex	1990	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	8	1
	1991	—	—	—	1	7	1	—	8	3
Gloucester	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2
	1991	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	6	—
Hudson	1990	—	—	—	3	4	1	—	2	2
	1991	—	—	—	1	5	1	—	3	3
Hunterdon	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Mercer	1990	1	—	—	—	5	—	1	8	3
	1991	—	—	—	2	7	—	—	14	6
Middlesex	1990	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	3	1
	1991	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	11	2
Monmouth	1990	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	5	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	14	1
Morris	1990	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	10	1
	1991	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	8	8
Ocean	1990	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	13	8
	1991	—	—	—	1	10	—	—	22	7
Passaic	1990	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—
	1991	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	2	—
Salem	1990	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1
Somerset	1990	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	3	4
	1991	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	2
Sussex	1990	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
	1991	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Union	1990	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	6	2
	1991	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	11	—
Warren	1990	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
	1991	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	1990	1	—	—	8	60	9	6	105	37
	1991	1	—	—	13	61	13	1	144	38

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1990/1991

Arson	Criminal Mischief	Damage to Property Threat of Viol.	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated Objects	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
—	5	—	—	—	6	—	1	18	—	—	37
1	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	10	1	1	23
—	35	15	—	—	6	—	3	27	2	6	123
—	17	4	—	—	10	2	6	30	—	6	90
—	3	1	—	—	2	1	4	19	—	9	59
—	7	1	1	—	2	1	1	14	—	1	40
—	10	1	1	—	1	—	1	25	—	1	57
1	16	3	—	—	5	—	1	28	1	1	79
—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	11
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	10	—	—	14
—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	19
—	4	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	—	—	20
1	14	2	—	—	1	—	5	11	—	—	50
—	10	2	—	—	19	1	1	18	—	1	72
—	7	—	—	—	2	—	3	16	—	1	36
—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	16	—	—	33
—	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	1	32
—	5	2	—	—	3	—	2	15	—	—	40
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	6
—	8	—	—	—	1	—	1	9	—	1	38
—	15	2	—	—	2	—	5	14	—	—	67
—	26	7	—	—	6	—	—	17	—	—	65
1	35	1	—	—	3	—	2	11	1	—	73
—	15	1	—	—	6	—	5	16	1	4	60
—	18	3	—	—	8	—	2	30	1	1	80
1	11	1	—	—	2	—	6	17	—	—	54
—	13	1	—	—	4	2	—	34	—	3	76
—	8	3	—	2	5	—	1	16	—	1	59
—	10	3	—	—	4	—	1	29	—	5	92
—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	7	—	—	17
—	9	1	—	—	4	—	3	12	—	2	39
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	12
1	5	2	—	—	5	—	—	12	—	—	36
—	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	2	34
—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	10
—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	11
—	7	1	—	—	1	—	2	13	—	7	43
—	25	1	—	—	7	—	1	14	—	1	65
—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	12
1	1	2	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	10
3	176	38	1	2	52	1	33	255	3	34	824
4	202	26	1	—	80	6	35	323	4	24	976

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY—TARGET/TYPE—1991

PERSON	654	RACIAL	416	American Indian	—
				Asian	—
				Black	280
				White	132
				Other	4
		RELIGIOUS	101	Catholic	—
				Hindu	3
				Islamic	1
				Jewish	95
				Protestant	—
				Other	2
		ETHNIC	120	Asian Indian	33
				Hispanic	41
Oriental	27				
Other	19				
SEXUAL	17	Sexual Orientation	17		
PRIVATE PROPERTY	245	RACIAL	70	American Indian	—
				Asian	—
				Black	55
				White	15
				Other	—
		RELIGIOUS	120	Catholic	10
				Hindu	3
				Islamic	2
				Jewish	104
				Protestant	—
				Other	1
		ETHNIC	53	Asian Indian	24
				Hispanic	7
Oriental	7				
Other	15				
SEXUAL	2	Sexual Orientation	2		
PUBLIC PROPERTY	77	RACIAL	27	American Indian	—
				Asian	—
				Black	23
				White	2
				Other	2
		RELIGIOUS	46	Catholic	—
				Hindu	—
				Islamic	—
				Jewish	46
				Protestant	—
				Other	—
		ETHNIC	2	Asian Indian	1
				Hispanic	—
Oriental	—				
Other	1				
SEXUAL	2	Sexual Orientation	2		

**BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY
1991**

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE		RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER	
Swastika	105	Residence	309	Acquaintance	77
Cross Burning	5	Religious Building	36	Neighbor	119
Graffiti	119	Government Building	30	Employee	10
In Person	515	School Building	80	Stranger	323
Letters	71	Business Establishment	142	Unknown	382
Telephone	64	Cemetery	5	Other	65
Other	97	Motor Vehicle	61		
		Highway/Parking Lot	218		
		Other	95		

TYPE OF BIAS INCIDENT

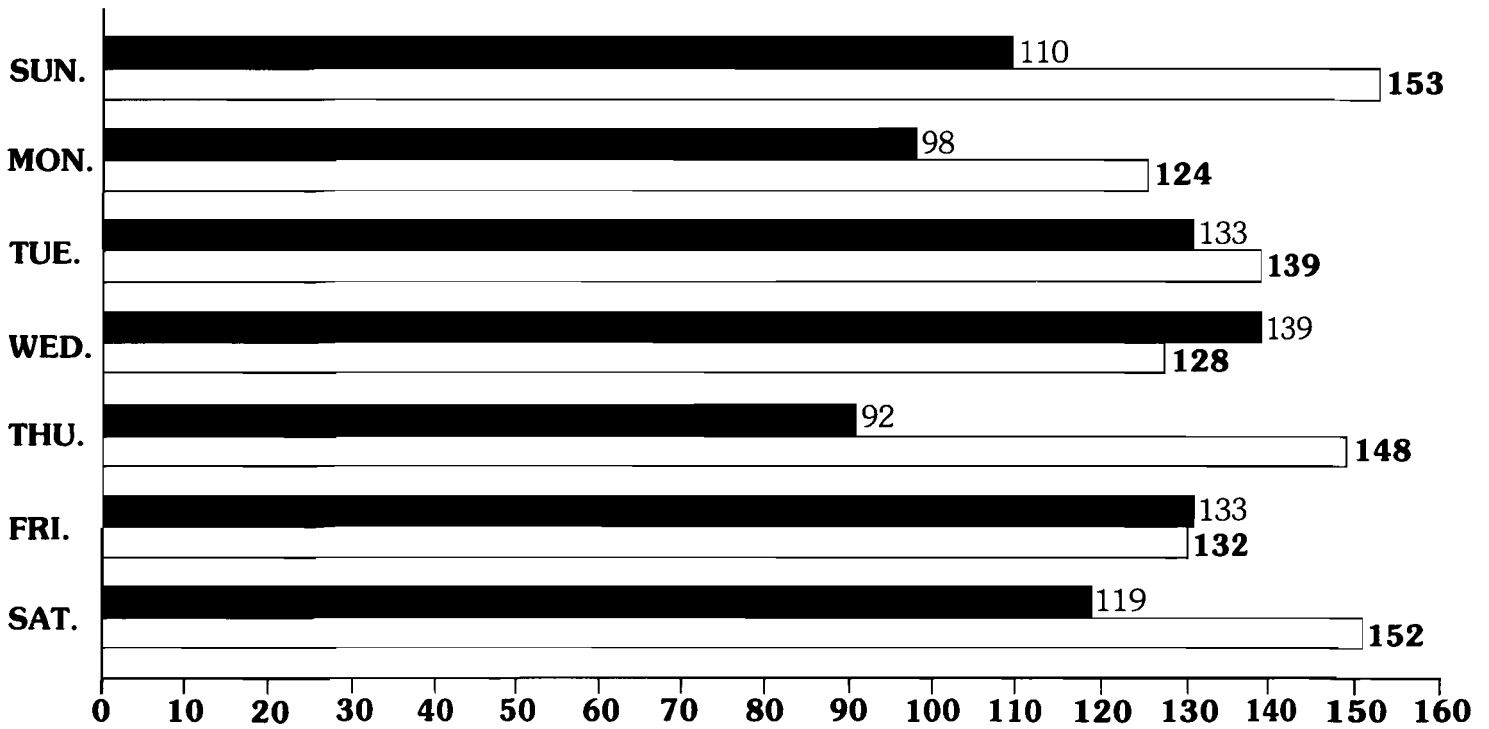
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC	
American Indian	—	Catholic	10	Asian Indian	58
Asian	—	Hindu	6	Hispanic	48
Black	358	Islamic	3	Oriental	34
White	149	Jewish	245	Other	35
Other	6	Protestant	—		
		Other	3		
TOTAL RACIAL	513	TOTAL RELIGIOUS	267	TOTAL ETHNIC	175
TOTAL SEXUAL ORIENTATION		21			

**VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS
1991**

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<u>AGE</u>		
10 and under	28	10
11 to 17	146	173
18 to 20	62	63
21 to 25	79	65
26 to 30	87	42
31 to 35	71	36
36 to 40	65	29
41 to 45	48	18
46 to 50	27	13
51 to 60	25	20
61 and over	16	10
<u>SEX</u>		
Male	435	393
Female	219	86
<u>RACE</u>		
American Indian	—	2
Asian	39	4
Black	273	133
White	307	338
Other	35	2

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 1990/1991

1990
1991



BIAS INCIDENTS BY MONTH 1990/1991

