

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 fifth 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 1992 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- There were 1,303 actual bias incident offenses reported by the police in 1992, a 34% increase compared to 1991.
- Harassment accounted for 34% (444) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 30% (394) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 57% (747) of all bias crimes in 1992.
- Persons were the target in 878, or 67%, of all bias incident offenses reported.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 37% (486) of all bias incidents.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 26% (334) of all bias incidents.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 6% (78) of all bias incidents.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Tuesday (218 incidents).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was May (132 incidents).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 30% (387) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-three percent (555) of all bias incident offenses were cleared, with 25% (323) being cleared by arrest, and 18% (232) being exceptionally cleared.
- There were a total of 444 arrests (288 adults and 156 juveniles) made as a result of bias incidents, a 49% increase compared to the 297 (180 adults and 117 juveniles) persons arrested in 1991.
- The involvement of organized hate groups was not substantiated in any of the reported bias incidents.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES
1988 through 1992

Bias Incident Offense	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Murder	-	1	1	1	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	3	-	-	-	-
Robbery	3	11	8	13	13
Aggravated Assault	36	37	60	61	78
Burglary	4	4	9	13	4
Larceny-Theft	4	3	6	1	8
Simple Assault	97	67	105	144	177
Fear of Bodily Violence	24	28	37	38	72
Arson	3	1	3	4	3
Criminal Mischief	196	178	176	202	357
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	24	21	38	26	37
Weapons Offenses	1	-	1	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	3	-	2	-	1
Terroristic Threats	28	43	52	80	79
Trespass	1	2	1	6	-
Disorderly Conduct	10	14	33	35	18
Harassment	136	164	255	323	444
Desecration of Venerated Objects	8	4	3	4	1
All Other Bias Incidents	12	29	34	24	11
TOTAL	593	607	824	976	1,303

**BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS
1991/1992**

Bias Incident Offense		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1991	1	1	100	1	-	1
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	1991	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	1991	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	1991	13	6	46	7	2	5
	1992	13	8	62	19	11	8
Aggravated Assault	1991	61	36	59	43	24	19
	1992	78	48	62	68	34	34
Burglary	1991	13	2	15	6	-	6
	1992	4	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny—Theft	1991	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	8	2	25	2	1	1
Simple Assault	1991	144	94	65	79	45	34
	1992	177	99	56	89	58	31
Fear of Bodily Violence	1991	38	18	47	16	9	7
	1992	72	30	42	31	26	5
Arson	1991	4	3	75	6	6	-
	1992	3	1	33	1	1	-
Criminal Mischief	1991	202	19	9	27	9	18
	1992	357	33	9	37	25	12
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1991	26	4	15	1	1	-
	1992	37	2	5	3	2	1
Weapons Offenses	1991	1	1	100	1	1	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1991	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	1	1	-	1	-	1
Terroristic Threats	1991	80	16	20	12	9	3
	1992	79	37	47	25	20	5
Trespass	1991	6	3	50	2	2	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	1991	35	28	80	16	13	3
	1992	18	16	89	12	5	7
Harassment	1991	323	170	53	77	56	21
	1992	444	277	62	156	105	51
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1991	4	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	1	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	1991	24	10	42	3	3	-
	1992	11	1	9	-	-	-
TOTAL	1991	976	411	42	297	180	117
	1992	1,303	555	43	444	288	156

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY—TARGET/TYPE—1992

PERSON	878	RACIAL	604	American Indian	-
				Asian	22
				Black	398
				White	162
				Other	22
		RELIGIOUS	124	Catholic	-
				Hindu	8
				Islamic	-
				Jewish	116
				Protestant	-
				Other	-
		ETHNIC	122	Asian Indian	19
				Hispanic	70
Oriental	12				
Other	21				
SEXUAL	28	Sexual Orientation	28		
PRIVATE PROPERTY	269	RACIAL	86	American Indian	-
				Asian	15
				Black	49
				White	11
				Other	11
		RELIGIOUS	145	Catholic	3
				Hindu	4
				Islamic	3
				Jewish	129
				Protestant	2
				Other	4
		ETHNIC	34	Asian Indian	14
				Hispanic	5
				Oriental	6
				Other	9
		SEXUAL	4	Sexual Orientation	4
		PUBLIC PROPERTY	156	RACIAL	57
Asian	2				
Black	39				
White	4				
Other	12				
RELIGIOUS	93			Catholic	1
				Hindu	-
				Islamic	1
				Jewish	89
				Protestant	-
				Other	2
ETHNIC	5			Asian Indian	1
				Hispanic	3
				Oriental	-
		Other	1		
SEXUAL	1	Sexual Orientation	1		

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1991/1992

County		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Viol.	Arson
Atlantic	1991	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
	1992	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	12	6	-
Bergen	1991	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	12	1	-
	1992	-	-	-	2	6	1	1	15	4	-
Burlington	1991	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	7	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	1	7	-	1	17	5	1
Camden	1991	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	16	2	1
	1992	-	-	-	3	12	-	1	17	2	-
Cape May	1991	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	1
Cumberland	1991	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	1	2	-
	1992	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	-
Essex	1991	-	-	-	1	7	1	-	8	3	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	9	-	2	14	7	-
Gloucester	1991	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	6	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	16	4	-
Hudson	1991	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	3	3	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	7	1	-
Hunterdon	1991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mercer	1991	-	-	-	2	7	-	-	14	6	-
	1992	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	9	3	-
Middlesex	1991	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	11	2	1
	1992	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	7	3	-
Monmouth	1991	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	1	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	10	13	-
Morris	1991	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	8	8	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	4	-
Ocean	1991	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	22	7	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	15	5	1
Passaic	1991	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	2	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	8	4	-
Salem	1991	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Somerset	1991	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	2	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	1	-
Sussex	1991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-
Union	1991	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	11	-	-
	1992	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	-
Warren	1991	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
	1992	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	-
TOTAL	1991	1	-	-	13	61	13	1	144	38	4
	1992	-	-	-	13	78	4	8	177	72	3

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1991/1992

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
4	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	1	1	23
14	1	-	-	3	-	1	15	-	-	57
17	4	-	-	10	2	6	30	-	6	90
56	13	-	-	11	-	-	59	-	6	174
7	1	1	-	2	1	1	14	-	1	40
12	1	-	-	11	-	-	32	-	1	89
16	3	-	-	5	-	1	28	1	1	79
43	3	-	-	3	-	-	28	-	-	112
-	-	-	-	1	-	2	10	-	-	14
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	13
4	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	-	20
2	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	16
10	2	-	-	19	1	1	18	-	1	72
15	4	-	-	5	-	5	21	1	-	83
4	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	-	-	33
10	-	-	-	2	-	3	34	-	-	71
5	2	-	-	3	-	2	15	-	-	40
2	-	-	-	11	-	1	13	-	-	38
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	6
7	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	11
15	2	-	-	2	-	5	14	-	-	67
10	1	-	-	6	-	-	28	-	-	61
35	1	-	-	3	-	2	11	1	-	73
49	-	-	-	3	-	-	45	-	-	115
18	3	-	-	8	-	2	30	1	1	80
41	1	-	-	6	-	1	39	-	-	115
13	1	-	-	4	2	-	34	-	3	76
27	1	-	-	4	-	3	35	-	2	85
10	3	-	-	4	-	1	29	-	5	92
12	1	-	-	7	-	1	29	-	1	79
9	1	-	-	4	-	3	12	-	2	39
18	4	-	-	4	-	2	20	-	1	64
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	8
4	-	-	-	3	-	-	16	-	2	34
9	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	23
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	11
2	2	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	14
25	1	-	-	7	-	1	14	-	1	65
25	2	-	1	1	-	1	15	-	-	61
1	2	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	10
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	14
202	26	1	-	80	6	35	323	4	24	976
357	37	-	1	79	-	18	444	1	11	1,303

**VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS
1992**

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
<u>AGE</u>		
10 and under	38	6
11 to 17	242	234
18 to 20	65	92
21 to 25	91	87
26 to 30	89	64
31 to 35	102	46
36 to 40	83	30
41 to 45	54	22
46 to 50	44	20
51 to 60	50	17
61 and over	20	12
<u>SEX</u>		
Male	578	518
Female	300	112
<u>RACE</u>		
American Indian	-	-
Asian	69	4
Black	410	168
White	399	458
Other	-	-

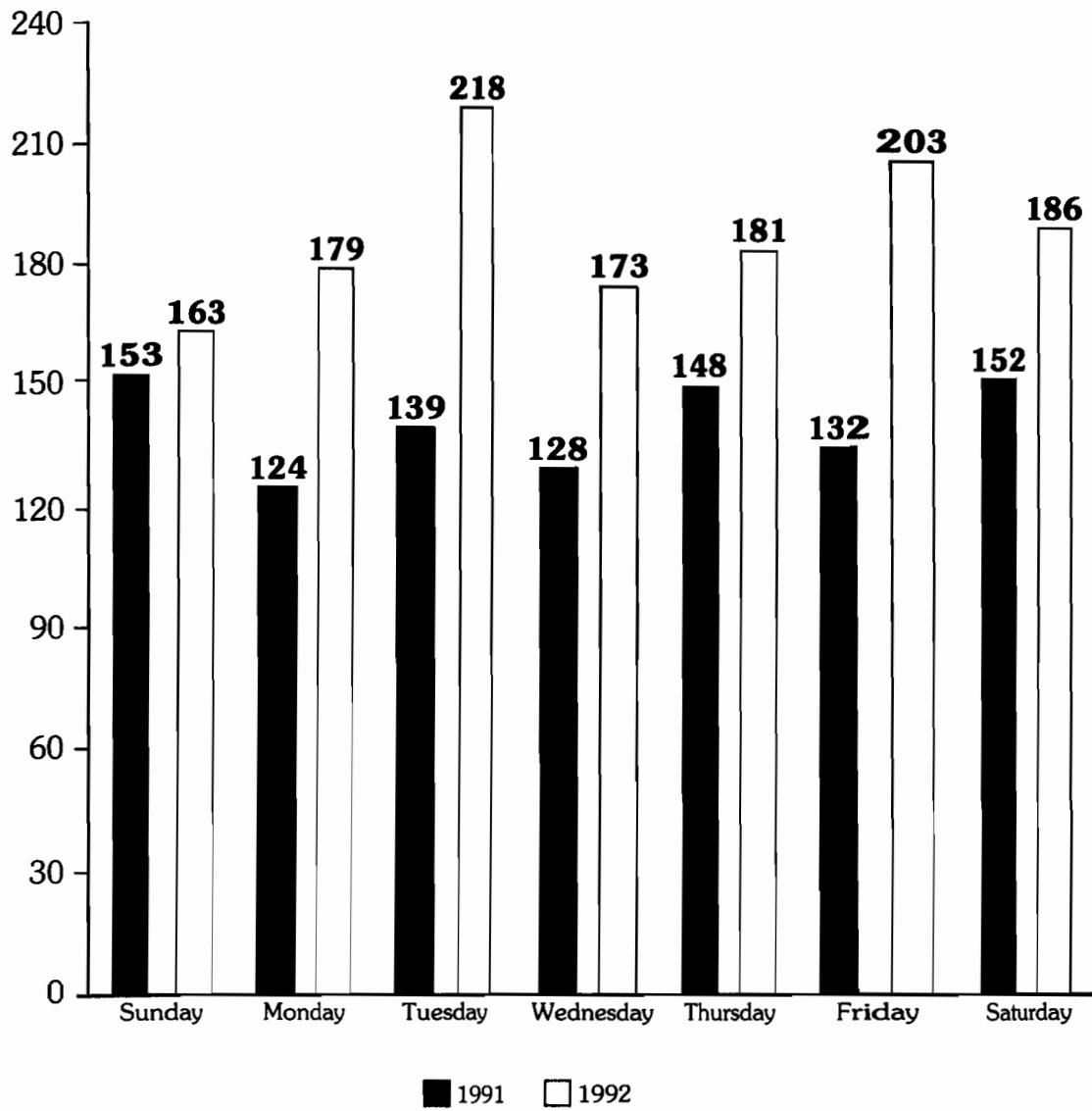
**BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY
1992**

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE		RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER	
Swastika	197	Residence	387	Acquaintance	150
Cross Burning	2	Religious Building	30	Neighbor	146
Graffiti	145	Government Building	23	Employee	10
In Person	735	School Building	163	Stranger	389
Letters	70	Business Establishment	177	Unknown	533
Telephone	68	Cemetery	3	Other	75
Other	86	Motor Vehicle	61		
		Highway/Parking Lot	352		
		Other	107		

TYPE OF BIAS INCIDENT

RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC	
American Indian	-	Catholic	4	Asian Indian	34
Asian	39	Hindu	12	Hispanic	78
Black	486	Islamic	4	Oriental	18
White	177	Jewish	334	Other	31
Other	45	Protestant	2		
		Other	6		
TOTAL RACIAL	747	TOTAL RELIGIOUS	362	TOTAL ETHNIC	161
TOTAL SEXUAL ORIENTATION		33			

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK 1991/1992



BIAS INCIDENTS BY MONTH 1991/1992

