



STATE OF NEW JERSEY Bias Incident Offense Report

For the year ending December 31, 2007.



TWENTIETH ANNUAL BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSE REPORT 2007

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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 assist with necessary planning for the future.

This is the twentieth 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.



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*The Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Governor of the State of New Jersey*

*Honorable Members of the Senate and
Assembly of the State of New Jersey*

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to the Attorney General's Executive Directive 1987-3, I herewith submit, for your information and review, the twentieth annual report on bias incidents in New Jersey. The annual report is based on the bias incident reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 2007.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey law enforcement agencies. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants, and in the interest of developing strategies for identifying and addressing bias-motivated crimes, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Milgram".

*Anne Milgram
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Dear Attorney General Milgram:

Pursuant to the Attorney General's Executive Directive 1987-3, the twentieth annual report on bias incidents in New Jersey is submitted. This report contains statistics related to bias incidents. All information is based on bias incident reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 2007. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2006 and 2007 data.

This report could not have been realized without the cooperation of all New Jersey law enforcement agencies. It is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Fuentes".

Joseph R. Fuentes
Colonel
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BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2007 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 783 bias incident investigations, resulting in 809 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2007, a 2% decrease compared to 2006.
- Harassment accounted for 44% (353) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 36% (291) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 48% (392) of all bias incident crimes in 2007.
- The target category of person accounted for 61% (492) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 40% (325) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 30% (239) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (38) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Friday (130 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (116 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a school building, where 24% (198 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-five percent (367) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 32% (119) being cleared by arrest, and 68% (248) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 137 arrests (86 adults and 51 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2006, arrests decreased 9 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2006/2007

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Bergen	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	-
Burlington	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Camden	2006	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	-	-
Cape May	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Cumberland	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	2006	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	1	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Gloucester	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	-
Hudson	2006	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	-	-
Hunterdon	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Mercer	2006	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	2	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Middlesex	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Monmouth	2006	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	8	6	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	9	1	-
Morris	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	6	3	-
	2007	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	7	2	-
Passaic	2006	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Salem	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Sussex	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Union	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	2007	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Warren	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2006	0	0	0	7	25	4	3	52	17	1
	2007	1	0	0	2	12	5	1	46	11	1

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 2006/2007

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
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	24
5	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	19
21	2	-	-	4	-	-	27	1	1	64
16	3	-	-	2	-	-	20	-	-	48
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	24
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	12
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	23	-	-	46
18	1	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	-	50
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	11
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	9
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	8
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
13	3	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	1	40
8	1	-	-	1	-	1	10	-	5	29
8	-	-	-	1	-	1	18	-	-	32
17	-	-	-	-	-	2	21	-	1	47
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	22
5	1	-	2	3	-	-	5	-	-	26
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	1	15
32	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	1	60
16	1	-	-	1	-	-	13	-	-	33
43	2	-	-	2	-	-	25	-	2	80
43	2	-	-	5	-	1	41	-	7	101
59	3	-	1	7	-	9	108	-	12	220
37	3	-	-	5	-	9	107	-	12	186
14	1	-	-	2	-	1	16	-	1	42
12	-	-	1	1	-	1	15	-	1	31
24	3	-	-	3	1	3	32	-	3	82
32	3	-	-	4	-	5	43	-	2	101
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	18
20	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2	34
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
10	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	20
16	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	29
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	8
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	14
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	14
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	12
290	16	0	1	28	1	15	339	2	24	825
268	23	1	3	26	0	19	353	2	35	809

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2006/2007

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2007	1	1	100	3	3	-
Manslaughter	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2006	7	6	86	16	9	7
	2007	2	1	50	1	1	-
Aggravated Assault	2006	25	19	76	16	11	5
	2007	12	7	58	6	4	2
Burglary	2006	4	-	0	0	-	-
	2007	5	1	20	2	1	1
Larceny-Theft	2006	3	-	0	0	-	-
	2007	1	-	0	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2006	52	45	87	26	15	11
	2007	46	38	83	31	22	9
Fear of Bodily Violence	2006	17	14	82	8	2	6
	2007	11	6	55	1	-	1
Arson	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2007	1	-	0	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	2006	290	11	4	9	-	9
	2007	268	12	4	16	1	15
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2006	16	-	0	0	-	-
	2007	23	-	0	0	-	-
Weapons Offense	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2007	1	1	100	1	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2006	1	1	100	1	-	1
	2007	3	3	100	2	2	-
Terroristic Threats	2006	28	23	82	12	10	2
	2007	26	13	50	7	4	3
Trespass	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2007	-	-	-	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2006	15	13	87	4	4	-
	2007	19	18	95	8	8	-
Harassment	2006	339	240	71	58	35	23
	2007	353	248	70	58	38	20
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2006	2	-	-	0	-	-
	2007	2	1	50	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2006	24	12	50	1	-	1
	2007	35	17	49	1	1	-
TOTAL	2006	825	384	47	151	86	65
	2007	809	367	45	137	86	51

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2003 through 2007

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	-	-	-	-	1
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	6	4	3	7	2
Aggravated Assault	26	5	15	25	12
Burglary	1	3	5	4	5
Larceny-Theft	4	-	1	3	1
Simple Assault	37	50	54	52	46
Fear of Bodily Violence	13	15	12	17	11
Arson	1	-	3	1	1
Criminal Mischief	291	391	346	290	268
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	5	8	9	16	23
Weapons Offense	-	3	1	-	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	1	-	-	1	3
Terroristic Threats	28	41	33	28	26
Trespass	-	1	1	1	-
Disorderly Conduct	8	5	4	15	19
Harassment	234	322	292	339	353
Desecration of Venerated Objects	3	1	-	2	2
All Other Bias Incidents	2	19	13	24	35
TOTAL	660	868	792	825	809

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2007

PERSON					492				
RACIAL	275	RELIGIOUS	84	ETHNIC	58	SEXUAL	70	OTHER	5
American Indian	2	Catholic	-	Arab	7	Bisexual	-	Gender	1
Asian	13	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	5	Heterosexual(F)	2	Handicap:	4
Black	223	Islamic	9	Hispanic	35	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	35	Jewish	73	Asian	4	Homosexual(F)	12	(2) Mental	3
Other	2	Protestant	-	Other	7	Homosexual(M)	51		
		Other	1			Homosexual(M&F)	3		

PRIVATE PROPERTY					183				
RACIAL	58	RELIGIOUS	108	ETHNIC	7	SEXUAL	10	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	2	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	3	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	1	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	48	Islamic	2	Hispanic	3	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	3	Jewish	101	Asian	1	Homosexual(F)	3	(2) Mental	-
Other	4	Protestant	2	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	2		

PUBLIC PROPERTY					134				
RACIAL	59	RELIGIOUS	65	ETHNIC	0	SEXUAL	10	OTHER	0
American Indian	-	Catholic	-	Arab	-	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	2	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	-	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	0
Black	54	Islamic	-	Hispanic	-	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	1	Jewish	65	Asian	-	Homosexual(F)	1	(2) Mental	-
Other	2	Protestant	-	Other	-	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	4		

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

2007

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	139	Residence	205	Acquaintance	100
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	19	Neighbor	67
Graffiti	146	Government Building	26	Employee	8
In Person	368	School Building	198	Stranger	174
Letters	61	Business Establishment	107	Unknown	373
Telephone	49	Cemetery	-	Other	87
Other	46	Motor Vehicle	61		
		Highway	94		
		Parking Lot	29		
		Other	70		
TOTAL	809	TOTAL	809	TOTAL	809

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	2	Catholic	1	Arab	9	Bisexual	-	Gender	1
Asian	18	Hindu	1	Asian Indian	6	Heterosexual(F)	2	Handicap:	4
Black	325	Islamic	11	Hispanic	38	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	39	Jewish	239	Asian	5	Homosexual(F)	16	(2) Mental	3
Other	8	Protestant	2	Other	7	Homosexual(M)	61		
		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	9		
TOTAL	392	TOTAL	257	TOTAL	65	TOTAL	90	TOTAL	5

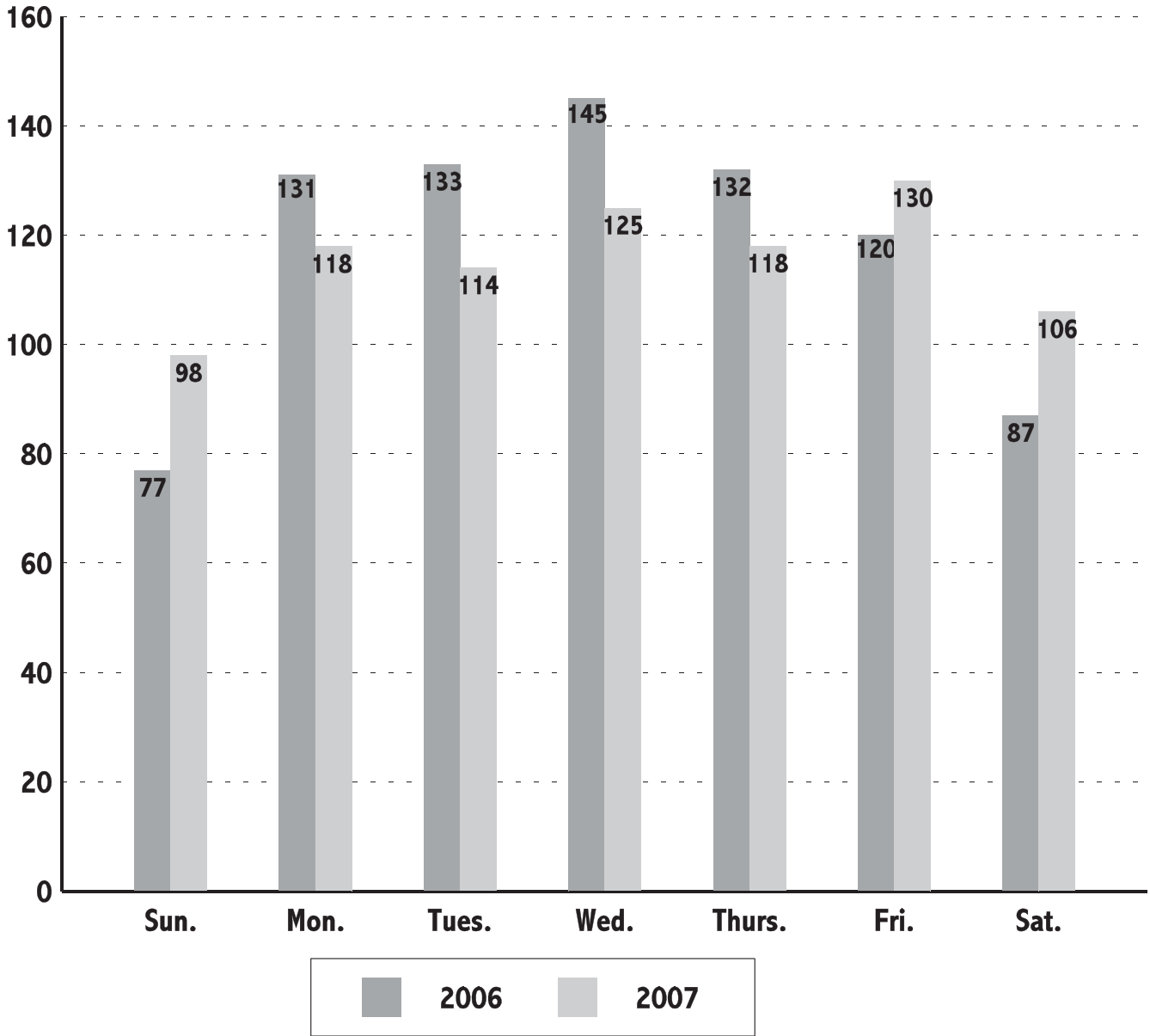
VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2007

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	7	3
11 to 17	156	162
18 to 20	37	40
21 to 25	43	20
26 to 30	33	32
31 to 35	40	32
36 to 40	44	19
41 to 45	44	34
46 to 50	30	27
51 to 60	39	19
61 and over	19	9
TOTAL AGE	492	397
SEX		
Male	308	298
Female	184	99
TOTAL SEX	492	397
RACE		
American Indian	4	1
Asian	20	1
Black	233	56
White	203	328
Other	32	11
TOTAL RACE	492	397

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

2006/2007



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

2006/2007

