

NINETEENTH ANNUAL BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSE REPORT 2006

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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 nineteenth 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 nineteenth 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 2006.

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 black ink, 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 nineteenth 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 2006. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2005 and 2006 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
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BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2006 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 783 bias incident investigations, resulting in 825 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2006, a 4% increase compared to 2005.
- Harassment accounted for 41% (339) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 37% (306) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 48% (394) of all bias incident crimes in 2006.
- The target category of person accounted for 60% (499) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 40% (334) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 28% (229) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 5% (41) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Wednesday (145 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was March (86 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a school building, where 25% (208 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-seven percent (384) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 35% (135) being cleared by arrest, and 65% (249) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 151 arrests (86 adults and 65 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2005, arrests increased 68 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2005/2006

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
Atlantic	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Bergen	2005	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	-	-
Burlington	2005	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Camden	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	-
Cape May	2005	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Essex	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	1	-
Gloucester	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
Hudson	2005	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	-	1
	2006	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	-
Hunterdon	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2005	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	2	-
Middlesex	2005	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	9	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-
Monmouth	2005	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	9	2	-
	2006	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	8	6	-
Morris	2005	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
Ocean	2005	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	2	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	6	3	-
Passaic	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-
Salem	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sussex	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Union	2005	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Warren	2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	2005	0	0	0	3	15	5	1	54	12	3
	2006	0	0	0	7	25	4	3	52	17	1

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2005/2006

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
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	22
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	24
23	-	-	-	3	-	-	11	-	-	39
21	2	-	-	4	-	-	27	1	1	64
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	20
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	24
32	1	1	-	4	-	1	26	-	-	70
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	23	-	-	46
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	9
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	11
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	10
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	8
6	-	-	-	2	-	2	7	-	1	24
13	3	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	1	40
15	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	-	36
8	-	-	-	1	-	1	18	-	-	32
11	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	26
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	22
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	6
23	2	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	52
32	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	1	60
58	1	-	-	5	-	-	22	-	2	99
43	2	-	-	2	-	-	25	-	2	80
54	1	-	-	4	-	-	73	-	1	148
59	3	-	1	7	-	9	108	-	12	220
18	-	-	-	2	-	-	12	-	4	40
14	1	-	-	2	-	1	16	-	1	42
34	2	-	-	3	-	-	48	-	1	98
24	3	-	-	3	1	3	32	-	3	82
7	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	12
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	18
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	-	22
10	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	20
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
15	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	-	2	31
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	16
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	14
346	9	1	0	33	1	4	292	0	13	792
290	16	0	1	28	1	15	339	2	24	825

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2005/2006

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2005	3	2	67	1	1	-
	2006	7	6	86	16	9	7
Aggravated Assault	2005	15	6	40	7	5	2
	2006	25	19	76	16	11	5
Burglary	2005	5	-	0	0	-	-
	2006	4	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	2005	1	1	100	0	-	-
	2006	3	-	0	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2005	54	36	67	14	11	3
	2006	52	45	87	26	15	11
Fear of Bodily Violence	2005	12	8	67	4	3	1
	2006	17	14	82	8	2	6
Arson	2005	3	1	33	1	1	-
	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	2005	346	21	6	27	7	20
	2006	290	11	4	9	-	9
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2005	9	-	0	0	-	-
	2006	16	-	0	0	-	-
Weapons Offense	2005	1	1	100	1	1	-
	2006	-	-	-	0	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2006	1	1	100	1	-	1
Terroristic Threats	2005	33	15	45	7	4	3
	2006	28	23	82	12	10	2
Trespass	2005	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2006	1	-	0	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2005	4	4	100	0	-	-
	2006	15	13	87	4	4	-
Harassment	2005	292	201	69	28	13	15
	2006	339	240	71	58	35	23
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2005	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2006	2	-	0	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2005	13	3	23	0	-	-
	2006	24	12	50	1	-	1
TOTAL	2005	792	299	38	90	46	44
	2006	825	384	47	151	86	65

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2002 through 2006

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Murder	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	4	6	4	3	7
Aggravated Assault	12	26	5	15	25
Burglary	5	1	3	5	4
Larceny-Theft	-	4	-	1	3
Simple Assault	25	37	50	54	52
Fear of Bodily Violence	3	13	15	12	17
Arson	2	1	-	3	1
Criminal Mischief	252	291	391	346	290
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	8	5	8	9	16
Weapons Offense	-	-	3	1	-
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	1	-	-	1
Terroristic Threats	13	28	41	33	28
Trespass	1	-	1	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	8	5	4	15
Harassment	295	234	322	292	339
Desecration of Venerated Objects	3	3	1	-	2
All Other Bias Incidents	-	2	19	13	24
TOTAL	625	660	868	792	825

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2006

PERSON					499														
RACIAL		271		RELIGIOUS		79		ETHNIC		84		SEXUAL		62		OTHER		3	
American Indian		1		Catholic		1		Arab		8		Bisexual		4		Gender		-	
Asian		14		Hindu		5		Asian Indian		12		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		3	
Black		227		Islamic		5		Hispanic		38		Heterosexual(M)		2		(1) Physical		1	
White		22		Jewish		67		Asian		7		Homosexual(F)		13		(2) Mental		2	
Other		7		Protestant		1		Other		19		Homosexual(M)		43					
				Other		-						Homosexual(M&F)		-					

PRIVATE PROPERTY					183														
RACIAL		70		RELIGIOUS		89		ETHNIC		14		SEXUAL		9		OTHER		1	
American Indian		-		Catholic		4		Arab		3		Bisexual		-		Gender		-	
Asian		-		Hindu		2		Asian Indian		5		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		1	
Black		56		Islamic		5		Hispanic		3		Heterosexual(M)		-		(1) Physical		1	
White		5		Jewish		77		Asian		1		Homosexual(F)		2		(2) Mental		-	
Other		9		Protestant		-		Other		2		Homosexual(M)		4					
				Other		1						Homosexual(M&F)		3					

PUBLIC PROPERTY					143														
RACIAL		53		RELIGIOUS		86		ETHNIC		0		SEXUAL		4		OTHER		0	
American Indian		-		Catholic		-		Arab		-		Bisexual		-		Gender		-	
Asian		-		Hindu		-		Asian Indian		-		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		0	
Black		51		Islamic		-		Hispanic		-		Heterosexual(M)		-		(1) Physical		-	
White		-		Jewish		85		Asian		-		Homosexual(F)		2		(2) Mental		-	
Other		2		Protestant		-		Other		-		Homosexual(M)		1					
				Other		1						Homosexual(M&F)		1					

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

2006

Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	148	Residence	204	Acquaintance	116
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	16	Neighbor	59
Graffiti	153	Government Building	22	Employee	6
In Person	361	School Building	208	Stranger	174
Letters	65	Business Establishment	95	Unknown	392
Telephone	54	Cemetery	2	Other	78
Other	44	Motor Vehicle	52		
		Highway	104		
		Parking Lot	45		
		Other	77		
TOTAL	825	TOTAL	825	TOTAL	825

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	1	Catholic	5	Arab	11	Bisexual	4	Gender	-
Asian	14	Hindu	7	Asian Indian	17	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	4
Black	334	Islamic	10	Hispanic	41	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	2
White	27	Jewish	229	Asian	8	Homosexual(F)	17	(2) Mental	2
Other	18	Protestant	1	Other	21	Homosexual(M)	48		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	4		
TOTAL	394	TOTAL	254	TOTAL	98	TOTAL	75	TOTAL	4

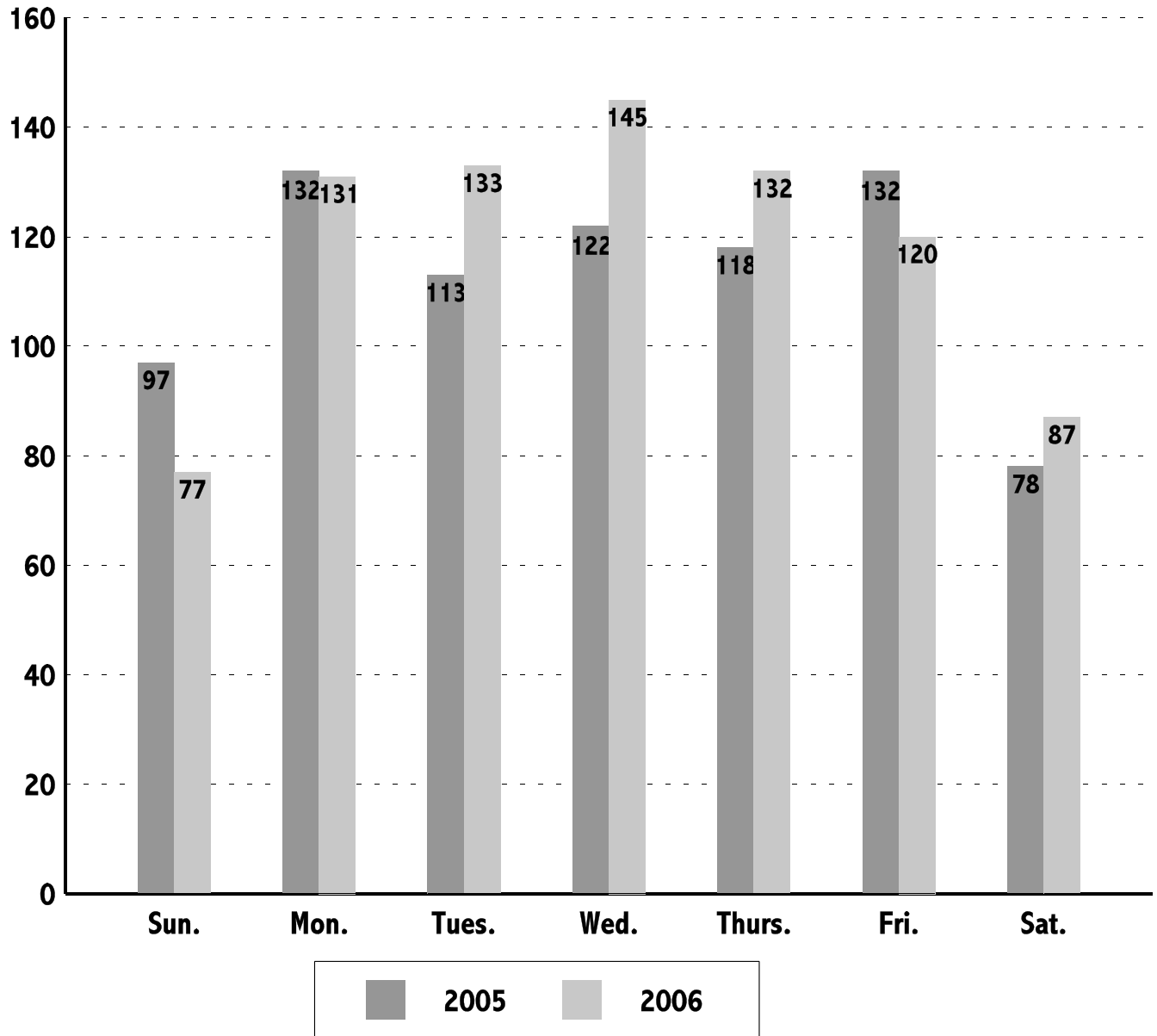
VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2006

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	12	7
11 to 17	149	189
18 to 20	38	31
21 to 25	51	32
26 to 30	32	20
31 to 35	46	27
36 to 40	34	35
41 to 45	48	25
46 to 50	32	17
51 to 60	40	17
61 and over	17	11
TOTAL AGE	499	411
SEX		
Male	320	340
Female	179	71
TOTAL SEX	499	411
RACE		
American Indian	6	3
Asian	26	7
Black	221	80
White	206	309
Other	40	12
TOTAL RACE	499	411

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

2005/2006



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

2005/2006

