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2024 LA COUNTY

# HATE INCIDENT

REPORT

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# Preface

The 2024 *Hate Incident Report*<sup>1</sup> produced by the LA County Commission on Human Relations, is based on hate incidents documented in 2023 and 2024. Hate Incident data are collected alongside hate crime data for our annual Hate Crime Report. This report follows the same methodology<sup>2</sup> used in the collection and analysis for our Hate Crime Report.

Our Commission has collected and reported on hate crime data since 1980 with the aim to document, prevent, and respond to hate. Hate crimes are violations of state and federal laws. Both hate crimes and hate incidents are serious breaches of international human rights standards. A central goal of the Hate Crime Report and this Hate Incident Report is to raise awareness about these human rights violations. Tracking hate crimes and incidents is vital to understanding and combating human rights violations in Los Angeles County.

# What is a Hate Incident?

Hate incidents are noncriminal acts motivated by prejudice or bias against a person or group's actual or perceived identity(ies). Hate incidents can include non-criminal verbal abuse, harassment, and display of offensive materials.

Perpetrators may be motivated by bias on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or gender, including gender identity. Furthermore, there must be an identifiable victim or group of victims who are intended to be frightened, intimidated, or harmed by the speech or action.

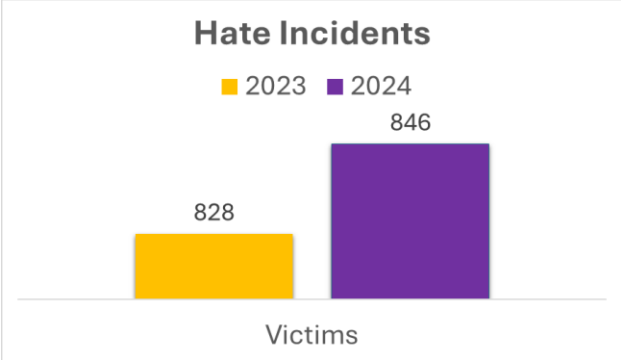
In the United States hate speech is not necessarily a crime. It is a criminal offense when the perpetrator threatens violence with spoken or written words against a specific person or group. Hate speech may also be criminal if it is used against the same person or group of persons in a repeated pattern, which may constitute criminal harassment or stalking. This is an example of how tracking and documenting hate incidents can provide the basis for a criminal case.

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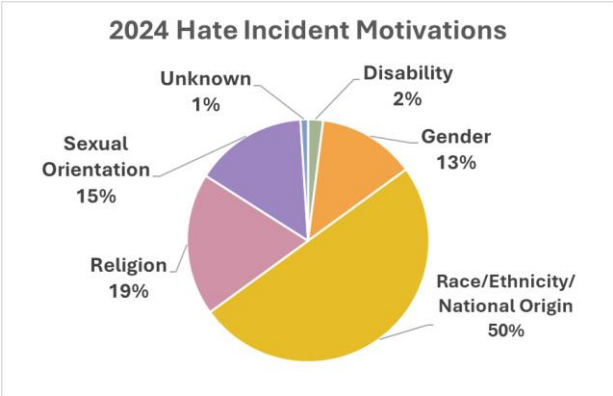
<sup>1</sup> Owing to the ongoing process of updates and corrections to our data, some numbers will vary after this report is released.

<sup>2</sup> Please view the [2024 LA County Hate Crime Report](#) to read details on the employed methodology.

# Hate Incidents in Perspective



Reported hate incidents increased 2% from 828 in 2023 to 846 in 2024.



## Hate Incident Motivations

In 2024, the largest number of reported hate incidents were motivated by race, ethnicity, or national origin. They accounted for 50% of all reported incidents—the same percentage as in 2023. These cases increased 5% from 439 to 459. African

Americans were targeted at a higher rate (53%) than other groups. Anti-Black incidents increased by 1% from 238 to 240, followed by Latino/as at 16%. Anti-Latino/a incidents increased from 72 to 73. Anti-Asian hate incidents decreased 15% from 67 to 57 and comprised 13% of all reported racial incidents. Hate incidents targeting Whites sharply increased from 13 to 28, an increase of 115%.

Religiously motivated incidents were the second largest motivation, accounting for 19% of all reported incidents. Religious incidents decreased 6% from 186 to 175. Eighty-four percent of religiously motivated hate incidents targeted the Jewish community. This represents a 13% decline of anti-Jewish incidents from 167 to 145. Anti-Muslim incidents were the second largest targeted group and increased by 14% from 14 to 16, comprising 9% of the total. Anti-Scientologist incidents were the third largest targeted group and made up 5% of the total.

Sexual orientation incidents were the third largest motivation and made up 15% of all reported hate incidents. These incidents decreased by 9% from 148 to 134. Incidents targeting gay males and lesbians decreased, while those targeting bisexuals and LGBT (non-specified)<sup>3</sup> increased.

<sup>3</sup> LGBT (non-specified) refers to cases in which an LGBT individual, business, or organization was targeted but there were no slurs made

against a specific sexual orientation (e.g. gay, lesbian).

Gender motivated incidents sharply increased 105% from 56 to 115. There were increases in incidents targeting females, males, non-binary individuals and members of the transgender community.

Lastly, there were 21 disability-motivated incidents reported in 2024 compared to 11 the previous year. This is an increase of 91%.

### **Hate Incidents with Special Characteristics<sup>4</sup>**

Reported hate incidents with evidence of White supremacist ideology decreased from 74 to 25, a 66% decline. Middle East conflict related incidents fell from 45 to 39. Incidents occurring on public transportation dropped from 14 to 4. Lastly, gang related incidents decreased from 9 to 4.

### **Location of Incidents**

In 2024, 28% of hate incidents occurred in residences. This was followed by incidents at schools (23%), public places (22%), and businesses (17%). Religious sites/organizations were targeted 29 times, representing a 123% increase. Notably, incidents at schools remained elevated and businesses experienced a 30% increase. Electronic communication accounted for only 4% of reported hate

incidents but remained elevated with 34 reported cases.

## **A Closer Look at Racial Hate Incidents**

Racially motivated hate incidents were the most common type reported in 2024, accounting for 50% of all incidents. The number of racial hate incidents increased from 439 in 2023 to 459 in 2024.

The most common type of offense in 2024 was hate speech, which increased from 431 to 447 incidents. Racially motivated hate speech accounted for 97% of the total, while non-criminal threats and discriminatory treatment each comprised 1%.

Incidents with evidence of White supremacist ideology decreased 66%, from 74 to 25. Middle East conflict related incidents declined 13%, from 45 to 39 and gang related incidents fell from 9 to 4.

Four incidents occurred in public transportation settings. Most offenses took place at schools (30%), increasing 7% from 129 to 138 incidents. This was

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<sup>4</sup> As noted in the 2024 Hate Crime Report, analysis of incidents with special characteristics was limited due to insufficient data from some

reporting agencies. As a result, the number of such incidents declined.

followed by residences (28%), public places (18%), and businesses (16%).

### **Anti-Black Incidents**

Anti-Black incidents increased 1%, from 238 to 240. In 2024, Black individuals comprised 53% of all racial hate incidents. Although Black residents make up only 9% of Los Angeles County's population, they remain over-represented as targets of racial hate incidents.

### **Anti-Latino/a Incidents**

Anti-Latino/a incidents increased 1%, rising from 72 to 73. Latino/as comprised 16% of all racial hate incidents in 2024. Mexicans were the most frequently targeted group, with 24 incidents, representing 33% of all Latino/a racial hate cases. Additionally, 41% of anti-Latino/a hate incidents included anti-immigrant slurs in 2024, down from 57% the previous year.

### **Anti-Asian Incidents**

Reported racial hate incidents against Asian Americans decreased from 67 to 57. Asian Americans comprised 13% of racially motivated hate incidents in 2024. Chinese individuals were targeted in 9 incidents, accounting for 16% of anti-Asian cases. In 2024, 23% of hate incidents targeting Asians included anti-immigrant language, a minor decrease from 24% in 2023.

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<sup>5</sup> "Non-white" is used to describe a targeted group that is not specifically identified but may

### **Anti-White Incidents**

Anti-White racial hate incidents increased from 13 to 28, an increase of 115%. White residents make up 25% of the county's population and accounted for 6% of all racial hate incidents in 2024, up from 3% in 2023.

### **Other Targeted Racial and Ethnic Groups**

- Anti-Israeli incidents increased from 5 to 10.
- Non-White<sup>5</sup> incidents decreased from 9 to 2.
- Incidents targeting Middle Eastern persons decreased from 23 to 20.
- Anti-Armenian incidents remained at 5.
- Anti-Russian incidents increased from 3 to 7.
- American Indian/Alaskan Native incidents increased from 1 to 5.
- There was one incident each targeting an African, an Italian, and a Turkish individual.

### **Anti-Immigrant Slurs**

In 2024, incidents containing anti-immigrant slurs (e.g., "Wetback" or "Go back to your country") decreased by 15%, from 78 to 66. Of these, 41% targeted Latino/as (down from 57%), with 26% specifically targeting Mexicans. Twenty-three percent targeted Asians, followed by Middle Eastern (11%), Russian (6%), Muslim

include Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color.

(5%), African American (3%), and Armenian, Israeli, Non-Binary, Non-White, Turkish, and White individuals each at 2%.

It is important to note that other racial incidents might also have been motivated by anti-immigrant sentiment, but the suspects did not use specific xenophobic language.

### ***Actual Racial Hate Incidents***

#### **January 21, 2024 Palmdale**

A Black male victim was walking his family's dog through the apartment complex when a neighbor's dog began barking from inside an apartment. The female neighbor who owned the dog exited her unit and shouted a racial slur at the victim, telling him to "get the fuck away from my dog, nigger."

#### **February 5, 2024, Sherman Oaks**

A White male victim reported that a Black male suspect directed hate speech toward him, calling him "cracker" and "white folk."

#### **April 24, 2024, Wilmington**

The suspect confronted the victim and yelled, "What the hell is this? Go back to Mexico or Guatemala."

#### **August 2, 2024, Sierra Madre**

An Asian female victim was watering plants at her employer's residence when a White female suspect yelled at her, "Fuck Chinese. Get out of my property. Go back to your country." The victim explained that it was her employer's property, at which point the

suspect responded, "I can't understand what you're saying," followed by, "Fuck Chinese."

## **A Closer Look at Religious Hate Incidents**

Religiously motivated hate incidents were the second largest motivation. They represented 19% of all reported hate incidents in 2024 (down from 21%). Religious hate incidents slightly decreased 6% in 2024 from 186 to 175.

The most common type of offense was hate speech. Hate speech decreased from 185 to 165. In 2024, hate speech comprised 94% of the total, compared to 99% the previous year. The other offense was non-criminal threat, which was 5% of the total in 2024, and 1% in 2023. There were two cases where the offense was discriminatory treatment and accounted for 1% of the total.

Incidents with evidence of White supremacist ideology declined 43%, from 30 to 17. Middle East Conflict related incidents slightly decreased from 25 to 22, accounting for 13% of the total the same percentage as last year.

Most offenses occurred in a public setting (34%), followed by residences at 21%, religious site/organization and schools (13% each), and businesses

11%. Incidents taking place via electronic communication decreased 48% from 23 to 12. Public transportation related incidents decreased from 2 to 0.

### **Anti-Jewish Incidents Slightly Decline and Anti-Muslim Incidents Continue to Grow**

In 2024, 84% of religiously motivated hate incidents targeted the Jewish community, compared to 90% the previous year. Anti-Jewish hate incidents decreased 13% from 167 to 145. Anti-Muslim incidents were the second highest targeted group and constituted 9% of all religious hate incidents, an increase of 14 to 16. The third largest targeted group were Scientologists 5% (up from 2%). There were also two cases targeting Christians.

### **Actual Religious Hate Incidents**

#### **January 6, 2024, Beverly Hills**

A Muslim male and his friend were wearing Palestinian keffiyehs. The Iranian female perpetrator pulled up in her vehicle and stated, "You fucking Muslims. You are terrorists. You should get out of my country!" and "You are a terrorist! You are a terrorist!"

#### **January 27, 2024, Fairfax**

A driver yelled "I hope there's another Holocaust, you fucking Jews" to two visibly Orthodox Jewish people.

#### **July 21, 2024, Panorama City**

A suspect made anti-Christian remarks toward the reporting party regarding religious decorations.

## **A Closer Look at Sexual Orientation Hate Incidents**

Reported hate incidents motivated by sexual orientation decreased from 148 to 134, a 9% decline. Sexual orientation related incidents accounted for 15% of all hate incidents in 2024, down from 17% the previous year.

The most common type of offense was hate speech, which decreased from 147 to 131 incidents. In 2024, hate speech accounted for 98% of all offenses, while non-criminal threats and discriminatory treatment each comprised 1%.

Most offenses took place in residences (34%), followed by businesses (22%), public places (21%), and schools (16%). This represented a 32% increase in businesses from 22 to 29. Incidents occurring on public transportation decreased from 7 to 1.

### **Victims are Overwhelmingly Gay Men**

The vast majority of sexual orientation related incidents (76%) targeted gay men, decreasing 7% from 108 to 100. There were 25 incidents classified as

"LGBT (non-specified)" in which LGBT individuals, businesses, or organizations were targeted but no slurs were made against a specific sexual orientation (e.g. gay, lesbian) or the suspect's perception of the victim was unclear. These cases increased 56%, from 16 to 25. Hate incidents against bisexual individuals rose from 2 to 4, comprising 3% of the total. Lastly, there were 3 anti-lesbian incidents, down from 19 incidents in the previous year.

Anti-transgender incidents are discussed separately in the "A Closer Look at Gender Hate Incidents" section of this report.

### ***Actual Sexual Orientation Hate Incidents***

#### **February 19, 2024, Panorama City**

A Latina female victim was walking her dog when an unknown perpetrator yelled "Fucking dyke."

#### **February 27, 2024, Westlake**

The victim and the perpetrator were involved in a verbal argument that escalated when the perpetrator stated hate-based comments and slurs targeting the victim's gay sexual orientation.

## **A Closer Look at Gender Hate Incidents**

Gender motivated incidents sharply increased 105% from 56 to 115 and accounted for 13% of all reported incidents. Of the 115 incidents, 60 targeted transgender individuals, 39 targeted females, and 14 targeted non-binary persons. Anti-transgender incidents rose sharply from 41 to 60, a 46% increase. Transgender victims accounted for 53% of all gender motivated hate incidents, females comprised 34%, and non-binary individuals made up 12%. There was one single incident targeting males.

The most common type of offense was hate speech, which increased from 56 to 112. In 2024, hate speech accounted for 97% of all offenses. Discriminatory treatment comprised 2%, and there was one non-criminal threat.

Incidents with evidence of White supremacy decreased from 2 to 0. There was one case that was gang-related and one related to the Middle East conflict.

In terms of where these incidents occurred, 31% percent took place in residences, 27% at businesses, 22% in public places, 17% at schools, and one incident on public transportation. This represented a 350% increase in residences

from 8 to 36 and a 121% increase in businesses from 14 to 31.

### ***Actual Gender Hate Incidents***

#### **January 24, 2024, Huntington Park**

During an argument over a parking space, an unknown female perpetrator stated to a Latino male victim, "You want to be a girl so bad, but you'll never be. He is such a faggot, I can tell right away when I look at him. Fucking faggot. He wants to be a woman. Look at him he wants to be a woman."

#### **November 1, 2024, Chatsworth**

A male suspect called a Native American female victim, "Mr.," "faggot," and "tranny."

### ***Anti-Female Incidents Rise***

Anti-female incidents increased from 13 to 39, constituting a 200% rise.

### ***Actual Anti-Female Hate Incident***

#### **February 13, 2024, Fairfax**

An unknown perpetrator attempted to purchase shoes at a Goodwill store when a Black female victim informed the perpetrator that the store was not yet open. The suspect then directed a racial slur at the victim, calling her a "nigger bitch."

## A Closer Look at Disability Hate Incidents

In 2024, there were 21 disability-motivated incidents reported compared to 11 the previous year. This is a sharp increase of 91%. Thirteen of the 21 cases targeted physically disabled persons, and 8 targeted mentally disabled persons.

Hate speech constituted 90% of the cases in 2024, while 10% involved discriminatory treatment.

Forty-three percent of disability cases occurred in a public setting, followed by residences at 33%, and businesses 24%. One case was gang related.

### ***Actual Disability Hate Incident***

#### **August 4, 2024, Leimert Park**

An unknown suspect bullied an Asian male victim because of his race and for being diabetic.

## Reporting Agencies

### Law Enforcement Agencies

Beverly Hills Police Department  
El Monte PD  
L.A. County Sheriff's Department  
Long Beach Police Department  
Los Angeles Police Department  
Pomona Police Department  
San Marino Police Department  
Sierra Madre Police Department  
Torrance Police Department

### Community-Based Organizations

211LA  
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
The Center Long Beach  
The TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC)

### Colleges and Universities

Los Angeles Community College District  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Southern California

### School Districts

Alhambra Unified School District  
Castaic Union School District  
Glendale Unified School District  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
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