



2024 ANTI-LGBTQ+ HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

This Fact Sheet reports detail on hate crimes in LA County in 2024 motivated by bias based on a victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation. Hate crimes clearly motivated by anti-transgender bias are tracked under gender motivated crimes and are not included in this analysis. However, some crimes included in this Fact Sheet are classified as "LGBT (non-specified)". These are crimes in which LGBT individuals, businesses, or organizations were targeted but the perpetrator's perception or specific bias was unclear.

In 2024, reported hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation remained alarmingly high, with 255 reported incidents—the second highest total ever recorded. Although this represents a small 2% decrease from the record high of 259 in 2023, these crimes continued to account for 18% of all reported hate crimes, unchanged from the previous year.

As in prior years, most sexual orientation motivated hate crimes targeted gay men (72%). While these incidents declined slightly by 4%, from 189 to 182, they still represent the second-highest number recorded in the history of this report. Crimes classified as "LGBT (non-specified)" increased 11%, from 47 to 52, making this the second-largest targeted group. Anti-lesbian crimes comprised 6% of cases and declined from 20 to 14. Additionally, there were four crimes targeting bisexual individuals and one reported anti-heterosexual crime.

Hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation had the second highest rate of violence among all bias motivations in 2024, with 77% involving violent offenses. In crimes targeting gay men, 83% of the offenses were violent, unchanged from the previous year. Among anti-lesbian cases, 86% were violent, while 54% of LGBT (non-specified) incidents involved violence. All four anti-bisexual cases were violent.

Consistent with previous years, simple assault was the most common offense (42%), followed by aggravated assault (20%), vandalism (17%), intimidation (10%), and disorderly conduct and robbery (at 4% each). There also were three burglary cases and one case each of arson, extortion, trespassing, and violation of a restraining order. Compared to 2023, aggravated assaults increased 21%, from 42 to 51, and simple assaults rose 9%, from 99 to 108.

Latino/as comprised the largest group of victims targeted in sexual orientation motivated hate crimes (46%), despite an 8% decrease from 105 to 97 victims. White victims accounted for 31% of cases, followed by African Americans at 18%.





ACTUAL 2024 ANTI-LGBTQ+ HATE CRIMES IN L.A. COUNTY

March 18, Long Beach

A White female victim and her partner were outside a church when they encountered a Black male suspect who is subject to a restraining order. The suspect yelled, “Stupid fucking lesbians!” He threatened to get his “bitches” to surround and “fuck up” the victims, pushed and slapped the victim, and knocked her phone from her hand when she attempted to call police.

April 24, East Los Angeles

A Latino male victim was walking home to his residence when a Latino male suspect began yelling at him. The victim could not understand what the suspect stated given that he is a Spanish-speaker. However, the victim did understand that the suspect called him a “maricon,” an anti-gay slur in Spanish. The victim continued walking home when the suspect ran up to the victim and punched him in the cheek. The victim then ran home and notified the police. After the suspect was detained, he stated, “I never hit him. I just told him to not be fruity around here like that.” The suspect was arrested for a hate crime.

