



2024 ANTI-BLACK HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Reported anti-Black crimes increased by 6%, from 325 in 2023 to 345. The 345 anti-Black crimes reported in 2024 were the highest number ever recorded. Although African Americans comprise only about 9% of the county population, they constituted 51% of racial hate crime victims (up from 50% the year before). Once again, African Americans were grossly over-represented as victims of racial hate crime, while all other racial and ethnic groups saw only slight increases.

The most frequent criminal offenses in anti-Black hate crimes were cases of simple assault (33%), followed by vandalism (25%), aggravated assault (21%), and intimidation (16%). There were 11 cases of disorderly conduct, 4 cases of robbery, and single cases each of rape, false imprisonment, and attempted murder. This distribution of criminal offenses was almost identical to the previous year. In addition, 72% of anti-Black crimes were of a violent nature (up from 67%). As in previous years, the overall number of hate crimes based on race comprised by far the largest motivation group, accounting for 48% of all reported hate crimes in 2024.

African Americans were attacked most frequently in public places (39%), followed by residences (23%), businesses (21%), and schools (12%). Similar to the previous year, despite decreasing from 53 to 42, anti-Black crimes in schools remained high. More than half (65%) of the hate crimes that occurred in schools were racially motivated, with African Americans making up 31% of the targeted victims.

The number of anti-Black crimes that contained evidence of white supremacist ideology decreased from 37 to 18, making up 5% of the total. In addition, there was evidence that 3% of anti-Black crimes were gang-related, similar to the previous year.

ACTUAL 2024 ANTI-BLACK HATE CRIME IN L.A. COUNTY

December 15, Long Beach

A Black female victim was driving and stopped at a left turn lane when a White female suspect approached and began to honk at the victim. After turning left, the suspect turned left as well and drove up next to the victim's vehicle and yelled "N----- my family owned you. You slave, you black n-----." At this time, the victim noticed that the suspect had a firearm. The victim then switched lanes and began to drive behind the suspect. The suspect stopped and reached for an object, which was then reported to be a handgun, and began to point it at the victim. The victim reported that the suspect waved the gun towards her about 8 times.

