



## 2024 ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The number of anti-Muslim hate crimes reported in 2024 increased 11% from the year before, from 19 to 21. According to the *2020 US Religion Census*, Los Angeles County is home to over 142,000 Muslims comprising almost 1.5% of the County's population. Yet, Muslim individuals accounted for 8% of all victims of religiously motivated hate crimes, reflecting substantial overrepresentation of Muslims as victims of reported hate crimes in LA County.

The most common offenses in anti-Muslim hate crimes were disorderly conduct (33%), followed by aggravated assault (24%), and vandalism (19%). Additional reported crimes included two cases each of intimidation and simple assault and one case of sexual assault. Overall, 43% of anti-Muslim hate crimes were of a violent nature.

Of the known victims targeted with anti-Muslim hate, the majority were Middle Eastern (60%) and male (59%). Sixty-four percent of victims were over the age of 40.

Muslim individuals were most frequently targeted in public places (33%), followed by businesses (24%), and residences and schools (14% each). There were two cases that took place via electronic communication and one case at a religious site or organization.

In 2024, hate crimes related to the conflict in the Middle East increased 27% from 64 to 81, accounting for 31% of all reported religiously motivated hate crimes. Four percent of these reported hate crimes targeted the Muslim community.

### ACTUAL 2024 ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIME IN L.A. COUNTY

#### April 17, Willowbrook

A Black female 17-year old victim was physically attacked by several underage classmates due to her religious beliefs and for wearing a hijab. The victim was called a "stupid Muslim bitch," and the suspects also said of the victim, "she is going to blow up the school at one point or another."

