



## 2024 ANTI-ASIAN\* HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Reported anti-Asian hate crimes decreased 34% in 2024 from 79 the year before to 52. Despite this decline, anti-Asian hate crimes were still the third largest targeted group of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, and national origin.

Asian Americans constitute 16% of Los Angeles County residents and were targeted in 8% of racial hate crimes. It is important to keep in mind, though, that under-reporting of hate crimes in Asian communities may be substantial due to linguistic and cultural barriers, immigration status, unfamiliarity with the criminal justice system, and fear that reporting hate crimes could bring retaliation or unwanted publicity.

The year 2024 saw a continued decline in COVID-19 related hate crimes targeting members of Asian communities. In 2021, in 23% of these crimes (18) the suspects blamed the victims for COVID-19. Yet, in 2024, only 2 victims were targeted due to Covid-19 sentiment, compared to 1 the previous year.

Anti-immigrant slurs were used in 23% of these cases, compared to 28% the previous year. Other suspects may have possessed anti-immigrant sentiments but made no explicit mention during the commission of the crime.

Anti-Chinese and Asian Indian incidents each accounted for 16% of all anti-Asian crimes reported in 2024, followed by those targeting Pakistanis and Filipinos (6% each), and Koreans (4%). In the remainder of anti-Asian hate crimes, there were no slurs directed at specific ethnic groups.

In addition to tracking the reason people are targeted, which may include inaccurate perceptions of who they are, we also document the actual ethnicities of victims. Information about the actual ethnicities of victims was available in 20 reported anti-Asian crimes. The largest group of victims were Asian Indians (35%), followed by Chinese (20%), Koreans (15%), and Pakistanis (10%). One of the victims was Vietnamese.

Seventy percent of the victims were male and 30% were female. The previous year 58% of victims were male and 42% were female. Of the 52 victims, age information was provided for 43. Forty-four percent of the victims were 40 years or older. Twenty-six percent of victims were 26-40 years old and 21% were 18-25 years old. Nine percent were under eighteen years of age, the same percentage as last year.

The most frequent criminal offense was simple assault (52%), followed by intimidation (19%), aggravated assault (15%), and vandalism (10%). In addition, there was a single case each of disorderly conduct and robbery. The rate of violence was 88%, compared to 75% in 2023.

Similar to the previous year, anti-Asian crimes occurred most frequently in public places (40%), followed by businesses (23%), residences (19%), and schools (15%). This represented a 60% increase in crimes that occurred in schools from 5 to 8. There was one crime that took place via electronic communication.

In 2024, in cases in which suspects were identified, 31% were Latino/as, followed by Whites (22%) and Blacks (20%). There was a single case where the suspect identified as Asian/Pacific Islander.

Sixty-nine percent of the reported anti-Asian crimes took place in the City of Los Angeles. Glendora, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood had 2 reported cases each. There were also single incidents each in Valencia, Torrance, Rowland Heights, Redondo Beach, Pasadena, and Long Beach.





## ACTUAL 2024 ANTI-ASIAN\* HATE CRIME IN L.A. COUNTY

### September 19, Mid-Wilshire

Two 7-year-old Korean boys were assaulted by at least six White classmates following ongoing bullying over their status as English learners. The attackers choked the victims, twisted their wrists, blindfolded them, and dragged one across the playground, causing injuries. The victims remained home from school for an extended period of time and exhibited symptoms of serious trauma.

\*For purposes of hate documentation, we use "Asian" for quick reference to persons identified with origins from Far East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, Hawai'i, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

