

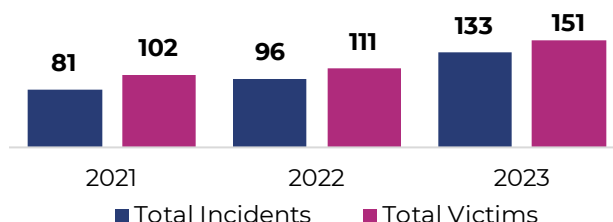
Hate Crimes Reported in the San Diego Region on the Rise

Hate crime — defined as violence stemming from victims’ race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, disability or gender — continues to rise in the San Diego region and nationwide. In 2022, the U.S. saw 11,634 hate crimes involving 13,337 offenses reported, marking a 7% increase from the previous year, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) [most recent data](#). More than half of these were racially motivated, followed by religion and sexual orientation. A similar trend has been observed in the San Diego region. This CJ Flash highlights the hate crimes reported to local law enforcement in the San Diego region between 2021 and 2023. These and additional key findings can be found in the CJ Bulletin: [Crime in the San Diego Region: 2021 Through 2023](#).

Highlight 1: More hate crime incidents reported in 2023

There were 133 incidents and 151 victims of hate crimes reported to law enforcement in the region in 2023. Compared to 2022, hate crime incidents rose 39% and there were 36% more victims. Additionally, the region saw 64% more incidents and a 48% increase in victims from 2021 to 2023.

Figure 1: Total Hate Crime Incidents and Victims Reported in the San Diego Region, 2021-2023

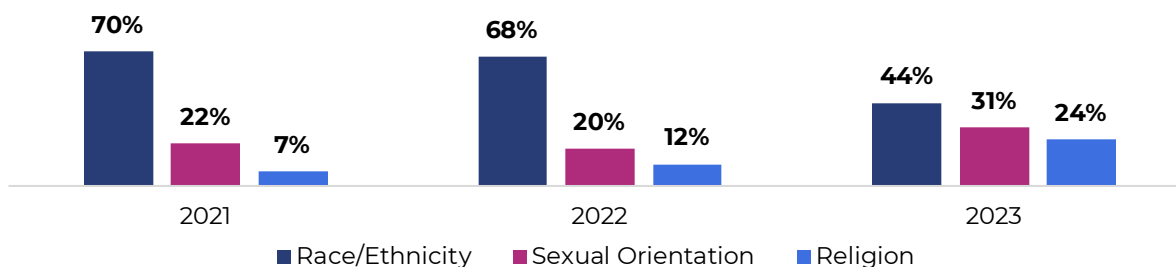


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Highlight 2: Most commonly reported hate crimes are racially motivated

Most hate crime victims in the San Diego region in 2023 were targeted due to three bias types — race/ethnicity (44%), sexual orientation (31%) and religion (24%). While race/ethnicity is the most common bias/motivation (making up more than two thirds of hate crimes in 2021 and 2022), incidents driven by sexual orientation and religion increased in 2023, while the proportion of racially motivated incidents decreased. Still, race/ethnicity was the motivation behind two out of five hate crimes in 2023.

Figure 2: Motivation Behind Hate Crimes Reported in the Region, 2021-2023

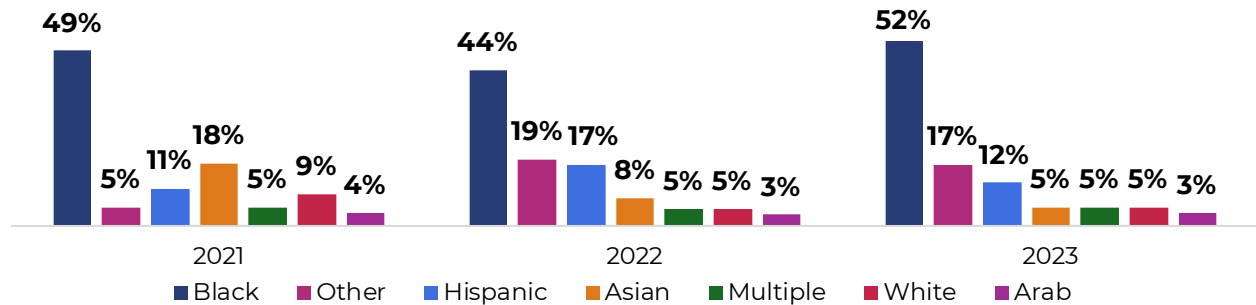


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Highlight 3: Most victims of racially motivated hate crimes are Black

Of the 58 hate crime incidents in 2023 related to the victim's race, ethnicity or ancestry, more than half (52%) of the victims were Black, followed by "Other" (17%), and Hispanic (12%). This distribution remained consistent with 2022 but differed from 2021 when there were more Asian victims and less Hispanic and "Other." Black individuals remain the most targeted racial or ethnic group in the region and **nationwide**.

Figure 3: Victims' Race in Racially Motivated Hate Crimes in the Region, 2021-2023

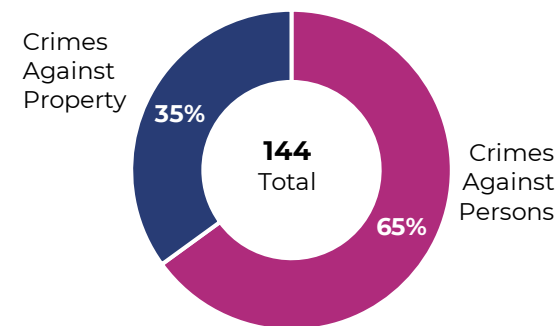


Note: "Other" includes some other race, ethnicity or ancestry not specifically called out in the categories.
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Highlight 4: Most hate crimes in the region are against persons

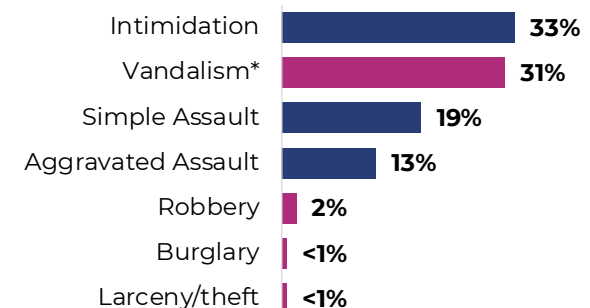
Crimes against persons comprised almost two-thirds of hate crime offenses in 2023 and crimes against property one-third. More than 90% of hate crimes involved four types of offenses in 2023: intimidation (33%), vandalism/destruction of property (31%), simple assault (19%) and aggravated assault (13%). These crime offenses have been the most common type of hate crimes reported in the region for several years (not shown).

Figure 4: Types of Hate Crime Reported in the Region, 2023



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Figure 5: Types of Hate Crime Offenses Reported in the Region, 2023



*Note: Vandalism includes destruction and damage.

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If you or someone you know was the victim of a hate crime, or you would like more information and resources about hate crime, please visit the San Diego County District Attorney's web page at <https://www.sdcca.org/helping/hate-crimes>

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