

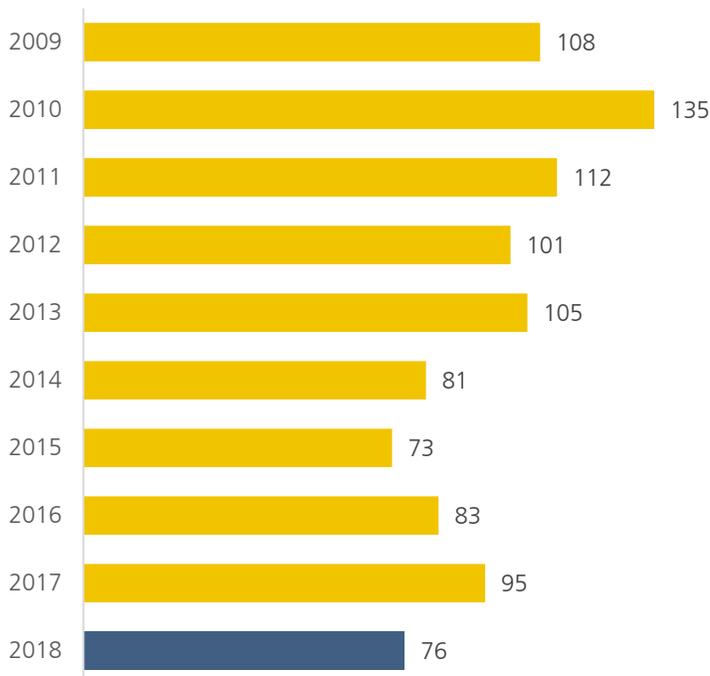
Hate Crime in the San Diego Region, 2018

As part of its compilation of regional crime statistics, SANDAG collects hate crime data for the previous year directly from law enforcement, recognizing the impact that these types of incidents can have on victims, as well as the community as a whole. According to the FBI definition, a hate crime is a “criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.” Participation in the data collection is mandated for federal law enforcement agencies, but voluntary for local, state, and tribal ones¹. With the recent release of **Thirty-Nine Years of Crime in the San Diego Region 1980-2018**, this CJ Flash describes the 76 hate crimes reported by law enforcement in the San Diego region in 2018.

Highlight 1

In 2018, about 1 hate crime event was reported to local law enforcement every 5 days, on average. These 76 hate crimes represented the second lowest number reported in the past 10 years and was a 20 percent drop from the 95 reported the year prior.

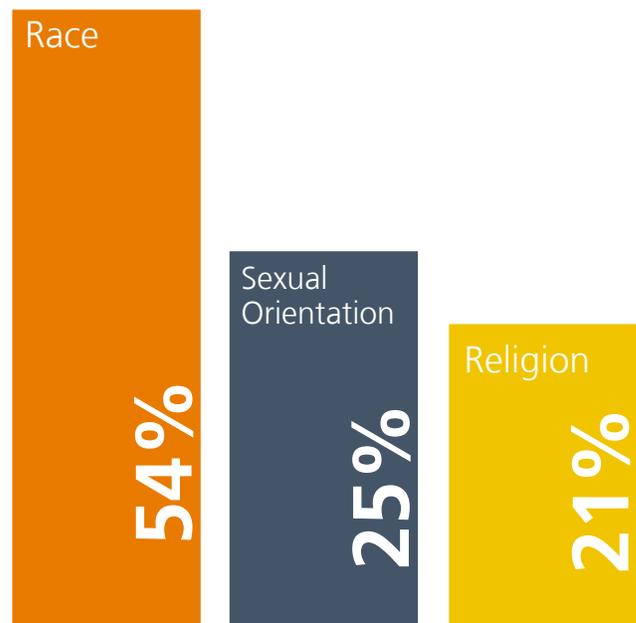
Number of Hate Crimes Reported by Local Law Enforcement in San Diego County



Highlight 2

The most common hate crime motivation each year in San Diego County has been race, followed by sexual orientation, and then religion. This pattern continued in 2018, with 54 percent of the 76 hate crime events related to the victim’s race or perceived race, 25 percent related to sexual orientation, and 21 percent related to religion.

Motivations for Hate Crimes in the San Diego Region, 2018



¹ According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), 27 states and the District of Columbia have enacted statutes mandating the collection of hate crime statistics (<http://www.policchiefmagazine.org/magazine-issues/march-2019/>).

Highlight 3

The most common type of racial hate crime motivation in 2018 was anti-Black (almost 3 in 5 of the 41 events) and the most common type of religious hate crime motivation (over half of the 16 events) was anti-Jewish.

Types of Racial and Religious Hate Crime Motivations in the San Diego Region, 2018

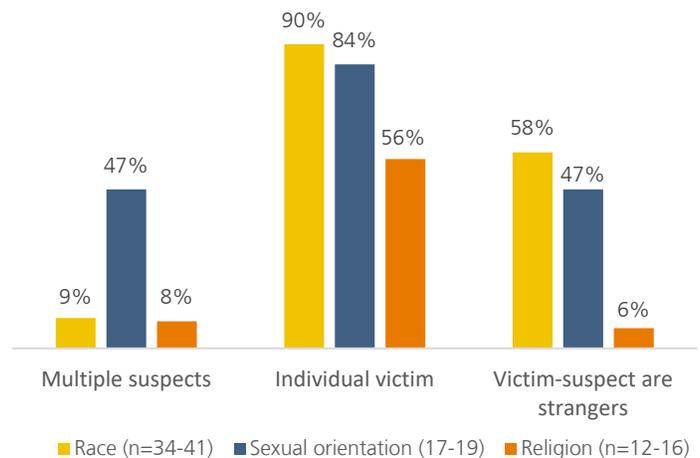
Race (41 events)	Religion (16 events)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 Black 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Jewish
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Hispanic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Catholic
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Asian/Pacific Islander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Protestant
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Highlight 4

While hate crime events were most likely to involve one victim and one suspect who did not know one another overall, there were differences based on the motivation in 2018.

- Events with a sexual orientation motivation were more likely to involve multiple suspects.
- Events with a religious motivation were less likely to involve an individual victim and a suspect who was a stranger to the victim.

Differences in Hate Crime Victims and Suspects by Motive Type, San Diego Region 2018



Highlight 5

While verbal slurs were the most common types of actions associated with hate crime events for motivated by race and sexual orientation, none of the events motivated by religion in 2018 involved a verbal slur. Instead, graffiti was the most common action in these events.

Most Common Hate Crime Offense Acts by Motive, San Diego Region 2018

