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## Bias Response Hotline Updates

### Statewide Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Hotline 2023 Data Summary

- Reports are up again in 2023; [CJC data dashboard publicly available](#)
  - 3,623 total reports (up 25% from 2022, which had 2,887 reports)

### Reports By Determination (crime vs. incident)

- 809 bias crimes reported to the hotline (down 10% from 2022, which had 903 crimes reported)
  - 390 misdemeanors
  - 419 felonies
  - 22% of all report to Hotline were criminal in 2023
  - 5% of all criminal reports had a crime charged (37 cases; not necessarily a bias crime charged, but a crime)
- 2,191 bias incidents reported to the Hotline (up 31% from 2022, which had 1,672 incidents reported)
  - 60% of all reports to Hotline were incidents in 2023
- Surge in non-bias calls to Hotline, constituting 10% of all Hotline calls (up 142%; 145 reports including 32 spam reports in 2022 vs. 351 reports including 70 spam reports in 2023)
- Surge in offenders targeting the Hotline (up 142%; 41 contacts in 2022 vs. 99 contacts in 2023)

### Reports by Protected Class

- Most reports (38%) reported intersectional identities targeted, meaning multiple aspects of an individual's identity (multiple protected classes) were targeted in the crime or incident
- Race-based biased targeting is down 7% from last year (1,310 reports in 2022 vs. 1,219 reports in 2023), and yet still led all targeting in protected classes (34% of all reports to the Hotline)
  - Within race, overwhelmingly reports are anti-Black/African American bias (17% of all reports to the Hotline, 51% of race-based reports)
    - Anti-Black/African American bias reporting is up 2% from 2022 (617 reports in 2022 vs. 627 reports in 2023)

- **Anti-Hispanic/Latinx bias reporting is down 31%** (379 reports in 2022 vs. 262 reports in 2023)
- **Anti-Asian bias reporting is down 27%** (149 reports in 2022 vs. 104 reports in 2023)
- **Anti-Arab bias reporting is up 14%** (42 reports in 2022 vs. 48 reports in 2023)
- **Anti-American Indian/Alaska Native bias reporting is down 55%** (75 reports in 2022 vs. 34 reports in 2023)
- **111% increase in Anti-Jewish targeting**, with surges before and after October 7, 2023
- **97% increase in Anti-Muslim targeting**, with surges after October 7, 2023
- **43% increase in anti-LGBTQIA2S+ targeting** (900 reports in 2022 vs. 1,284 reports in 2023)
  - **28% increase in Anti-Sexual Orientation targeting**, with surges in reporting over Pride/summer months (522 reports in 2022 vs. 669 reports in 2023)
  - **63% increase in Anti-Gender Identity targeting**, with surges in reporting over Pride/summer months (378 reports in 2022 vs. 615 reports in 2023)
- **277% increase in reporting from Lane County** (179 reports in 2022 vs. 674 reports in 2023)

### Additional Trends

- **18 hate flyering campaign events and 6 zoom bombings** at public meeting events
  - largely (all but 2) Anti-Jewish + an additional Protected Class
- Extremist activity reported throughout the state
  - [Goyim Defense League](#) activity (broad anti-Semitic papering campaigns and public council meeting disruptions) reported in 5 cities in 2023: Springfield, Thurston, Eugene, The Dalles, Beaverton
  - [Aryan Freedom Network](#) activity (also papering campaigns) reported in Oregon City and Lane County
  - Southern Oregon Nationalists activity (also papering campaigns) reported in Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and at SOU
  - [Proud Boys](#) activity in Florence, Oregon City, Gaston, Vernonia, Hillsboro, Oakridge, Salem
  - [QAnon](#) activity in Albany, Tillamook, Butte Falls, Gaston, Hillsboro
  - Far right and religious far right activity throughout the state
  - Far left activity in Lake Oswego, Corvallis, Richland, Keizer, Gresham, Portland, Eugene
- **380 school and higher education related reports**
- **213 attacks on and in public and school libraries** around the state, including 94 attempted or successful book bans in 46 separate incidents

### Emergency Bias Response Monies Fund

- **\$102,195.73 spent in emergency fund dollars**
  - vs. \$67,418.76 in 2022 (the fund opened in April 2022)
  - 92 victims/families assisted in 2023
    - 43 bias crimes
    - 49 bias incidents

## Hosted 2nd law enforcement and prosecutor training symposium on November 20, 2023

- Trainers from ODOJ Civil Rights, FBI, US Attorney's Office, USDOJ Community Relations Service, Albany PD, Marion and Washington County DAs' Offices, Anti-Defamation League
- ~75 attendees

## Issued [Community Bias Response Toolkit](#)

- Hundreds of resources created and compiled to provide information to communities in 14 languages to understand:
  - The difference between a hate crime and bias incident
  - Their rights when reporting crimes to police
  - Victim rights in the criminal justice system
  - Resources available to anyone looking for options after hate or bias
  - Bias intervention, de-escalation, anti-doxxing, self-defense, and other safety resources
  - Choice when considering speaking to the media
  - Zoom bombing resources
  - De-radicalization programs

CJC issued its [4th annual report on July 1, 2023 for 2022 data](#)

## Community Outreach and presentations

- Hundreds of connections with community partners, attendance at community meetings, tabling at community events, and training/presentations provided in 2023
  - 282 events
    - 32 In-person Presentations
    - 38 Virtual Presentations
    - 79 Tabling/Community Events
    - 133 Community Partner Meetings
  - Attendees: 51,243
  - 618 hours of outreach

## Passage of [HB 3443](#)

- Elevating bias crime and in some cases bias incident victims to have the same civil and criminal justice rights and options as other vulnerable victim populations (DV, SA, stalking, trafficking), including:
  - Breaking lease without penalty after criminal victimization
  - Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) eligibility
  - Protected and paid leave from work
  - Hotline confidentiality
  - Felony bias crime plea consultation
  - District Attorney Victim Assistance Training
  - Hotline advocate home address confidentiality

## Hotline Opened New Chat Feature, Tala (Tagalog for bright/guiding star), October 1

- Victims can chat/text with a live Bias Response Hotline advocate Monday-Friday 9am-5pm as an alternative to Hotline phone line or web portal reporting

## Reports by County, Tribal Nation/Reservation, or Waterway per Year

(Note: Data reflect reporting rates, not occurrences; low or no reporting may indicate low awareness, fear of engaging with systems, etc.)

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baker	1	0	12	14
Benton	136	45	45	34
Clackamas	62	247	113	293
Clatsop	3	7	20	18
Columbia	6	12	9	17
Coos	20	3	5	13
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	0	0	0	1
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon	3	0	0	1
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians	1	0	0	0
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation	1	0	3	0
Coquille Indian Tribe	1	0	0	0
Crook	19	1	13	0
Curry	25	2	8	13
Deschutes	44	47	235	145
Deschutes River	0	0	0	1
Douglas	16	16	197	108
Gilliam	1	0	3	0
Grant	0	0	1	1
Harney	2	0	5	0
Hood River	2	2	1	3

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jackson	32	28	65	98
Jefferson	0	1	7	6
Josephine	3	11	21	28
Klamath	19	63	50	34
Lake	8	0	2	18
Lane	104	106	179	674
Lincoln	10	11	12	23
Linn	31	81	107	153
Malheur	5	4	17	10
Marion	69	148	444	181
Morrow	1	1	1	1
Multnomah	271	489	733	810
Polk	10	12	34	38
Sherman	0	0	1	0
Tillamook	1	2	26	73
Umatilla	6	7	19	20
Union	26	13	4	10
Wallowa	0	0	2	8
Wasco	4	15	29	20
Washington	61	144	188	335
Wheeler	0	4	1	0
Yamhill	9	51	66	84
Not Reported	74	74	144	233
Out of State	5	14	38	44