

HATE CRIMES & GUN VIOLENCE

As we memorialize the 11 victims shot and killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania, as well as the injured police officers, we also remember the Orlando shooting at Pulse nightclub, where a gunman shot and killed 49 people and wounded 53 more, and the murder of parishioners at the Charleston AME church by a white supremacist. We must recognize that hate crimes are occurring at a startling level.

2010-2014

- 43,000 total
- 8,000 yearly
- 20 daily

Anti-black hate crimes have been the most common every year since national data collection began 25 years ago.

2016- 2017

- Over 1,000 incidents in the month following the 2016 election
- 2016 experienced a five year high in hate crimes, with a 5% increase over 2015.
- In 2017 there was a 12.5% increase in hate crimes in America's 10 largest cities
- 2017 was the fourth consecutive year hate crimes increased

Anti-Semitic incidents saw the largest increase on record.

50

For the first time since 2010, all 50 states reported at least one incident in 2017.

60% ↑

Anti-Semitic incidents rose almost 60% in 2017, the largest single year increase on record.

1,986

cases of harassment, vandalism, or physical assaults against Jews and Jewish institutions occurred in 2017.

LGBT bias killings are also on the rise.

29
transgender people were victims of fatal violence in 2017, the most ever recorded.



58%
of those were committed with a firearm

22 transgender people have been killed with a gun or by other violent means so far in 2018.

A Snapshot of Hate Crimes on the Rise:



2/3 of hate crimes nationally are never reported to law enforcement

Hate Crimes Legislation

Only 7 states prevent individuals convicted of misdemeanor hate or bias motivated crimes from purchasing and possessing firearms: CA, DE, MD, MA, MN, NJ & OR.

Legislation has been introduced at the federal level in both the House and Senate. S. 1324, the "Disarm Hate Act," was first introduced in the aftermath of the Pulse shooting and re-introduced in the 115th Congress by Senator Robert Casey (D-PA) & 10 others, including gun violence prevention allies like Senators Blumenthal, Gillibrand, and Murphy. This bill would prevent any person who has been convicted of a hate crimes misdemeanor, or who received a sentencing enhancement for hate or bias in the commission of a misdemeanor, from purchasing or possessing a firearm. Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-01) again introduced companion legislation into the House of Representatives as H.R. 2841.