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## 85 Crimes Motivated by Prejudice - Printable Version - Edit Content

**Monitor the reported number of crimes against people or property motivated by prejudice.**

Bias crime incidents seem to be highly affected by news events and political discussion. The peak in 1992 was at the time of Ballot Measure 9, a proposal to restrict the rights of gay and lesbian persons. After a tremendous decline in the 1990s, the latest spike can be attributed to both a rise in anti-Arab/anti-Muslim offenses in the wake of September 11th, 2001 and a more comprehensive reporting protocol put in place by the Portland Police Bureau. The steep decline in 2002, and subsequent rise in 2003, however, was artificially created due to staff reductions/budget cuts in reporting agencies. Discounting these events, reported bias crimes in Multnomah County have been increasing over the past five years. More reported bias crimes are motivated by racial prejudice than by any other category. In 2006, 45% of all bias crimes in Multnomah County were racially motivated. Sexual orientation was the second highest bias crime reported at 28%.

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## Crime Motivated by Prejudice



Source: Law Enforcement Data System.

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