

Hate Crimes and Noncriminal Hate Violence - On-campus statistics, 2020

Incidents denoted with an “*” in the tables below were determined to meet the definition of “hate crime” as defined by CA Penal Code 422.55 or “hate violence” as defined by CA Education Code 67380. The State of California has not defined “Non-criminal Hate Violence”. The definition of non-criminal hate violence for purposes of this report includes non-criminal conduct that is motivated by hatred or bigotry and directed at any individual, residence, house of worship, institution, or business expressly because of the victim's real or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. Hate incidents also include conduct directed against an individual or group because of their association or advocacy on behalf of a member or members of a protected class. A hate incident might include hate speech, display of offensive materials on one's property, the distribution of hate materials in public places and the posting of hate materials that does not result in property damage. The freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. constitution, such as the freedom of speech, permit hateful rhetoric as long as it does not interfere with the civil rights of others. Incidents reported to university officials as Acts of Intolerance (reported in 2021 as Protected Identity Harm incidents) were included in this report as being incidents of Non-criminal Hate Violence unless there was sufficient information to determine the act constituted a hate crime or an incident of hate violence.

Additionally, in an effort to provide safety information to the community, this report includes incidents that could not be determined to have occurred on campus, including incidents in virtual meeting spaces or social media forums for which there are no details in the reports that the materials in question were received by a person located in Stanford's Clery Act geography. These additional reports are counted once, since the incident impacted unknown numbers of individuals, and they are denoted in the table with a “#”. Acts of Intolerance reports that do not demonstrate bias against a protected class and incidents known to have occurred outside of campus geography are not included.

The Education Code requires that a description be included for the category of bias as well as victim and suspect characteristics, if known. Recognizing that there is a broad spectrum of gender identities and other elements of identity, attributed victim and offender characteristics are based on the information provided by reporting parties. Other information may be included for a better understanding of statistics.

Bias Incidents

Jan-Dec 2020	Description of Act	Victim / Impacted Party Characteristics	Offender Characteristics (as reported)	Bias	Arrest
1*	Suspect yelled an anti-Chinese slur and punched the victim in the shoulder.	Asian	White Male	Nat'l Origin	0
1*	Victim reported physical abuse that occurred due to the suspect's bias against the victim's sexual orientation	Unknown/Not Reported	Unknown/Not Reported	Sex. orientation	0
2*	An unknown suspect defaced packages with Asian surnames with handwritten pejoratives	Persons of Asian descent	Unknown	Race	0
1*	Suspect in an adjacent vehicle pointed a gun at the victim, used a racial epithet, and told the victim to leave	Black Male	White male	Race	0
1*	The suspect used a profanity in reference to the victim's perceived national origin, then hit a tennis ball into the victim	Asian Male	White Male	Nat'l Origin	0
1*	An unknown suspect used a black marker to draw a swastika on the wall	Various Community Members	Unknown	Religion	0
1*	An unknown suspect defaced a Black Lives Matter sign	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
2*	The suspect sent packages to two student residents that contained threats on the basis of sexual orientation	LGBTQ2S+ Students	Male Student	Sex. Orientation	0
1	An unknown person sent an anti-Jewish fax to Piggott Hall	Persons who are Jewish	Unknown	Religion	0
1	At a student gathering, a person made an intolerant comment about China	Persons of Chinese descent	Unknown/Not Reported	Nat'l Origin	0
1	An anti-Asian message was reported to have been written on a flyer in an elevator	Persons of Asian descent	Unknown	Race	0
1	Anti-Asian comments were overheard	Persons of Asian descent	White Males	Race	0
1	A subject riding a bike made comments about seeing another Asian person on campus	Persons of Asian descent	White Male	Race	0

Jan-Dec 2020	Description of Act	Victim / Impacted Party Characteristics	Offender Characteristics (as reported)	Bias	Arrest
1	A student made comments referring to another student as an animal	Black Student	Asian Student	Race	0
3	A subject swore at a table of Asian community members and walked away.	1 Asian Female, 2 Asian Males	White male	Race	0
1	A subject on a bike made comments about multiculturalism destroying the country.	Unknown/Not Reported	White Male	Race	0
1	A subject on a bicycle rode by and complained about the presence of Asians.	Asian Female	White Male	Race	0
1	A subject on a bicycle yelled about the presence of Asians	Persons of Asian descent	White Male	Race	0
1	A subject on the sidewalk swore at a passerby, calling them an anti-Asian epithet	Persons of Asian descent	White Female	Race	0
1	A subject on a bike rode by and commented that Asians should return to their home country.	Asian Female	White Male	Race	0
1	An Asian female reported that a passerby yelled at her, swearing about the virus being linked to China	Asian Female	Asian Male	Nat'l Origin	0
1	A subject on a bicycle yelled about the presence of Asians	Asian Male	White Male	Race	0
1	A subject on a bicycle yelled a derogatory remark about Asians	Persons of Asian descent	White Male	Race	0
1	A white male was reported to have made a derogatory remark against Asians, to no one in particular.	Persons of Asian descent	White Male	Race	0
1	A campus community member received a letter with racially biased statements	Asian American Female	Unknown	Race	0
1	After a confrontation between students, one student referred to the other using a pejorative term demonstrating bias against gender or gender identity	Unknown/Not Reported	Male Student	Gender/ Gender Identity	0

'Other Bias Incidents Reported as Acts of Intolerance[#]

Jan-Dec 2020	Description of Act	Victim / Impacted Party Characteristics	Offender Characteristics (as reported)	Bias	Arrest
1 [#]	Unknown person(s) disrupted a Zoom class by displaying racial epithets	Various Community Members	Unknown	Race	0
1 [#]	Unknown person(s) disrupted a Zoom class with audio of anti-black racial epithets and anti-Jewish statements	Persons who are Black and/or Jewish	Unknown	Race, Religion	0
1 [#]	Students harassed a fellow student in a Zoom class , making discriminatory remarks about the individual not belonging, due to perceptions of the student's identity.	Unknown/Not Reported	Unknown/Not Reported	Race/ Ethnicity	0
1 [#]	During the Jewish holy days, students organized a game called Secret Hitler	Persons who are Jewish	Unknown/Not Reported	Religion	0
1 [#]	A student reported anonymous, inappropriate posts that used a derogatory name referring to members of the Black community, in a residential house's Slack channel	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1 [#]	A social media post was reported for having racist language	Persons who are White	Unknown/Not Reported	Race	0
1 [#]	Anti-Jewish posts were shared by Stanford students on social media	Persons who are Jewish	Unknown/Not Reported	Religion	0
1 [#]	Transphobic messages were posted in a messaging group facilitated by Stanford students	Persons who are Transgender	Unknown/Not Reported	Gender	0
1 [#]	An email was sent to multiple Stanford recipients that included threats and an anti-black racial slur	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1 [#]	Multiple social media posts from a Stanford student were reported to contain violent and hateful rhetoric against Jews and Israelis	Persons who are Jewish and/or Israeli	Unknown/Not Reported	Religion / Nat'l Origin	0
1 [#]	A Slack channel used by graduate students contained stereotypes with a bias against Russians	Persons who are Russian	Unknown/Not Reported	Nat'l Origin	0
1 [#]	During a zoom meeting, swastikas and anti-Semitic messages were displayed.	Persons who are Jewish	Unknown	Religion	0
1 [#]	A student organization's Twitter account was reported to have propagated Islamophobic and violent tweets targeting another user.	Persons who are Muslim	Unknown/Not Reported	Religion	0

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1#	An individual quoting song lyrics was reported to have used the N-word multiple times in a Zoom class.	Persons who are Black	Unknown/Not Reported	Race	0
1#	An email was sent over student email list contained derogatory comments and the claim that China invented the COVID-19 virus	Persons who are Chinese	Unknown	Nat'l Origin	0
1#	A Twitter post tagging Stanford and other university accounts asserted that no student from Azerbaijan should be admitted to a university, due to war crimes.	Persons who are Azerbaijani	Unknown	Nat'l Origin	0
1#	A Twitter post made used a condescending Asian stereotype to make a joke.	Persons of Asian descent	Unknown/Not Reported	Race/ Ethnicity	0