

Hate Crimes and Noncriminal Hate Violence - On-campus statistics, 2021

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 bias, 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 with, or advocacy on behalf of, a protected class. A hate incident might include hate speech, display of offensive materials on one's property, or distribution or posting of hate materials in public places, even if there is no damage to property, as a result. 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 Protected Identity Harm (previously reported as Acts of Intolerance) 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. 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.

Additionally, in an effort to provide safety information to the community, this report includes incidents that occurred 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; however, given that these classes or incidents involved numerous Stanford affiliates, it is being presumed that at least one person who was impacted was located in Stanford's Clery geography at the time of the incident. These additional reports are denoted in the table with a “#” and are only counted once, since the incident impacted unknown numbers of individuals.

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.

Incidents denoted with an “*” in the table 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.

Bias Incidents

* = incident was determined to meet the definition of a hate crime

= additional incident occurring in a virtual space not confirmed to be part of Stanford's Clery Act geography

Jan-Dec 2021	Description of Act	Victim / Impacted Party Characteristics	Offender Characteristics (as reported)	Bias	Arrest
1*	A sign was vandalized with an anti-Black slur.	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1*	A student was aggressively approached by a man yelling anti-Asian and homophobic slurs, causing the student to flee in fear of an attack.	Unknown/Not reported	Middle-aged Latiné	Race, Sexual Orientation	0
1	A subject yelled anti-Chinese remarks, including an epithet, at a student.	Persons of Chinese descent	Unknown male	National Origin	0
1	A subject yelled derogatory remarks, including a homophobic slur, at a Stanford student	LGBTQ2S+ student	Middle-aged White male	Sexual Orientation	0
1	A professor received a letter with a gendered slur	Woman	Unknown	Sex/Gender	0
1	An unknown subject made several derogatory comments about Asians, though it was not apparent whether specific individuals were being targeted.	Persons of Asian descent	White male, in his 70's	Race	0
1	An occupant of a passing car yelled anti-Asian slurs at a student who was walking on campus.	Asian student	Unknown	Race	0
1	A subject ran by a staff member and yelled a homophobic slur.	LGBTQ2S+ community	Male in his 40's	Sexual Orientation	0
1	An unknown subject had written an anti-Black slur on a whiteboard in a campus residence.	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1	A subject told a person standing on the Oval to go back to China.	Asian female	White male	National Origin	0
1	A person outside the bookstore reported unknown persons were using Jewish and homophobic slurs towards him.	Jewish male	Not reported	Religion, Sexual Orientation	0

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1	A faculty member used an anti-black slur in a lecture about other expressions of racism.	Persons who are Black	Asian male	Race	0
1	At the Oval, a subject yelled from a passing car "go back to your country" to a group of Chinese-American people, including a staff member.	Persons who are Chinese-American	White male in his 40's	National Origin	0
1	An unknown subject wrote "KKK" on a whiteboard in a dorm.	Unknown students	Unknown	Race, Sexual Orientation, Religion	0
1	A Stanford student indicated she felt unsafe rooming with her assigned roommate based on a disagreement they had had over who should take out the trash and other interactions they had had; the roommate said the allegations made about her were false and motivated by the racial bias of the student who claimed she felt unsafe.	Black female student	Not reported	Race	0
1	A Stanford student reported that his roommate said to him that he felt unsafe being around groups of people of color. Additionally, this student made offensive comments about the roommate's speech and that his music was "ghetto." The reporting student believed his roommate's words and actions demonstrated racial bias.	African male student	Not reported	National Origin, Race	0
1	Two students used a slur to insult another student's disability.	Disabled student	White male students	Disability	0
1	A male subject used homophobic slurs while talking to a student.	Queer student	Middle-aged White male	Sexual Orientation	0
1	An unknown person yelled an anti-Black slur three times at a person who was waiting for the shuttle.	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1	A Muslim student overheard two other students questioning whether her hijab was necessary.	Muslim student	White	Religion	0
1	A faculty member likened a PostDoc's position to slavery and otherwise demeaned him; the PostDoc attributed these remarks to the fact that he was a foreign scholar.	Latiné PostDoc	Not provided	National Origin	0
1	A subject rode by on a bicycle and made remarks about an invading army to a student who believes they were targeted by the remarks because they are Asian.	Asian student	Middle-aged White male	Race	0
1	A dorm activity email made reference to physical characteristics of people who are White as being unattractive and inferior.	People who are White	Unknown/Not Reported	Race	0

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1	A student received a message under their door regarding evacuation to avoid genocide.	Asian student	Unknown	Race	0
1	A faculty member, who intended to be self-deprecating, used a slur against and mocked disabled persons.	Student	Male faculty	Disability	0
1	A Muslim student who was wearing a hijab reported that a vehicle almost hit her while she was walking in a crosswalk, at a roundabout, at dusk. The student and her friends believed the act was intentional and based on her being Muslim and wearing a hijab.	Muslim student	Unknown	Religion	0
1#	A participant in a Zoom meeting made a number of derogatory comments in the chat that were sexual in nature, targeting the Transgender community and the Arab community.	Students and staff	Male student	Gender Identity, Race, Ethnicity	0
1#	An unknown person interrupted a Zoom meeting with pornographic images and racial slurs.	Persons of color	Unknown	Race	0
1#	An unknown person interrupted a Zoom meeting with pornographic images and messages of violence against Black people, using a racial slur.	Persons who are Black	Unknown	Race	0
1#	A student reported a Twitter post that compared black students to apes, posted by another student in a recognized student organization.	Black students	Unknown	Race	0
1#	Racist rhetoric was directed at an identified Stanford student in social media posts.	Black female student	Unknown	Race	0
1#	An unknown person created doctored social media posts attributed to a university staff person. The post contained language that was racist and queerphobic. The staff person who was alleged to have created the doctored postings reported the incident to a campus HR department. The staff person believed the social media posts were created to intimidate them based on protected characteristics.	Not provided	Unknown	Race, Sexual Orientation	0
1#	An unknown person, believed to not be an invited attendee, interrupted a Zoom meeting and used an anti-Chinese epithet.	Persons of Chinese descent	Unknown	National Origin	0
1#	A subject posted racial slurs and racialized cartoons in social media posts, and pasted photos of people into old artwork featuring a beheading.	Black students, Asian staff	White male student	Race	0
1#	A subject interrupted a Zoom meeting with anti-Asian epithets and homophobic slurs.	Persons who are of Asian Descent, LGBTQ2S+	Unknown	Race, Sexual Orientation	0

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1#	An unidentified person sent an email to an identified Stanford student and a staff member containing multiple racial epithets, in response to social media posts made by the student.	Black student	Unknown	Race	0
1#	A Stanford student posted on Twitter a comment about eradicating an entire race.	Persons who are White	Unknown/Not Reported	Race/ Ethnicity	0