

2019 ADL AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: NEW JERSEY

Each year, ADL's Center on Extremism tracks incidents of antisemitic harassment, vandalism, and assault in the United States. Since 1979, we have published this information in an annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents. In 2019 ADL tabulated **2,107** antisemitic incidents throughout the United States, a **12%** increase from the **1,879** recorded in 2018 and the highest number on record since ADL began tracking incidents.

2019 Antisemitic Incidents

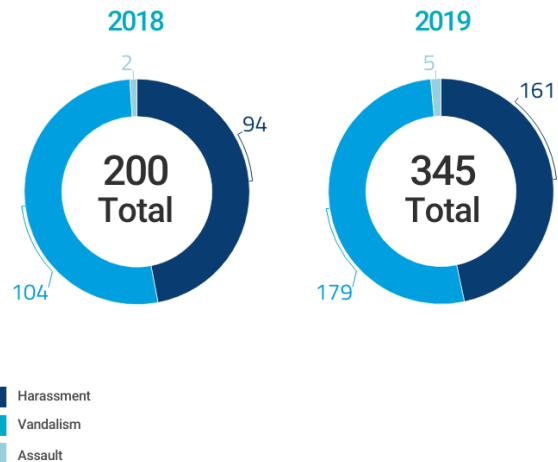
In New Jersey in 2019, there were **345** reported antisemitic incidents, representing a **73%** increase from **200** reported incidents in 2018. This is the **highest** number of incidents ever recorded in New Jersey.

Jersey City Shooting Attack

On December 10, 2019, David N. Anderson and Francine Graham drove to the JC Kosher Supermarket in Jersey City, NJ, where Graham allegedly fired shots into the establishment, killing three civilians inside the store and injuring another. The couple left behind a stolen U-Haul van that contained an arsenal of weapons and a handwritten note that implied a theological justification or imperative for the attack.

Online identities linked to Anderson show that he espoused Black Hebrew Israelite (BHI) ideology. BHIs disagree with the traditional view that contemporary Jews are descendants of the 12 biblical tribes of Israel, and argue instead that various non-European indigenous peoples, including Black Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans, are the true heirs. According to New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, the attack is being investigated as an act of domestic terrorism that was motivated by antisemitic and anti-law enforcement sentiments.

Anti-Semitic Incidents in **New Jersey** are **▲ 73%** from 2018 to 2019



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Extremist Group and Propaganda Activity

ADL documented 147 white supremacist propaganda incidents in New Jersey in 2019. While only 35 were overtly antisemitic and were included in the Audit, the potential for all types of white supremacist activity to provoke fear and anxiety in Jewish communities should not be discounted.

The most active white supremacist groups in New Jersey were Identity Evropa (now using the name American Identity Movement), New Jersey European Heritage Association (NJEHA), Loyal White Knights, Patriot Front and Daily Stormer Book Clubs.

K-12 Schools

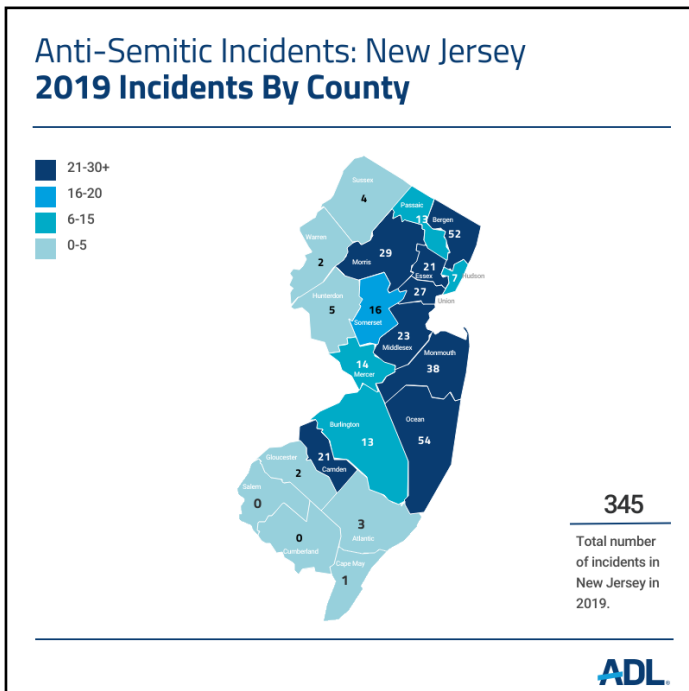
New Jersey's K-12 schools witnessed a sharp 54% increase in antisemitic incidents in 2019, for a total of 97 incidents. Of these, 24 were incidents of harassment and 73 were incidents of vandalism, including swastikas found on school properties.

This is the second year in a row that ADL saw an increase in antisemitic incidents in New Jersey's K-12 school system.

- 2017: 61
- 2018: 63
- 2019: 97

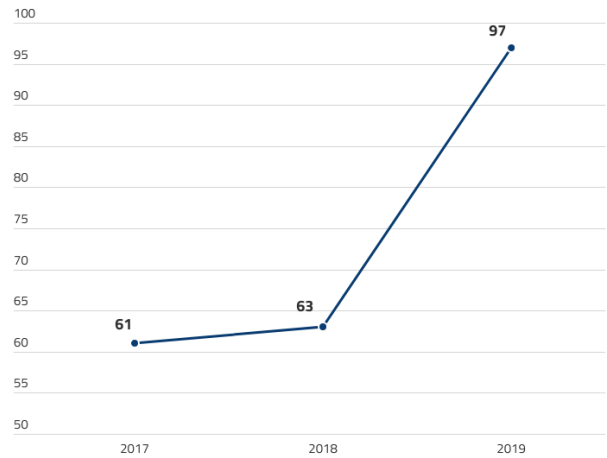
Campus and University

In 2019, 14 antisemitic incidents were recorded on New Jersey college and university campuses, a 75% increase relative to 2018. Six of the reported incidents involved harassment and 8 were cases of vandalism.



Antisemitic Incidents in K-12 Schools in New Jersey

54% Increase Between 2018 and 2019



Online Hate / Rise Up Ocean County

Specific incidents of online antisemitic harassment in New Jersey rose to 10 in 2019, a 42% increase compared to 7 in 2018.

Of particular concern to ADL was the vile and antisemitic content published by a Facebook group and internet site called "Rise Up Ocean County," which included several posts, comments and videos promoting incitement of violence against the Orthodox Jewish community, such as, "We need to get rid of them like Hitler did," and, "When they resist, bulldoze them."

After receiving numerous complaints from ADL, the New Jersey Governor and the Office of the Attorney General, Facebook ultimately removed Rise Up Ocean County from its platform in February 2020.

ADL encourages all members of the public to report incidents of antisemitism to local law enforcement and directly to ADL here: www.adl.org/reportincident

To learn more and take action against antisemitism in your community, visit: www.adl.org/audit2019

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