# CONNECTICUT BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Forward

Bias Motivated Crime in Connecticut 2022 Annual Report is a supplement to the Crime in Connecticut 2022 report published by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). Our annual reports continue to be the most comprehensive compilation of crime related data for the State of Connecticut by providing detailed statistics on criminal offenses and arrests statewide.

The publication's source data are based upon monthly reporting of crime activity to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program at DESPP. Crime in Connecticut and its supplemental reports provide police departments, administrators, legislators, advocacy groups, and the general public with important information for planning purposes.

Connecticut law enforcement has consistently provided the necessary resources to make the Connecticut UCR program one of the most effective programs in the United States. DESPP sincerely appreciates the continued support of law enforcement in the Connecticut UCR Program. We offer special thanks to all sworn and civilian personnel in Connecticut who have dedicated their time and effort to make these publications a continuing success.

**A Hate/Bias crime is defined as actions that intimidate or harass another person motivated, *in whole or in substantial part*, by the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.** - CGS § 53a-181j

Bias Motivated crimes are not separate, distinct crimes, but rather criminal offenses motivated by the offender's bias. Because of this, it was unnecessary for the creation of a whole new crime category to collect data on Bias Motivated crime offenses. Bias Motivated crime data is collected by capturing additional information about offenses already being annually reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).[1]

Bias in-and-of itself is not enough to categorize a crime as motivated by bias. As the above definition states, the *crime must be motivated, in whole or in substantial part*, by bias. As the FBI points out, motivation is subjective, so it is difficult to know with absolute certainty that a crime driven by bias motivation. Therefore, a set of objective indicators that would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated by bias should be present and are used by law enforcement in making the final determination of bias motivation.

Some of these indicators[1] include:

- Bias-related drawings, markings, symbols, or graffiti were left at the crime scene.
- The victim was engaged in activities related to their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.
- The incident coincided with a holiday or a date of significance relating to a particular race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity
- The offender was previously involved in a similar hate crime or is a hate group member.
- Bias-related oral comments, written statements, or gestures were made by the offender indicating their bias.
- Certain objects, items, or things which indicate bias were used (swastika, burning cross, etc.)

[1] https://le.fbi.gov/file-repository/hate-crime-data-collection-guidelines-and-training-manual.pdf/view

## 2022 Hate Crime Overview

| | |
|---|---|
| Bias Motivated Incidents* | 91 |
| Bias Motivated Offenses | 93 |
| Bias Motivated Crimes | 102 |
| Number of Victims | 102 |
| Number of Known Offenders | 68 |
| Number of Unknown Offenders | 31 |

*Up to three (3) bias motivations can be reported per incident*

## Crime Count and Distribution by Offense

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Intimidation | 38 | 37.3% |
| Simple Assault | 25 | 24.5% |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 21 | 20.6% |
| Aggravated Assault | 6 | 5.9% |
| Arson | 5 | 4.9% |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 2 | 2.0% |
| Impersonation | 1 | 1.0% |
| Identity Theft | 1 | 1.0% |
| Robbery | 1 | 1.0% |
| Theft From Motor Vehicle | 1 | 1.0% |
| All Other Larceny | 1 | 1.0% |

## Victim Count by Type

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Individual | 85 | 83.3% |
| Business | 6 | 5.9% |
| Government | 6 | 5.9% |
| Religious Organization | 5 | 4.9% |

## Quick Facts

**Bias motivated offenses increased by 16 incidents, or 21.3%, from 2021 to 2022**

**Intimidation is the bias motivated offense that occurred most often**

**Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry was the most common type of bias motivation**

**Just over one-fourth of bias motivated incidents occurred in a residence/home**

**One-third of victims were between the ages of 18 to 34**

**Four religious organizations were victims of bias motivated Arson**

**The month of March saw of the most bias motivated incidents**

## Year-Over-Year Changes in Bias Motivated Crime Counts

| Measures | 2020 | Y-O-Y +/- Change | 2021 | Y-O-Y +/- Change | 2022 | Y-O-Y +/- Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Incidents | 100 | 22 | 75 | (25) | 91 | 16 |
| Offenses | 102 | 24 | 75 | (27) | 93 | 18 |
| Crimes | 127 | 38 | 87 | (40) | 102 | 15 |
| Known Offenders | 78 | 24 | 44 | (34) | 68 | 24 |
| Offense Victims | 130 | 40 | 90 | (40) | 102 | 12 |

## Crime Count by Bias Motivation

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Bias | 67 | 65.7% |
| Religious Bias | 20 | 19.6% |
| Sexual Orientation Bias | 17 | 16.7% |
| Disability Bias- Anti Mental | 1 | 1.0% |
| Gender Identity Bias - Anti Transgender | 1 | 1.0% |
| Gender Bias | 0 | 0.0% |

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## Incident Count by Location

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 26 | 28.6% |
| Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk | 13 | 14.3% |
| Educational Facility | 11 | 12.1% |
| Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque | 6 | 6.6% |
| Bar/Nightclub | 5 | 5.5% |
| Parking/Drop Lot/Garage | 5 | 5.5% |
| Restaurant | 4 | 4.4% |
| Park/Playground | 4 | 4.4% |
| Jail/Prison/Penitentiary/Corrections Facility | 3 | 3.3% |
| Convenience Store | 2 | 2.2% |
| Department/Discount Store | 2 | 2.2% |
| Grocery/Supermarket | 2 | 2.2% |
| Government/Public Building | 2 | 2.2% |
| Cyberspace | 2 | 2.2% |
| Commercial/Office Building | 1 | 1.1% |
| Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital | 1 | 1.1% |
| Hotel/Motel/Etc. | 1 | 1.1% |
| Other/Unknown | 1 | 1.1% |

# Number of Victims by Offense and Location

| **Intimidation** (n=38) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 14 |
| Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk | 6 |
| Restaurant | 3 |
| School/College(Historical Only) | 3 |
| Department/Discount Store | 2 |
| Government/Public Building | 2 |
| Parking/Drop Lot/Garage | 2 |
| School – College/University | 2 |
| Commercial/Office Building | 1 |
| Cyberspace | 1 |
| Grocery/Supermarket | 1 |
| Park/Playground | 1 |

| **Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property** (n=22) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 5 |
| Park/Playground | 3 |
| School – Elementary/Secondary | 3 |
| Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque | 2 |
| Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk | 2 |
| School – College/University | 2 |
| Department/Discount Store | 1 |
| Hotel/Motel/Etc. | 1 |
| Other/Unknown | 1 |
| Parking/Drop Lot/Garage | 1 |
| School/College(Historical Only) | 1 |

| **Aggravated Assault** (n=6) | |
|---|---|
| Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk | 2 |
| Residence/Home | 2 |
| Bar/Nightclub | 1 |
| Parking/Drop Lot/Garage | 1 |

| **Simple Assault** (n=25) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 7 |
| Bar/Nightclub | 4 |
| Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk | 4 |
| Jail/Prison/Penitentiary/Corrections Facility | 3 |
| Convenience Store | 2 |
| Grocery/Supermarket | 2 |
| Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital | 1 |
| Parking/Drop Lot/Garage | 1 |
| Restaurant | 1 |

| **Arson** (n =5) | |
|---|---|
| Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque | 4 |
| Residence/Home | 1 |

| **Burglary/Breaking & Entering** (n=2) | |
|---|---|
| Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque | 1 |
| Residence/Home | 1 |

| **Theft From Motor Vehicle** (n=2) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 2 |

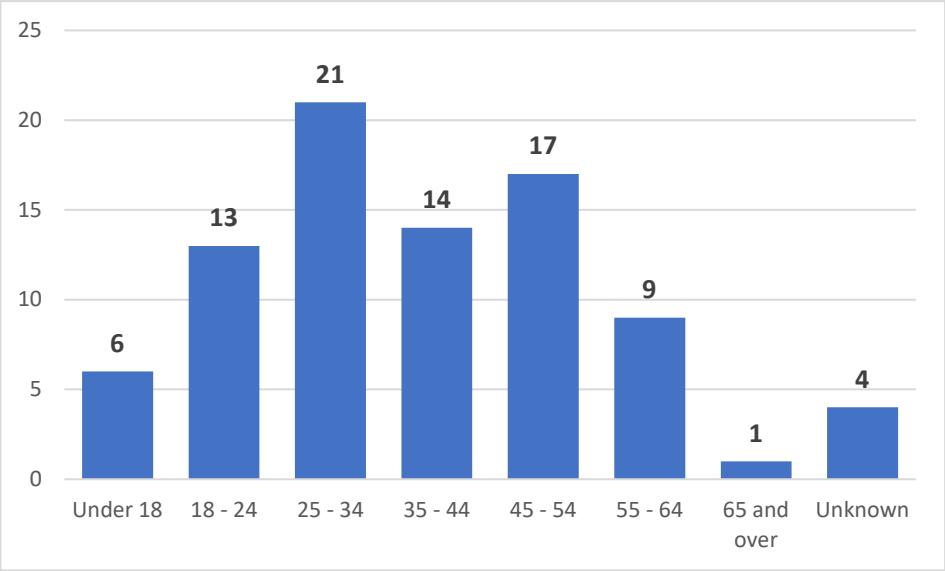
| **All Other Larceny** (n=1) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 1 |

| **Identity Theft** (n=1) | |
|---|---|
| Cyberspace | 1 |

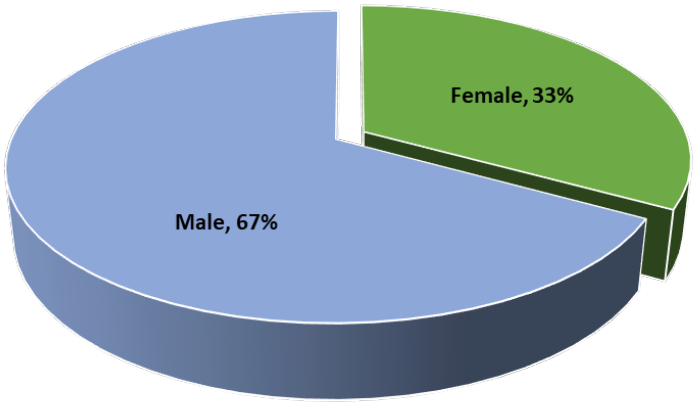
| **Impersonation** (n=1) | |
|---|---|
| Convenience Store | 1 |

| **Robbery** (n=1) | |
|---|---|
| Residence/Home | 1 |

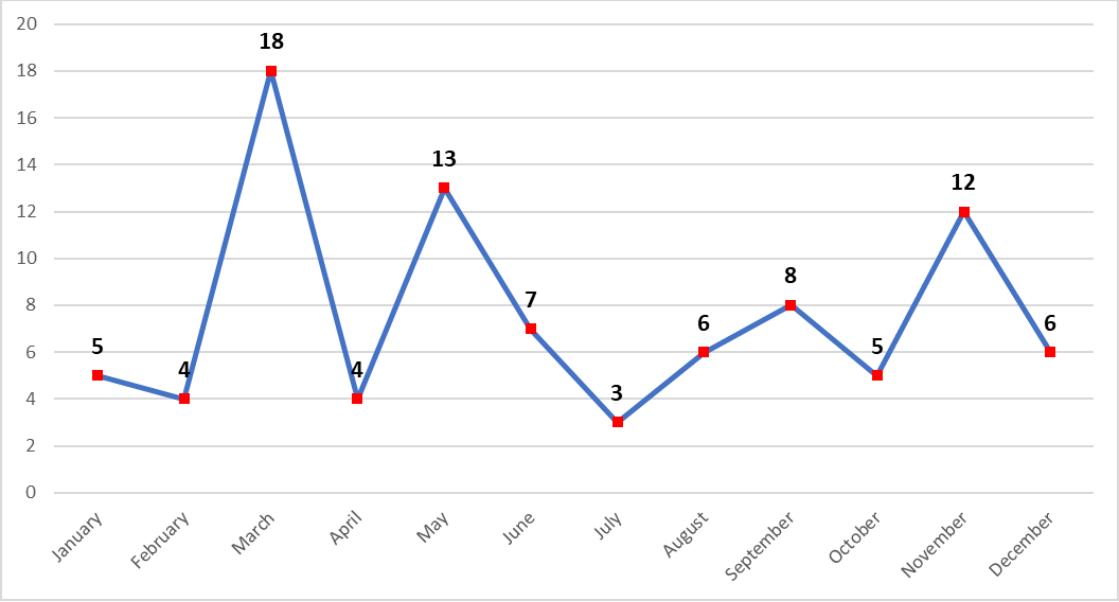
## Distribution of 'Individual' Victims by Age Range




## Distribution of 'Individual' Victims by Sex

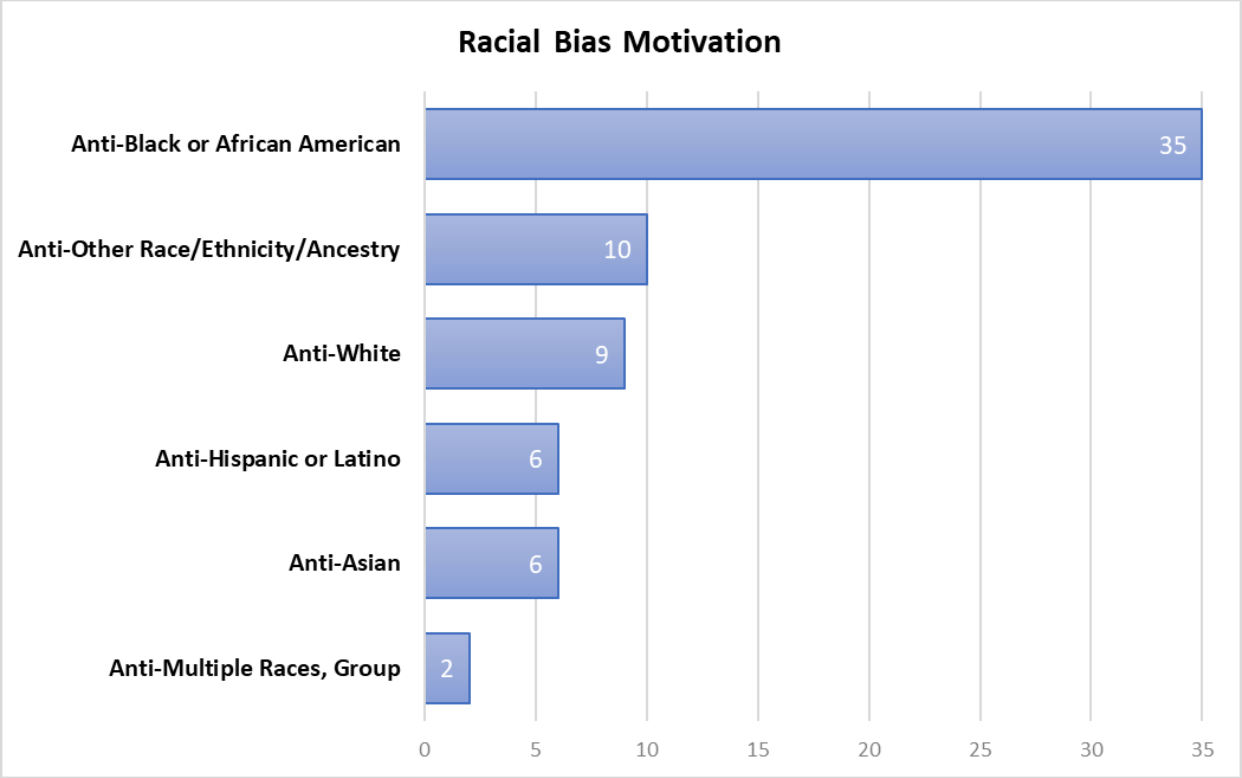


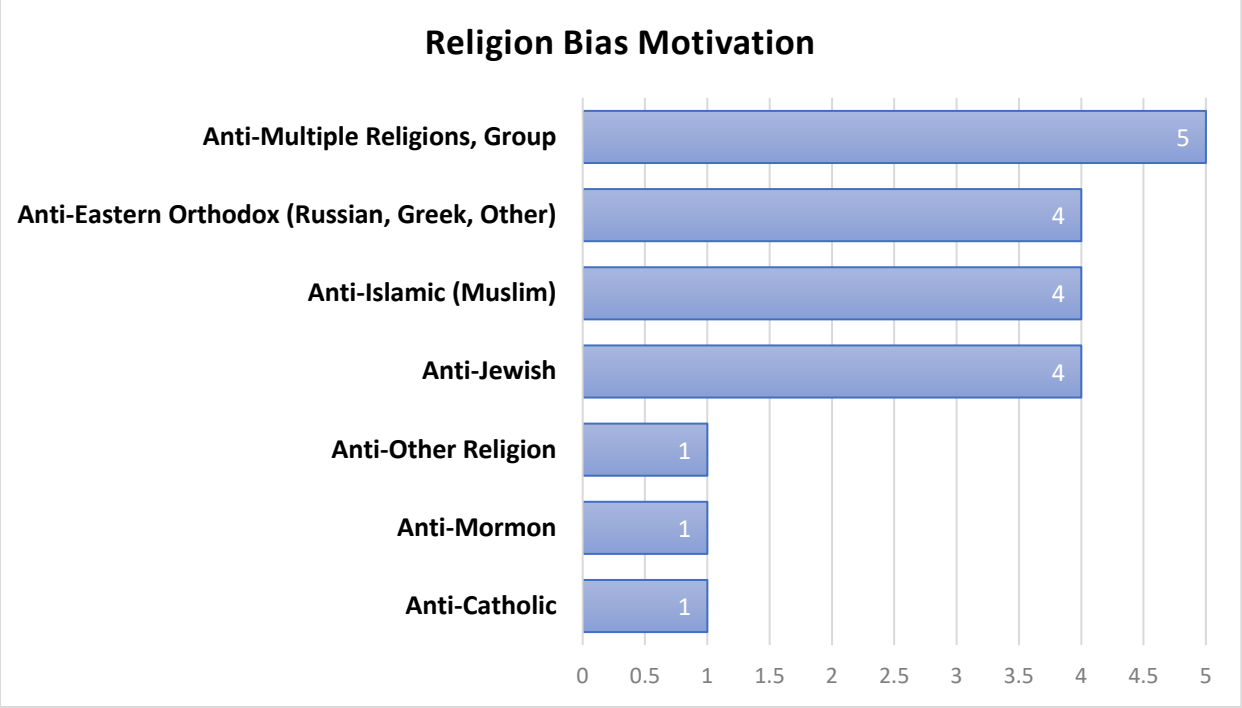

## Number of Incidents by Month

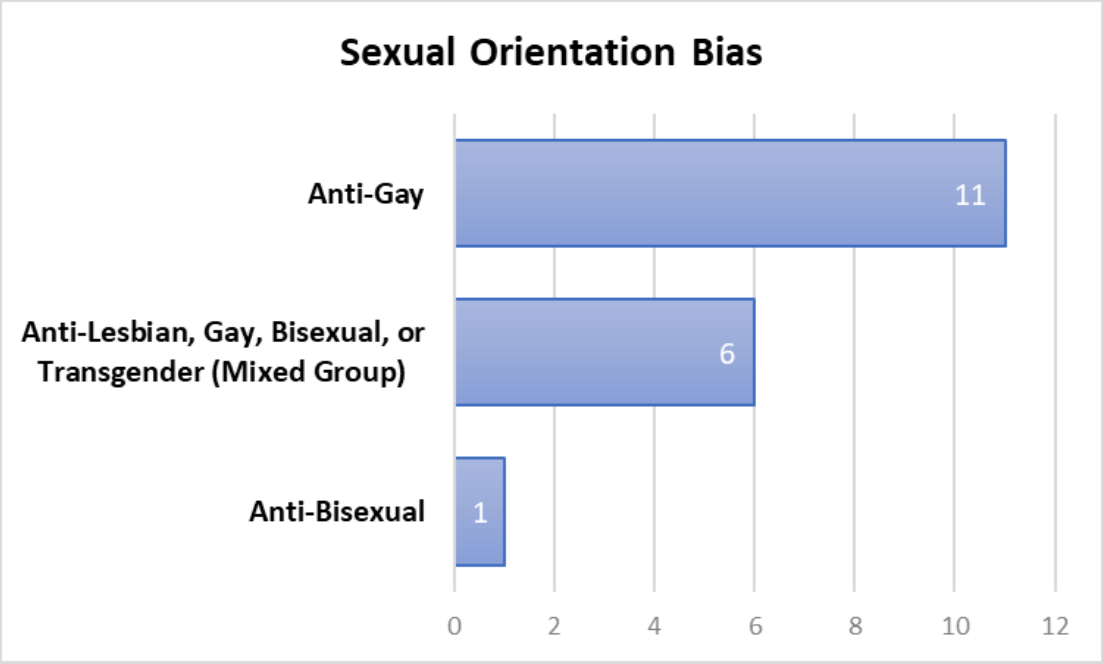


# Bias Motivation Counts

*Number of Crimes*






## Count of Incidents by Jurisdiction

| Jurisdiction | Bias Motivation | Number of Incidents |
|---|---|---|
| Bethel | Anti-White | 1 |
| Bridgeport | Anti-White | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Religion | 1 |
| | Anti-Gay | 1 |
| Cromwell | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Derby | Anti-White | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| East Haddam | Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group) | 1 |
| East Hartford | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| East Haven | Anti-Islamic (Muslim) | 1 |
| Enfield | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Fairfield | Anti-Hispanic or Latino | 2 |
| | Anti-Asian | 1 |
| Farmington | Anti-Jewish | 1 |
| Glastonbury | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Greenwich | Anti-Asian | 1 |
| | Anti-Catholic | 1 |
| Hamden | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Islamic (Muslim) | 1 |
| Hebron | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Madison | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Mental Disability | 1 |
| Manchester | Anti-White | 1 |
| | Anti-Multiple Races, Group | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| | Anti-Gay | 1 |

| Jurisdiction | Bias Motivation | Number of Incidents |
|---|---|---|
| Mansfield | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Hispanic or Latino | 1 |
| Meriden | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Middlebury | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| Middletown | Anti-White | 1 |
| Milford | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Gay | 1 |
| New Britain | Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other) | 4 |
| | Anti-Multiple Religions, Group | 4 |
| | Anti-White | 2 |
| | Anti-Black or African American | 2 |
| | Anti-Gay | 2 |
| | Anti-Hispanic or Latino | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| | Anti-Islamic (Muslim) | 1 |
| | Anti-Bisexual | 1 |
| | Anti-Transgender | 1 |
| New Haven | Anti-Asian | 2 |
| | Anti-Gay | 2 |
| | Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group) | 2 |
| | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| | Anti-Jewish | 1 |
| New London | Anti-Jewish | 1 |
| Norwalk | Anti-Gay | 1 |
| Norwich | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Orange | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 2 |
| | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Gay | 1 |
| Plainville | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Simsbury | Anti-Asian | 1 |
| Stamford | Anti-Black or African American | 5 |
| | Anti-White | 1 |
| Stratford | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| Suffield | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| Torrington | Anti-Black or African American | 3 |
| | Anti-Hispanic or Latino | 1 |
| | Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 1 |
| | Anti-Mormon | 1 |
| | Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group) | 1 |
| Watertown | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| West Hartford | Anti-Multiple Races, Group | 1 |
| Wethersfield | Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group) | 2 |
| | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |
| | Anti-Jewish | 1 |
| Willimantic | Anti-Black or African American | 2 |
| Windsor Locks | Anti-White | 1 |
| Woodbridge | Anti-Black or African American | 1 |

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