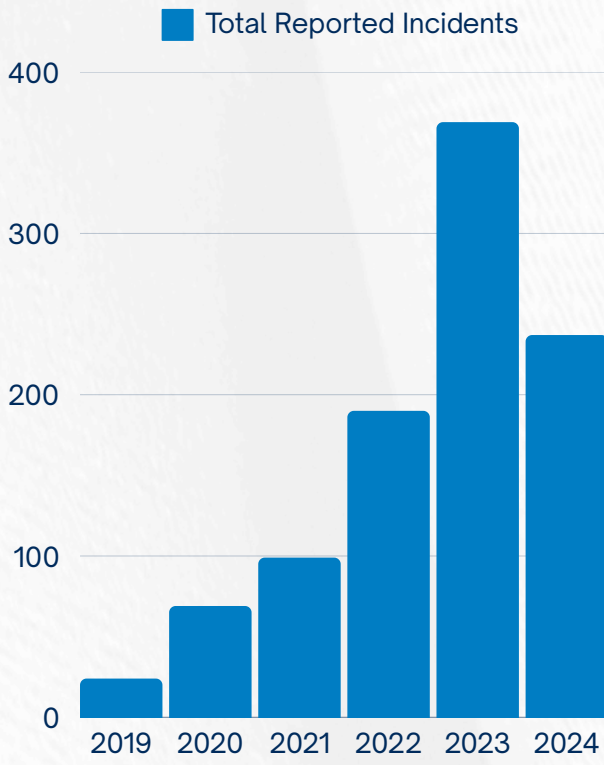


POLICE REPORTED HATE-MOTIVATED CRIME

This data reflects criminal offences that have been reported to the Waterloo Regional Police Services.

HATE-MOTIVATED CRIME BY YEAR

Despite an annual decrease in 2024, hate-motivated crimes have on-average increased year-over-year for the last 5 years.

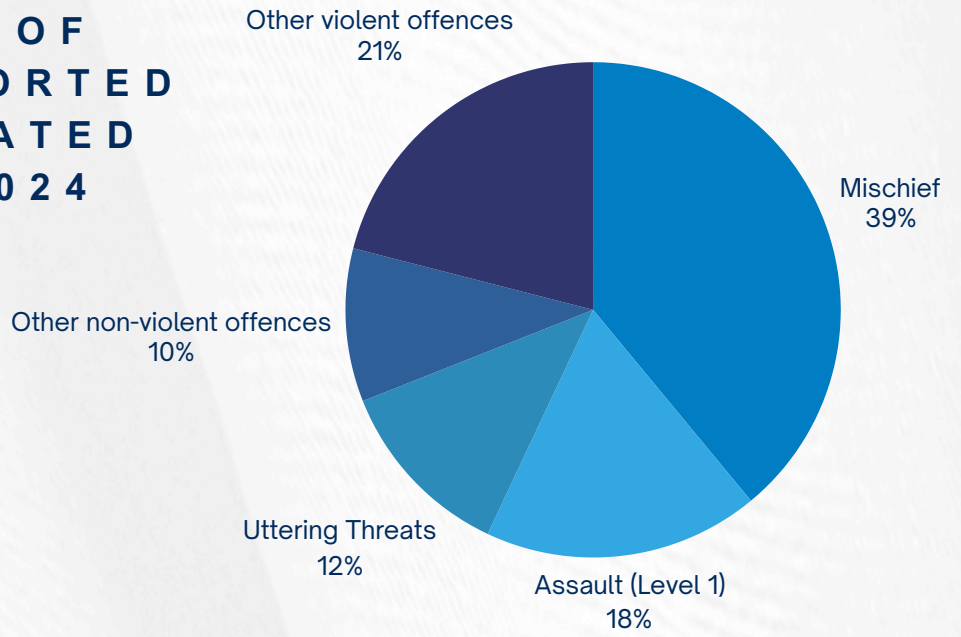


FREQUENCY OF HATE-MOTIVATED CRIMES

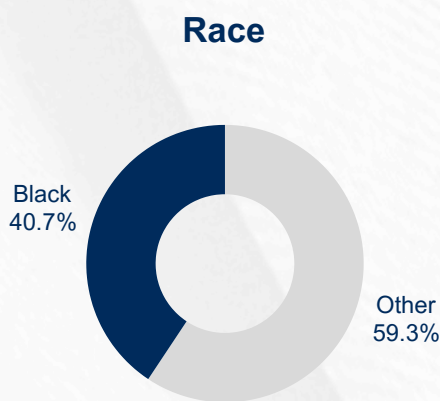
Protected Ground	2023	2024	Change
Mental or physical disability	10	9	-1
Race/Ethnicity	190	150	-40
Religion	67	39	-28
Sex	16	7	-9
Sexual Orientation	83	32	-51

BREAKDOWN OF POLICE REPORTED HATE-MOTIVATED CRIMES IN 2024

Roughly half of hate-motivated crimes were violent crimes/crimes against the person



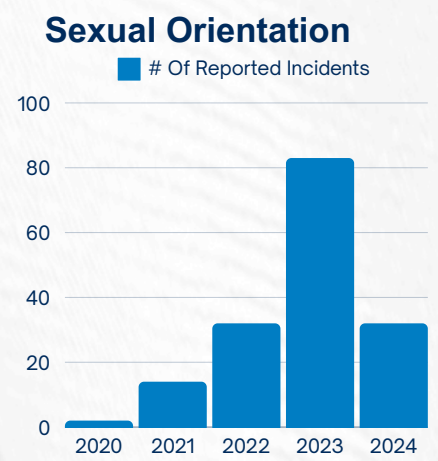
TRENDS BY PROTECTED GROUND



Black individuals were the most frequently targeted race in police reported hate-crime in 2024.



72% of police reported hate-motivated crime towards religious groups targeted Jewish individuals in 2024.



The largest decrease in police-reported hate-motivated crimes were crimes targeting people on the basis of sexual orientation.

CLASSIFYING HATE

Hate-Motivated Incident

A *hate-motivated incident* is an incident where someone has demonstrated hateful behaviour toward someone else based on their identity but without breaking any laws.

Hate-Motivated Crime

A *hate-motivated crime* occurs when someone breaks a law, and their action was motivated by hate. For example, an assault motivated by hate. This infographic outlines these crimes.

Hate Crime

The term *hate crime* is often used to refer to hate-motivated crime or three specific hate related criminal offences listed in the Criminal Code of Canada, such as Public Incitement of Hatred.



Combatting Hate is a priority under the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. Our plan to address this issue brings together community leaders and systems leaders to raise awareness and create action to counter discrimination and harms caused by hate and hate-related crimes in Waterloo Region.