

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Adrian Diaz
Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

DATE: November 5, 2020

FROM: Detective Elizabeth Wareing
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SUBJECT: Bias Crime and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (1st Half 2020 dates 01/01/20-06/30/20)

Overview

During the first half of 2019, **359** criminal and non-criminal bias-based incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This compares to **229** bias-based incidents reported in the first half of 2018. This reflects a 6% (-15) decrease of bias-based incidents, city-wide.

During the first half of 2019, **Malicious harassment cases decreased by 6 (-11%%)**, the category of **crimes with bias elements decreased by 3 (-3%)**, and **non-criminal bias incidents decreased by 6 (-7%)** from the same reporting period in 2018.

Reported **anti-LGBTQ** malicious harassment cases numbered 13 during the first half of 2018 and increased to 15 during the first half of 2019. Anti-LGBTQ crimes with bias elements numbered 29 in 2018, and 39 in 2019. Non-criminal bias incidents also fell from 16 in 2018 to 13 in 2019.

Reported **anti-Black** malicious harassment cases numbered 13 during the first half of 2018 and remained at 13 the first half of 2019. Reported anti-Black crimes with bias elements increased from 31 reported incidents during the first half of 2018 to 36 during the first half of 2019. There were 24 anti-Black non-criminal bias incidents in the first half of 2019, down from 35 in 2018 during the same period.

Most reported incidents occurred during **second watch and third watch (91 each watch), followed by first watch (47)**.

East Precinct had the most incidents, accounting for 30% (69) of the total number city wide, followed by **West Precinct** at 28% (65) and **North Precinct** at 18% (40). **South Precinct** reported 14% (33) of incidents, followed by **Southwest Precinct** at 10% (22).

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Incidents

- ✓ 49 were determined to be Malicious Harassment
- ✓ 102 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements
- ✓ 78 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

Arrests

49 malicious harassment cases resulted in 19 arrests:

- 11 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 8 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 30 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

102 crimes with bias elements cases resulted in 44 arrests:

- 7 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 36 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 1 case was cleared exceptional- the victim did not want to press charges after a suspect was taken into custody
- 58 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

Bias Categories

Perpetrators in bias-based events targeted 21 total groups with the two most frequently reporting groups, anti-black and anti-gay/lesbian, accounting for 54% of the total number of bias-based incidents.

Bias category	Malicious Harassment	Crimes with Bias Elements	Non-Criminal Bias Incidents
Black	12	36	24
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual	9	26	12
White	5	9	7
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	3	13	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	5	3	3
Hispanic/Latino	2	8	6
Jewish	1	2	4
Transgender	4	2	3
Homeless	4	2	1
Political Ideology	0	0	4
Female	1	5	2
Islamic	3	0	4
Arab	4	0	5
Gender Non-Conforming	1	1	1
Physical Disability	0	1	1
Mental Disability	1	0	1
Age	0	1	0
Native American	0	0	1
Totals	55	109	84

*12 incidents included bias elements in more than one category. These numbers reference the number of incidents for each category represented. The total number of discrete incidents was 229. Categories in which no incidents were reported were not included in this table.

- The category of Anti-Black represents **31%** of the total reported incidents.
- The aggregated categories of Anti-Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming represents **26%** percent of the incidents.
- **20%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1st watch hours (0300-1159)
- **40%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 2nd watch hours (1200-1959)

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- **40%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 3rd watch hours (2000-0259)

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West Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
David	D1	0	3	2
	D2	0	2	4
	D3	2	4	2
King	K1	1	7	0
	K2	2	5	0
	K3	1	2	7
Mary	M1	0	4	0
	M2	0	3	2
	M3	1	4	2
Queen	Q1	0	0	0
	Q2	0	1	0
	Q3	1	1	2
Totals		8	36	21

David Sector represents **25%** of the total crimes and **38%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

King Sector **41%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Mary Sector represents **27%** of the total crimes and **19%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Queen Sector represents **7%** of the total crimes and **10%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

South Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Robert	R1	1	0	2
	R2	6	4	3
	R3	0	0	3
Sam	S1	0	3	2
	S2	1	2	0
	S3	1	1	2
Ocean	O1	0	0	1
	O2	0	0	0
	O3	0	1	0
Totals		9	11	13

Robert Sector represents **55%** of the total crimes and **61%** non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Sam Sector represents **40%** of the crimes and **31%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Ocean Sector represents **5%** of the total crimes and **8%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

East Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Edward	E1	2	3	3
	E2	6	13	4
	E3	1	4	3
Charlie	C1	2	6	1
	C2	0	1	2
	C3	0	2	2
George	G1	4	4	0
	G2	1	2	1
	G3	0	1	1
Totals		16	36	17

Edward Sector represents **56%** of the total crimes and **59%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

Charlie Sector represents **21%** of the total crimes and **29%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

George Sector represents **23%** of the total crimes and **12%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

North Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Nora	N1	1	2	0
	N2	1	2	1
	N3	0	0	2
Boy	B1	1	2	1
	B2	1	1	0
	B3	2	1	0
Lincoln	L1	0	4	0
	L2	1	0	0
	L3	1	0	1
Union	U1	1	0	2
	U2	0	2	2
	U3	0	0	1
John	J1	0	0	1
	J2	0	0	3
	J3	2	0	1
Totals		11	14	15

Nora Sector represents **24%** of the total crimes and **20%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Boy Sector represents **32%** of the total crimes and **7%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Lincoln Sector represents **24%** of the total crimes and **7%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Union Sector represents **12%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

John Sector represents **8%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

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Southwest Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Frank	F1	3	0	4
	F2	2	2	1
	F3	0	1	1
William	W1	0	0	1
	W2	0	1	4
	W3	0	1	1
Totals		5	5	12

Frank Sector represents **80%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.

William Sector **20%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.