

REPORT

Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024



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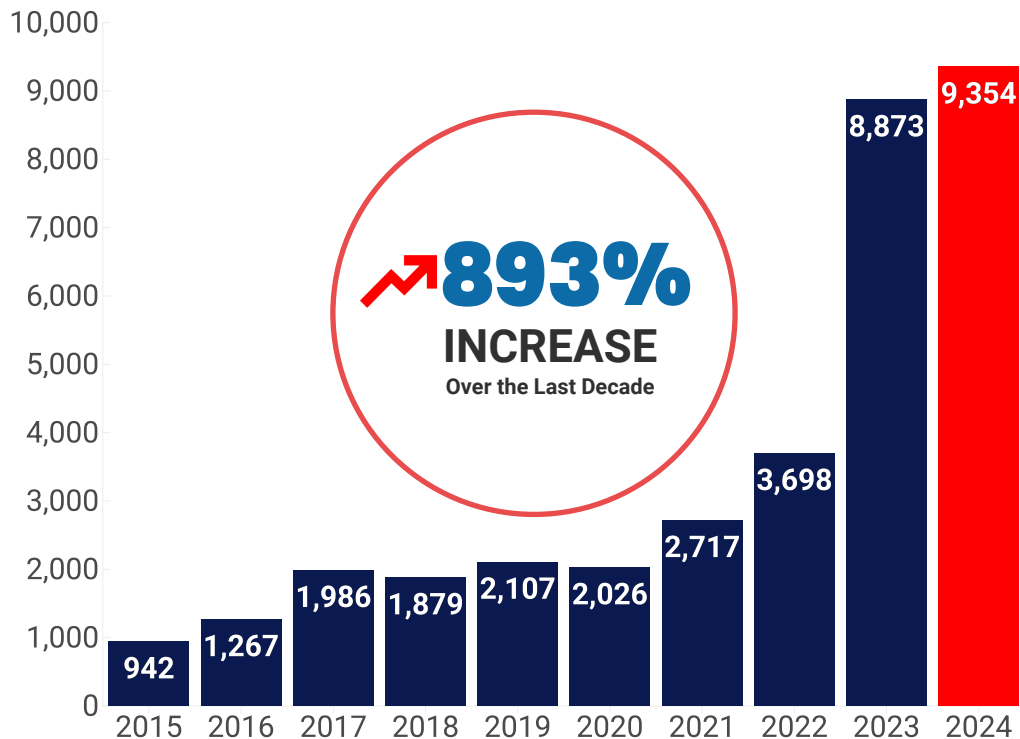
Executive Summary

- Each year, ADL (Anti-Defamation League) 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 2024, ADL tabulated 9,354 antisemitic incidents across the United States. This represents a 5% increase from the 8,873 incidents [recorded in 2023](#), a 344% increase over the past five years and a 893% increase over the past 10 years. It is the highest number on record since ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents 46 years ago.
- Incidents of vandalism and assault increased significantly in 2024. Assaults increased by 21% to 196 incidents, impacting 250 victims, and vandalism increased by 20% to 2,606 incidents. Harassment incidents remained relatively steady, with an increase of 0.26%, for a total of 6,552 incidents.
- For the first time in the history of the Audit, a majority (58%) of all incidents contained elements related to Israel or Zionism. A large portion of Israel-related

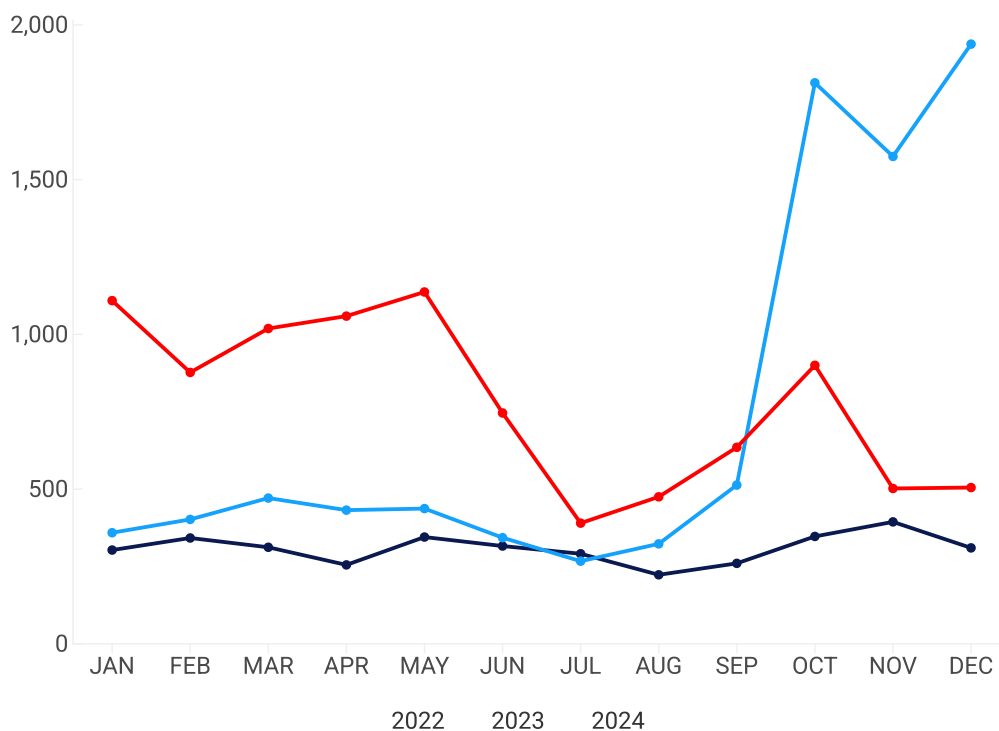
antisemitic incidents occurred at or in the vicinity of anti-Israel protests. Out of over 5,000 anti-Israel rallies tracked by ADL in 2024, 2,596 involved antisemitic messaging in the form of signs, chants or speeches.

- Incidents on college and university campuses rose more steeply than those in any other location. In 2024, ADL recorded 1,694 antisemitic incidents on college campuses, which is 84% higher than in 2023. Campus incidents comprised 18% of all incidents, a larger proportion than in any previous Audit.
- While incidents decreased by 14% at Jewish institutions, they remained elevated compared to pre-October 7, 2023, levels. Jewish organizations, particularly synagogues, were targeted with hundreds of bomb threats and hundreds more general antisemitic threats. Congregants were harassed and even assaulted while at or in the vicinity of Jewish institutions, and some anti-Israel groups escalated their tactics, protesting Jewish religious and cultural institutions on dozens of occasions.
- Incidents occurred in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As in previous years, states and metropolitan areas with the largest Jewish populations continued to report the highest levels of incidents. The states with the highest levels of incidents were New York (1,437) and California (1,344).

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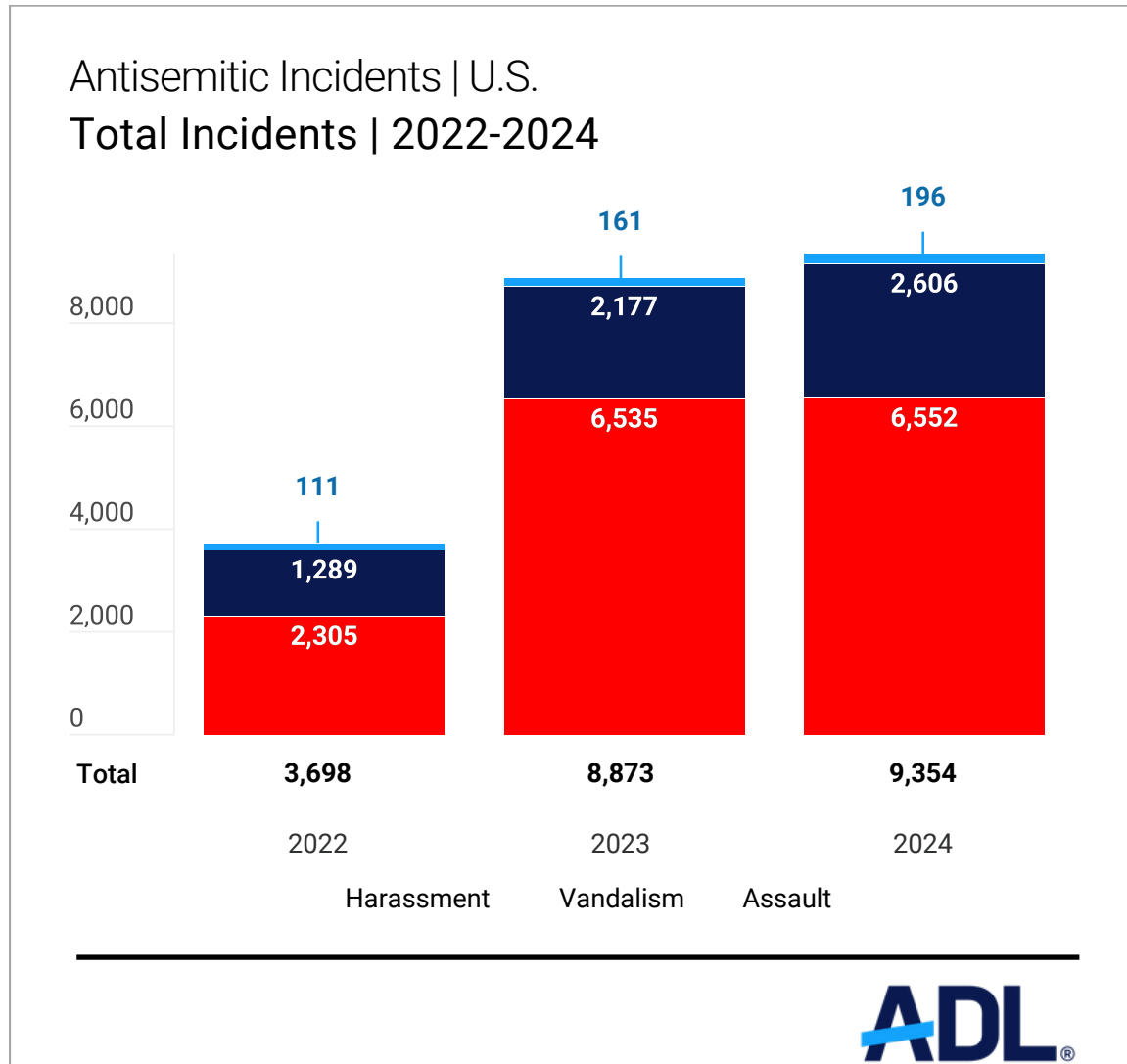
Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. Incidents by Month | 2022–2024



Key Findings

In 2024, antisemitic incidents in the United States rose for the fourth consecutive year, reaching 9,354 total incidents—the highest level ever recorded in the 46-year history of ADL's Audit of Antisemitic Incidents. This 5% increase from the 8,873 incidents documented in 2023 demonstrates that elevated antisemitism has become a persistent reality for American Jewish communities rather than a temporary spike in the months immediately after the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. These incidents occurred across all 50 states and Washington, D.C., showing that

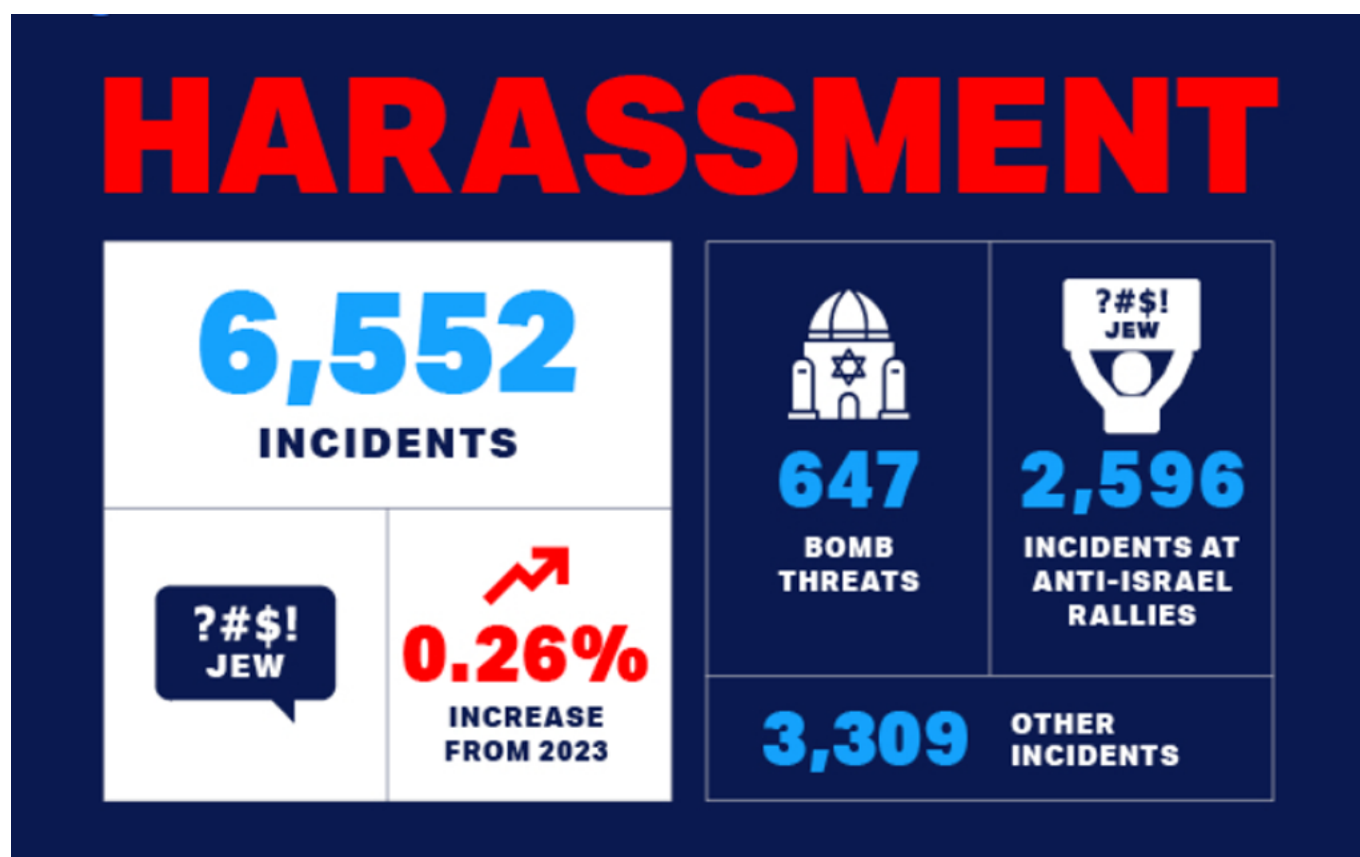
antisemitism is not confined to a particular region but represents a national challenge.



In 2024, anti-Israel animus played an unprecedented role in antisemitic incidents in the U.S. For the first time in Audit history, a majority of antisemitic incidents (58%, or 5,452 incidents) included elements related to Israel or Zionism, a trend that reflects the impact of geopolitics on domestic antisemitism. ADL does not consider criticism of Israel or general anti-Israel activism to be antisemitic and does not count such incidents in the Audit. But increasingly, extreme actors in the anti-Israel space have incorporated antisemitic rhetoric into their activism, and it has become

commonplace for perpetrators across the political spectrum to voice hatred of Israel or conspiracy theories about the state in a range of antisemitic attacks. Thousands of antisemitic incidents occurred at or in the vicinity of anti-Israel rallies, many of which were organized by [Students for Justice in Palestine \(SJP\)](#), the [Party for Socialism and Liberation \(PSL\)](#) and other anti-Israel groups. More than half of all antisemitic vandalism incidents included references to Israel or Zionism. Hundreds of incidents emerged from white supremacist groups' anti-Israel activity, with [Patriot Front](#) racking up the most mentions.

Also in 2024, college campuses became epicenters of antisemitic activity, with an 84% increase in incidents (1,694 total), comprising nearly 1 in 5 of all reported cases nationwide.



VANDALISM

2,606

INCIDENTS



20%
INCREASE
FROM 2023



51%
RELATED TO
ISRAEL OR
ZIONISM



26%
WHITE
SUPREMACIST
GROUP
ACTIVITY

ASSAULT

196

INCIDENTS



21%
INCREASE
FROM 2023



30%
IMPACTED
VISIBLY
JEWISH
INDIVIDUALS



23
INVOLVED
THE USE OF
A DEADLY
WEAPON

Themes and Trends

Israel-Related Incidents

ISRAEL-RELATED INCIDENTS

5,452
INCIDENTS

58%
OF ALL INCIDENTS



74%
HARASSMENT



24%
VANDALISM



1%
ASSAULT



12%
JEWISH
INSTITUTIONS



27%
CAMPUS

Activity at or surrounding anti-Israel protests frequently crossed the line into antisemitism through a range of concerning expressions. Protesters displayed [justification or glorification of antisemitic violence](#), framing terror attacks against Israel and the Jewish community as justified "resistance," while others openly

displayed support for U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) by wearing [Hamas](#) headbands and waving [Hezbollah](#) and [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine \(PFLP\)](#) flags. Protesters [celebrated the anniversary of Hamas's antisemitic October 7, 2023, terror attack](#) on Israel and [glorified the terrorist group leaders](#) who masterminded the attack. Many protests featured rhetoric widely interpreted as a call to destroy Israel through slogans like "[Death to Israel](#)" or "[From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,](#)" alongside [rhetoric explicitly marginalizing Jews](#) with a connection to Israel, such as, "We don't want no Zionists here." [Classic antisemitic tropes](#) were also often included and contained imagery referencing blood libel, conspiracy theories about "Zionist media" manipulation and equating swastikas with Stars of David — a direct attack on Jewish religious symbols.

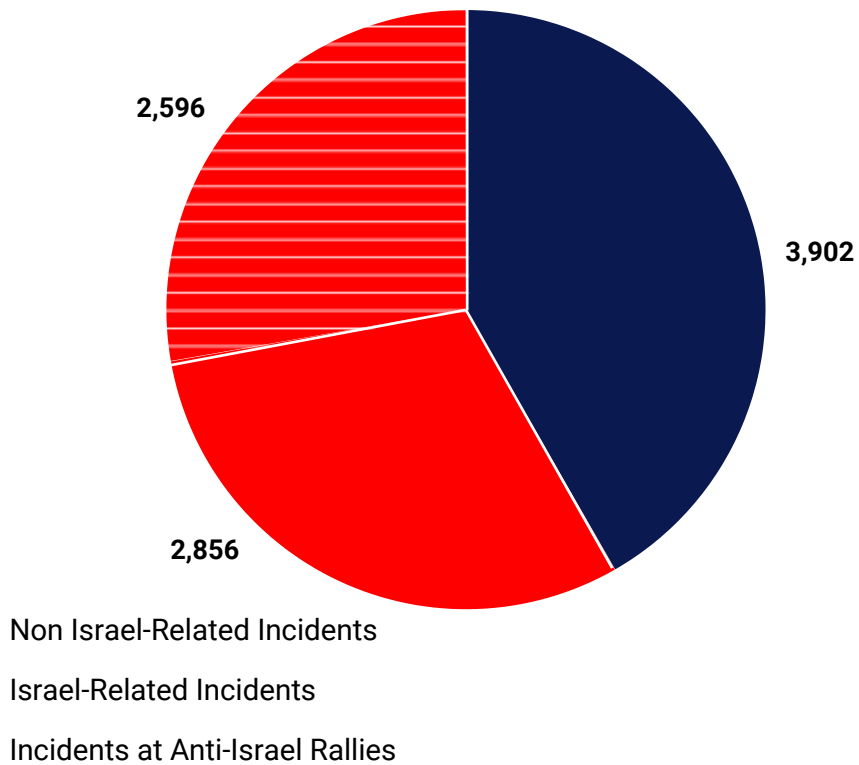
The frequent appearance of these themes at demonstrations represents a concerning trend where rhetoric with antisemitic elements has moved from fringe anti-Israel spaces into more visible public spaces. [This normalization](#) creates environments where Jewish individuals face increasing harassment, as documented in the location-specific incidents detailed in subsequent sections about campuses and Jewish institutions.

A majority (58%) of incidents in the Audit contained references to Israel or Zionism. Opposition to Israel or Zionism appeared as themes in virtually every type of incident tracked in the Audit, from anonymous bomb threats against synagogues that included the call to "[Globalize the intifada,](#)" to a right-wing extremist ranting about "[setting] our people free of Zionist occupation" at a city council meeting, to an individual shouting, "Free Palestine" at an Orthodox Jewish person in a public area before assaulting them.

In 2024, antisemitic rhetoric expressed during anti-Israel protests constituted the single largest category of Israel-related incidents, accounting for 48% of all such incidents. While many anti-Israel rallies did not contain antisemitic elements and were not represented in the Audit, about half (2,596) of the more than 5,000 such protests tracked by ADL contained antisemitic messaging in the form of signs,

chants or speeches. At each rally that ADL examined, all expressions of antisemitism were tallied as a single incident regardless of how often they were expressed. The largest proportion occurred in public areas (1,270) followed by college and university campuses (930), and a significant amount targeted Jewish institutions (86) or business establishments (262). Extreme actors within the organized anti-Israel protest movement continued to [escalate their tactics](#), directly targeting members of the Jewish community with antisemitic harassment and vandalizing Jewish and other institutions with threatening antisemitic messages. Jewish communities in northern New Jersey, for example, [faced a wave of anti-Israel antisemitic activity](#), as protesters held multiple demonstrations directly outside synagogues in Teaneck. On March 10, 2024, protesters harassed Jewish individuals who were attending an event inside a synagogue by spraying red paint at them and shouting, "Go back to Europe" and "Baby killers."

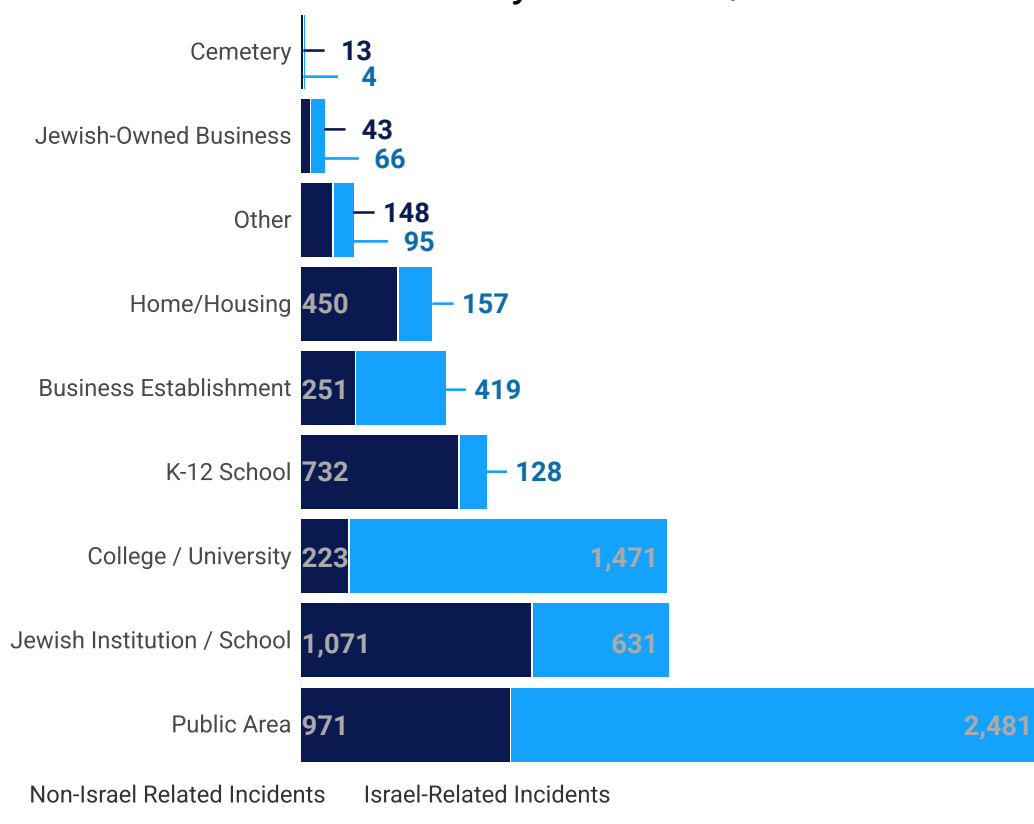
Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. Israel-Related Incidents | 2024



Note: Incidents at anti-Israel rallies are counted as a subset of harassment.



Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. Israel-Related Incidents by Location | 2024



Leading groups in the anti-Israel movement played a significant role in mainstreaming these messages. [Students for Justice in Palestine \(SJP\)](#) and the [Party for Socialism and Liberation \(PSL\)](#) were the two most active organizers or co-sponsors of protests where antisemitic incidents occurred. Combined, they were involved in over 50% (roughly 1,300) of the protests in this category. Other frequent organizers included the anti-Zionist groups [Jewish Voice for Peace \(JVP\)](#), the [Palestinian Youth Movement \(PYM\)](#), the [Democratic Socialists of America \(DSA\)](#), [Students for a Democratic Society \(SDS\)](#), [American Muslims for Palestine \(AMP\)](#), the [ANSWER Coalition](#), the [US Palestinian Community Network \(USPCN\)](#) and the [Freedom Road Socialist Organization \(FRSO\)](#).

White Supremacist Activity

WHITE SUPREMACIST PROPAGANDA

962
PROPAGANDA
INCIDENTS

17%

DECREASE FROM 2023

94%

OF PROPAGANDA
DISTRIBUTED BY:

Patriot Front

**Goyim Defense
League**

White Lives Matter

75%

OF PROPAGANDA INCIDENTS
HAD ANTI-ISRAEL/ANTI-ZIONISM
MESSAGING



White supremacist groups distributed antisemitic propaganda in 962 incidents, down 17% from 2023, across 47 states and the District of Columbia in 2024. While the distribution of white supremacist propaganda in the form of posters, fliers, stickers and banners remained very high, fewer white supremacist groups used the tactic in 2024. Some have been discouraged by new legislation banning certain forms of

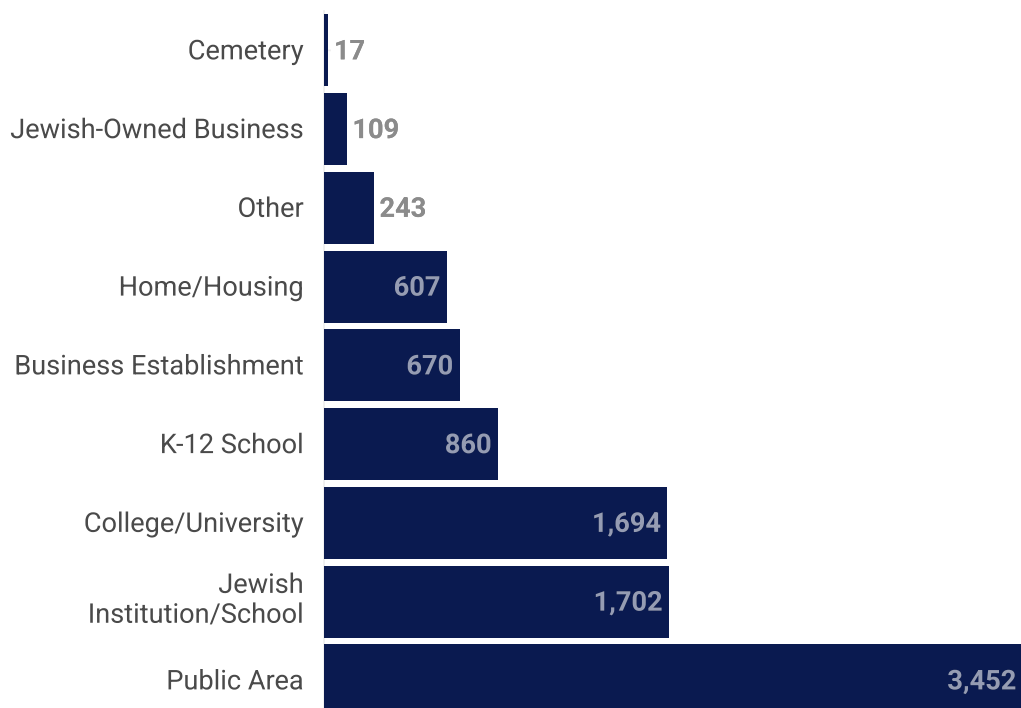
propaganda. Other groups—known for propaganda distributions—dissolved in 2024, including the [National Justice Party](#) (NJP), the [Nationalist Social Club](#) and the [Loyal White Knights](#).

Antisemitism remained a key theme for white supremacist propaganda in 2024. [Patriot Front](#), which remains the most prolific distributor of white supremacist propaganda, also led antisemitic propaganda distributions. For example, the group frequently distributed red, white and blue fliers and stencils with the phrase “No Zionists in Government. We serve one Nation.” ADL also tracked 47 antisemitic white supremacist events, down from 49 in 2023.

Though less active in 2024 than 2023, the antisemitic [Goyim Defense League](#) (GDL) continued to distribute propaganda that cast aspersions on Jews and spread antisemitic myths and conspiracy theories in hopes of turning Americans against Jewish people. GDL’s 2024 propaganda included baseless charges about Jewish power, blamed Jews for 9/11 and accused Jews of blood libel and pedophilia. Themes related to Israel and Zionists also remained popular in white supremacist propaganda, but the sentiment was not as prevalent as it was immediately following the October 7, 2023, attack.

Where Antisemitism Occurs

Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. Incidents by Location | 2024



Understanding where antisemitic incidents take place provides critical insight into how different environments contribute to—or fail to protect against—antisemitic activity. The 2024 data reveals a significant redistribution of incident locations compared to previous years. College campuses emerged as a primary concern, with a dramatic 84% increase in incidents.

This transformation represents a fundamental shift in the antisemitism landscape, as higher education settings now surpass traditional hotspots like K-12 schools and residential areas, where incidents decreased significantly (26% and 37%, respectively). Simultaneously, public areas saw a 19% increase, indicating

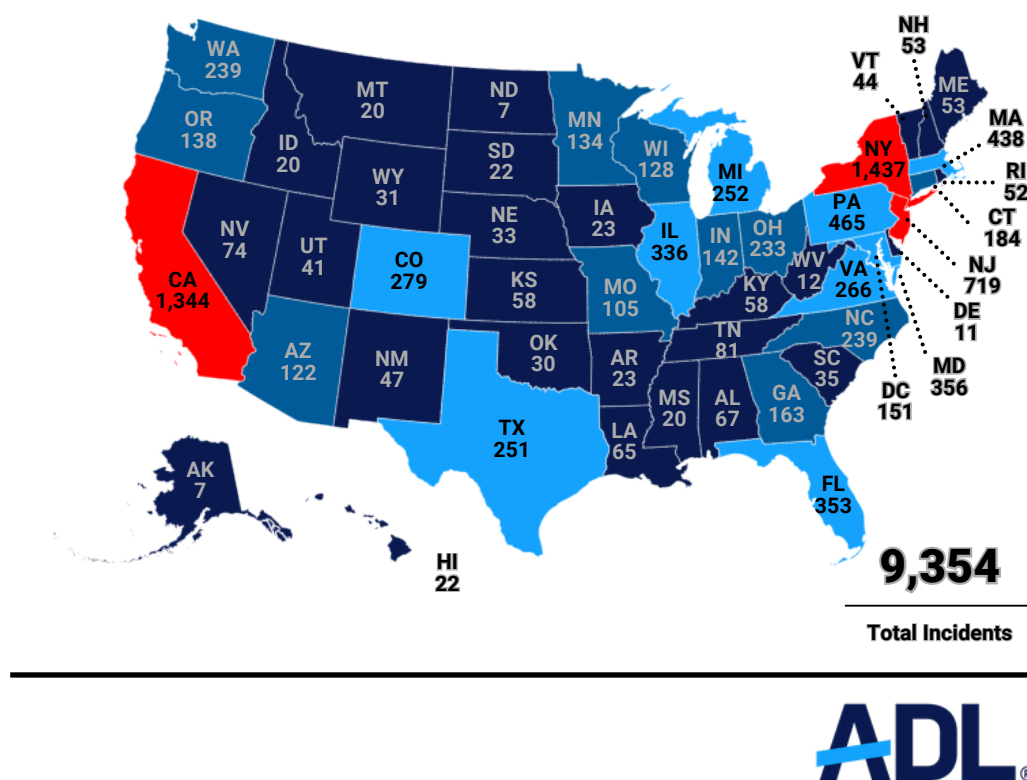
antisemitism is increasingly visible in community spaces where Jews have less institutional protection. While security measures may be improving at Jewish institutions, Jews are experiencing hatred in their daily environments—on campuses, in public spaces and at businesses—where they may be more vulnerable and isolated.

In the sections that follow, we analyze how antisemitism adapts to different environments, revealing distinct patterns that together form a comprehensive picture of today's antisemitic landscape.

Geographic Hotspots

Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. Incidents by State | 2024

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Antisemitic incidents took place in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2024, demonstrating the nationwide nature of this problem. While no region was immune, the distribution reveals significant concentrations and concerning patterns. States with the largest Jewish populations continued to report the highest number of incidents, with New York (1,437 incidents), California (1,344) and New Jersey (719) leading the count. However, the geographic distribution shows antisemitism is not limited to areas with large Jewish populations. States like Colorado (279 incidents) and Virginia (266) all recorded significant totals despite having comparatively smaller Jewish communities.

Antisemitic Incidents | U.S.
2022-2024 Incidents by State

Total | Harassment | Vandalism | Assault

-	2022	2023	2024	Incidents Per 100,000 Residents
Alabama	28	56	67	1.30
Alaska	3	13	7	0.95
Arizona	53	163	122	1.61
Arkansas	7	25	23	0.74
California	518	1266	1344	3.41
Colorado	71	198	279	4.68
Connecticut	68	184	159	4.33
Delaware	11	17	11	1.05
Florida	269	463	353	1.51
Georgia	80	172	163	1.46
Hawaii	5	16	22	1.52
Idaho	8	22	20	1.00
Illinois	121	211	336	2.64
Indiana	33	59	142	2.05
Iowa	14	17	23	0.71
Kansas	9	20	20	0.67
Kentucky	16	47	58	1.26
Louisiana	14	64	65	1.41
Maine	13	53	51	3.63
Maryland	109	339	356	5.68
Massachusetts	150	440	400	6.14

Massachusetts	152	440	438	0.14
Michigan	111	267	252	2.49
Minnesota	53	93	134	2.31
Mississippi	7	9	20	0.68
Missouri	30	125	105	1.68
Montana	14	21	20	1.76
Nebraska	14	44	33	1.65
Nevada	30	82	74	2.26
New Hampshire	14	35	53	3.76
New Jersey	409	830	719	7.57
New Mexico	8	31	47	2.21
New York	580	1218	1437	7.23
North Carolina	39	151	175	1.58
North Dakota	6	7	7	0.88
Ohio	61	237	233	1.96
Oklahoma	11	65	30	0.73
Oregon	40	124	138	3.23
Pennsylvania	114	394	465	3.56
Rhode Island	19	52	52	4.67
South Carolina	44	85	35	0.64
South Dakota	3	17	22	2.38
Tennessee	40	90	81	1.12
Texas	211	256	251	0.80
Utah	11	47	41	1.17
Vermont	6	43	44	6.78
Virginia	69	223	266	3.02
Washington	65	190	239	1.90

Washington DC	37	171	151	23.20
West Virginia	3	15	12	0.68
Wisconsin	45	93	128	2.15
Wyoming	2	13	31	5.28
Total	3698	8873	9354	

Targeting of Jewish Institutions

JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

1,702
INCIDENTS

14%

DECREASE FROM 2023



**ASSAULTS MORE
THAN DOUBLED**
(FROM **9** TO **20**
INCIDENTS)



39%
VANDALISM



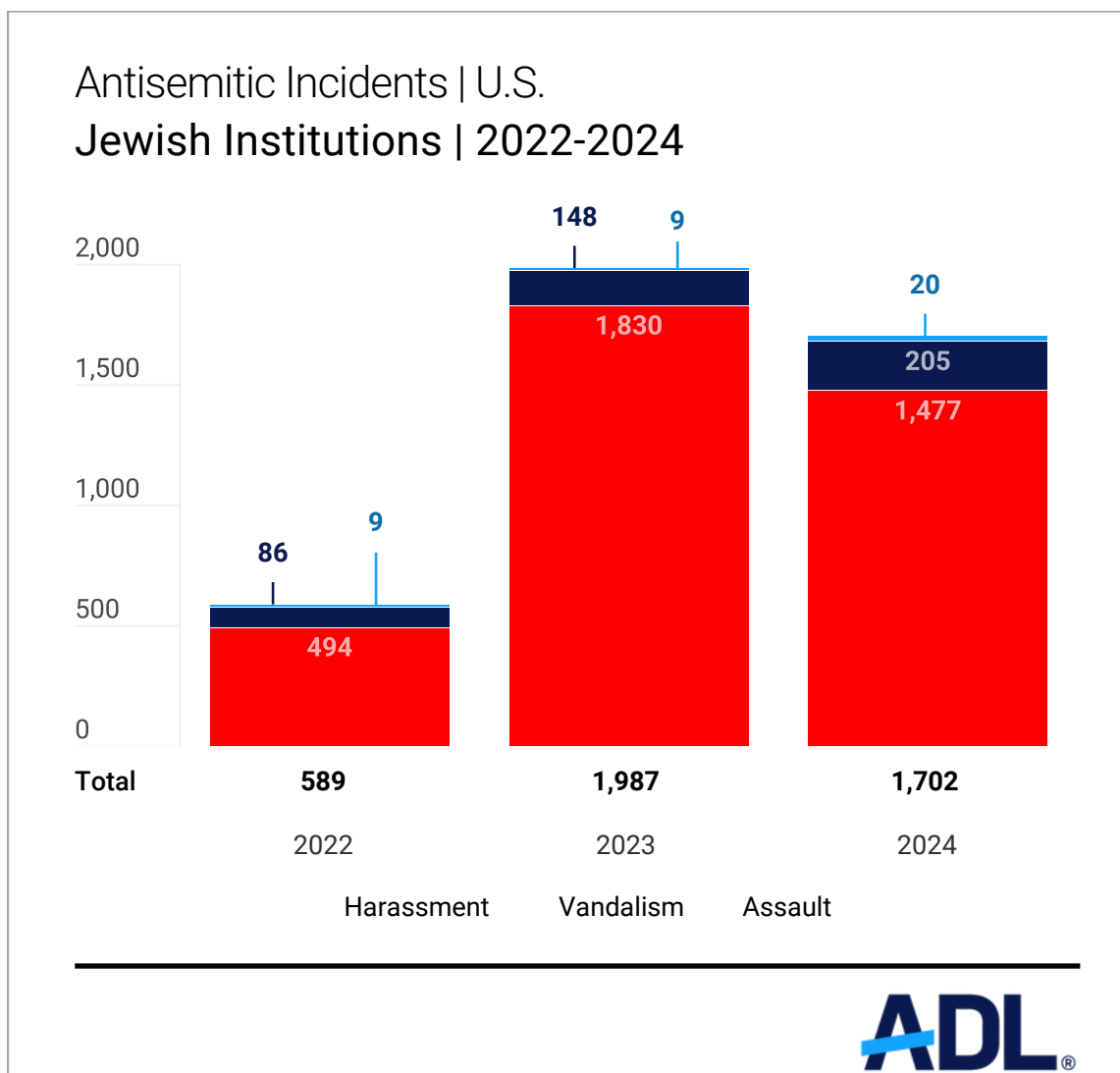
627
BOMB THREATS
TARGETED JEWISH
INSTITUTIONS



19%
HARASSMENT

While incidents targeting Jewish institutions decreased from 2023's unprecedented

surge, incidents remain alarmingly high by historical standards, representing twice the annual average recorded in the five years before October 7, 2023. Synagogues faced hundreds of bomb threats over the course of the year, which included messages such as: "You Jews will pay for your crimes, we will end your lives," as well as anti-Israel messages. These threats often occurred as part of large sprees within a short period of time, such as when similar email threats were sent from the same address to over 100 synagogues in just two days (January 2-3, 2024). In some cases, individuals were apprehended, such as in the case of a man who [threatened a synagogue](#) in Miami, Florida, in September 2024. But in many other cases, perpetrators have yet to be brought to justice. Hillel, the premier Jewish on-campus organization that supports Jewish life at hundreds of colleges across the United States and abroad, [was the target of antisemitic protests and harassment](#) on numerous campuses nationwide throughout the year.



Although harassment cases at Jewish institutions decreased, vandalism and assault at Jewish institutions increased significantly, underscoring a heightened threat environment regarding Jewish physical security. For example, in August 2024, a member of the Jewish community was stabbed near the headquarters of Chabad (an Orthodox Jewish Hasidic organization) in Brooklyn, New York, by an individual who yelled, "Free Palestine" and asked the victim if he wanted to die. The sustained targeting of synagogues, Jewish community centers and Jewish schools continues to stoke fear among American Jews who simply want to participate in Jewish communal life.

Campus Crisis

CAMPUS

1,694
INCIDENTS


84%

INCREASE FROM 2023

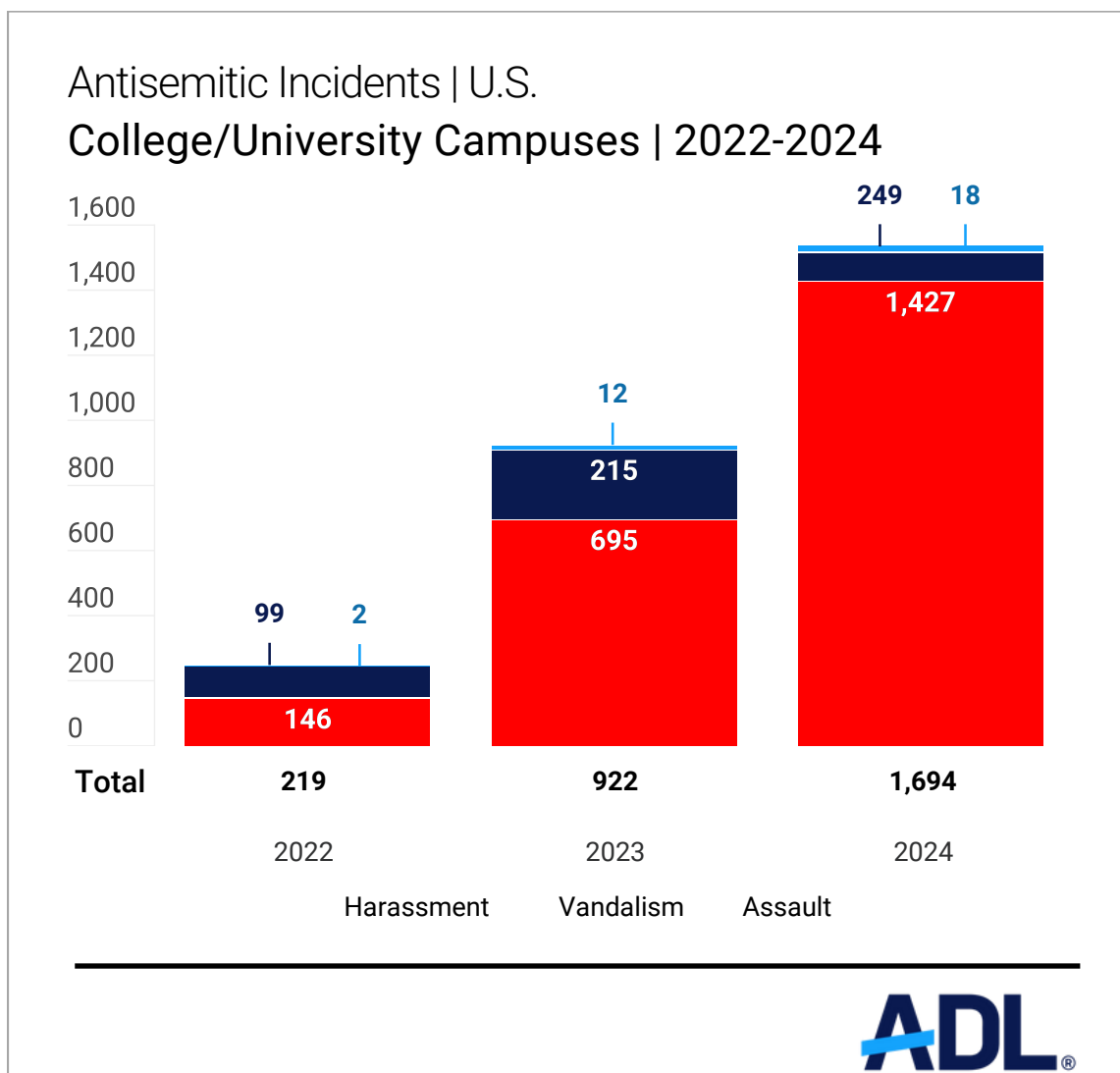


MADE UP
18%
OF ANTISEMITIC
ACTIVITY
NATIONWIDE



87%
ISRAEL/ZIONISM-
RELATED

College campuses have become an epicenter of American antisemitism, as the sites of close to a fifth of all 2024 incidents. Antisemitic incidents on college campuses reached their highest point for the year in the spring of 2024, from mid-April through mid-May, which coincided with activity related to the [anti-Israel encampment movement](#) on dozens of campuses nationwide. Incidents at or near encampments often contained [antisemitic messages](#), and participants recited antisemitic slogans. For example, at an anti-Israel encampment at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), protesters displayed signs that included: "Death 2 Zionism," "Israelis are native 2 hell" and "Long live the intifada." Chalk depicting a Star of David with the words "step here" was also drawn on the ground in the encampment. At the University of California, Berkeley, protesters occupied and [vandalized a condemned building](#) and left behind messages including: "Zionism is Nazism," "For the martyrs," "Intifada" and multiple instances of imagery equating a Star of David with a swastika.



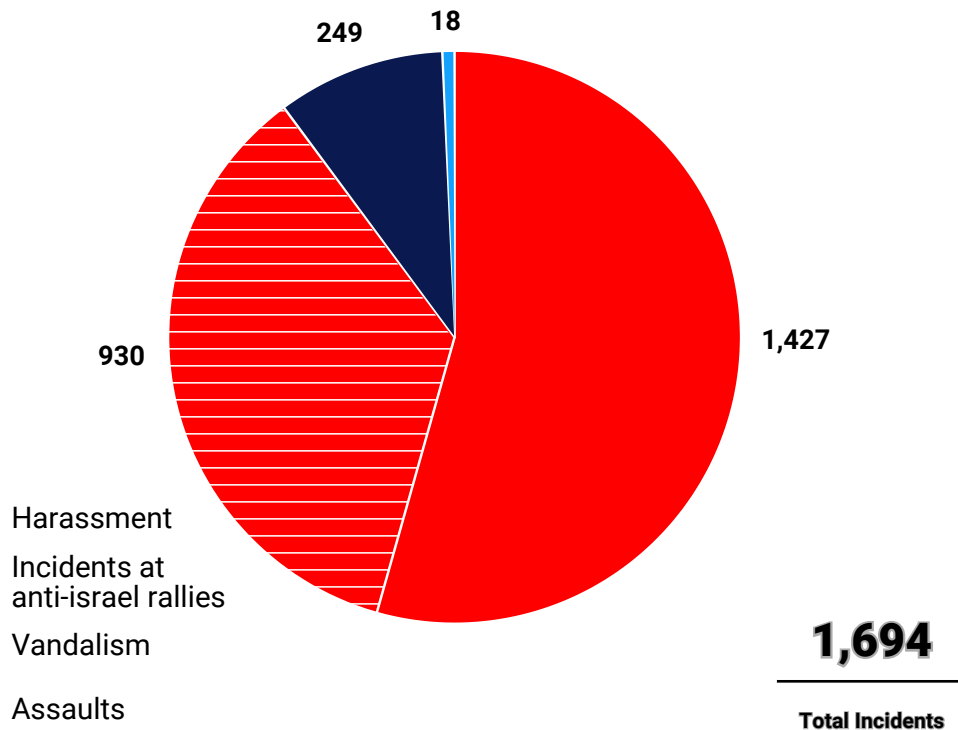
Perhaps even more concerning, Jewish students and community members sometimes experienced direct antisemitic harassment or assault in the vicinity of encampments. At DePaul University, one individual was told, "Go back to Poland," near the encampment. Another individual was harassed by someone who stated they hoped they would be beheaded and that "[you] and the Jewish people like [you] should leave America." At Yale University, a Jewish student wearing a Star of David necklace was **allegedly jabbed** in the eye by a protester waving a Palestinian flag.

While antisemitic incidents related to anti-Israel protests on campus peaked in the spring, ADL continued to track such incidents over the summer and in the fall semester. A notable spike in Israel-related antisemitic campus activity also occurred

around the first anniversary of Hamas's October 7, 2023, terror attack, when some student groups [used the occasion to celebrate the antisemitic violence](#). For example, on the anniversary of October 7 at the University of Oregon, a speaker said, "On this day, one year ago, the Palestinian people bravely launched a coordinated effort against the Zionist state of Israel...They have every right to fight back, they have every right to rebel. We must make a clear and resounding call for the victory of the Palestinian Resistance and the fall of Zionism."

Antisemitism on campuses was not confined to the organized anti-Israel protest movement. For example, classrooms, campus property and students' dorm rooms were vandalized with swastikas. At Portland State University in Oregon, Jewish students and staff were heckled on campus with slurs such as "Fucking kike," "Zionist pig" and "Dirty Jew." Around the University of Pittsburgh, a Jewish student was assaulted by a group of individuals who used antisemitic language after they noticed he was wearing a Star of David necklace. This pervasive antisemitism has transformed American higher education from a space of learning and growth into one where many Jewish students face hostility, exclusion and sometimes physical danger because of their identity or their beliefs.

Antisemitic Incidents | U.S. College/University Campuses | 2024



Note: Incidents at anti-Israel rallies are counted as a subset of harassment.



In addition to the 1,694 college campus incidents, ADL tracked 17 incidents at campus Chabad Centers and 86 incidents at campus Hillels. This was also a marked increase from 2023, when ADL recorded 8 incidents at campus Chabads and 61 incidents at campus Hillels. Hillels and campus Chabad Centers are categorized as Jewish institutions for the purposes of the Audit.

K-12 Schools

K-12 SCHOOLS

860
INCIDENTS

26%

DECREASE FROM 2023



52%

FEATURED SWASTIKAS

Highest among all
location types



**K-12 INCIDENTS
REPRESENT 9%**

OF TOTAL
ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS
NATIONWIDE

While antisemitic incidents in non-Jewish K-12 schools decreased in 2024, these environments continue to expose Jewish children to concerning levels of hate. The severity of these incidents range from intimidation, such as a student commenting, "Dirty little Jew...You should be put in a concentration camp," to physical violence, including a student being hit on the head with a glass bottle after their classmate stated, "I am going to beat you up you fucking Jew," reflecting how antisemitism continues to impact some of the most vulnerable Jewish community members.

Given the insidious nature of bullying, compounded by the fact that many children may not feel empowered to report their experiences, the actual number of school-based antisemitic incidents was likely significantly higher than the data reported in the Audit.

Business Establishments and Jewish-Owned Businesses

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

779
INCIDENTS


11%

INCREASE FROM 2023



62%

OF INCIDENTS AT BUSINESSES
WERE ISRAEL-RELATED

109

AT JEWISH-OWNED
BUSINESSES

22% 

increase from 2023

Antisemitic incidents targeting commercial spaces increased in 2024. This trend demonstrates how antisemitism increasingly extends beyond religious and educational settings into everyday spaces, impacting Jewish business owners and employees in their workplaces and creating additional barriers to Jewish participation in ordinary economic life. Employees and customers at Jewish-owned businesses were targeted for their perceived connection to Israel. For example, at a kosher restaurant in Brooklyn, New York, an individual harassed visibly Jewish patrons, saying, "You guys are killing babies," "Jewish people are evil," "You guys are trying to kill Trump" and "Hitler was onto something." Other Jewish people were targeted while working at or visiting non-Jewish businesses, such as in Castle Rock, Colorado, where a cashier whispered, "Fucking kike," while ringing up a customer wearing a Star of David necklace.

These incidents force practical dilemmas for Jewish business owners beyond the immediate harassment: whether to display Jewish symbols or Israeli products, how much to invest in security and even whether to identify publicly as Jewish-owned. The financial and psychological toll of these calculations represents a hidden cost of antisemitism that extends well beyond the documented incidents themselves.

Top 10 States

Below is a detailed breakdown of the 10 states with the highest numbers of antisemitic incidents in 2024, which together account for 64% of all incidents nationwide. Each state accordion provides specific incident totals, per capita rates, incident types and notable trends to help understand the distinct regional manifestations of antisemitism across America.



New York - 1,437 incidents (+18% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 7.23 per 100,000 residents (ranks #2 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 967 incidents (+6% from 2023, #2 nationally, 67% of state total)
- Vandalism: 408 incidents (+32% from 2023, #1 nationally, 28% of state total)
- Assaults: 62 incidents (+52% from 2023, #1 nationally, 4% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- 68% of all documented incidents in the state took place in the five boroughs of New York City

Trends & Analysis:

New York State leads the country in reported incidents, with 15% of the national total. After a staggering 110% rise in 2023, incidents continued to climb in 2024. Antisemitic violence in New York has reached levels unprecedented in recent history, with assaults increasing by 52% in 2024 and a staggering 583% over the past five years. The state has the highest Jewish population in the country, and accounts for nearly one-third of all antisemitic assaults nationwide. The targeting of Orthodox Jews has become particularly concerning, with Brooklyn alone—home to numerous Orthodox Jewish communities—accounting for 39% of all assaults in the state. This reflects a dangerous pattern of escalating violence against visibly Jewish individuals.

Israel-related incidents accounted for 58% of incidents in New York State, matching the national average. Campus antisemitism surged by 163%, with 66% occurring in New York City and 27% concentrated at Columbia University and Barnard College alone. More incidents occurred at colleges and universities in New York than in any other state. Columbia University became the epicenter of campus antisemitism during the spring 2024 encampments, when Jewish students reported being harassed, intimidated and denied access to campus facilities. Similar incidents at New York University further contributed to New York's position as the national leader in campus antisemitism.



California - 1,345 incidents (+6% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 3.41 per 100,000 residents (ranks #13 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 948 incidents (+0.3% from 2023, #1 nationally, 70% of state total)
- Vandalism: 376 incidents (+21% from 2023, #2 nationally, 28% of state total)
- Assaults: 21 incidents (+10% from 2023, #2 nationally, 2% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Primary hotspots: Los Angeles (297), San Francisco (124) and San Diego (98)

Trends & Analysis:

California experienced a notable uptick in antisemitic incidents in 2024, including a surge in bomb threats in January and a spike in antisemitic incidents at gatherings and protests in April. While incidents targeting Jewish institutions decreased nationally, such incidents increased by 57% in California, underscoring the importance of ADL's request for increased funding in the state's non-profit security grant program. California was the top state nationally for incidents at Jewish institutions (324).

Israel-related antisemitic incidents accounted for 708 incidents (53% of total), slightly below the national average. Campus incidents increased by 69%, growing from 11% to 18% of the state's total and ranking second nationally with 244 incidents. Assaults increased for the third straight year—up 10% in 2024 and 154% since 2022. There was a 116% increase in bomb threats in 2024, rising from 89 to 192.



New Jersey - 719 incidents (-13% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 7.57 per 100,000 residents (ranks #1 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 476 incidents (-13% from 2023, #3 nationally, 66% of state total)
- Vandalism: 232 incidents (-14% from 2023, #3 nationally, 32% of state total)
- Assaults: 11 incidents (-8% from 2023, #3 nationally, 2% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Teaneck and Bergenfield, small towns in Bergen County with significant Orthodox populations, accounted for 7% of New Jersey's antisemitic incidents

Trends & Analysis:

Although incidents in New Jersey decreased by 13% in 2024, they remain 76% higher than in 2022, suggesting a concerning and heightened "new normal" of antisemitism in the state.

Bergen remains the county with the highest number of reported cases, showing a 260% increase since 2022. Teaneck was the target of numerous anti-Israel protests throughout the year that featured antisemitic elements. These protests included those held outside of synagogues that hosted Israeli real estate events, leading to the harassment and assault of congregants and other event attendees.

Campus incidents increased 53% despite the overall state incident decrease, with 60% occurring at Rutgers University in New Brunswick (47).



Pennsylvania - 465 incidents (+18% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 3.56 per 100,000 residents (ranks #12 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 326 incidents (+12% from 2023, #4 nationally, 70% of state total)
- Vandalism: 132 incidents (+35% from 2023, #7 nationally, 28% of state total)
- Assaults: Seven incidents (+140% from 2023, #4 nationally, 2% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Primary hotspots: Philadelphia (189), Pittsburgh (74) and Montgomery County (51)

Trends & Analysis:

Pennsylvania experienced alarming escalations in violence, with antisemitic assaults more than doubling (+140%) in 2024. A troubling spike occurred around the October 7 anniversary, with a 76% increase in incidents compared to the monthly average.

Jewish institutions in Pennsylvania experienced an above average rate of antisemitic incidents, with 121 incidents (26% of the state's total) compared to the national average of 18% for such incidents. The University of Pennsylvania became a particular flashpoint for extreme antisemitism, with vandalism including explicit threats such as "Kill Zios" and "Kill Your Local

Zio Nazi." Campus incidents nearly tripled at some institutions, pushing Pennsylvania to #4 nationally for college/university incidents (90).

Israel-related incidents accounted for 278 incidents (60% of total), slightly above the national average.



Massachusetts - 438 incidents (stable from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 6.14 per 100,000 residents (ranks #4 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 276 incidents (-4% from 2023, #6 nationally, 63% of state total)
- Vandalism: 157 incidents (+11% from 2023, #4 nationally, 36% of state total)
- Assaults: 5 incidents (-44% from 2023, #8 nationally, 1% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Primary hotspots: Boston (96), Cambridge (52) and Newton (25)

Trends & Analysis:

While Massachusetts's incident numbers remained stable in 2024, this represents part of a troubling long-term trend, with incidents rising 188% since 2022. In 2024, 275 incidents were Israel-related, making up 63% of the total, which is above the national average.

Massachusetts ranked third nationally for college campus incidents, with 107 total incidents, 89% of which were Israel-related. In March 2024, during a student government meeting at Tufts University that included discussion of multiple anti-Israel resolutions, Jewish students were spat on and harassed. They were jeered at for wearing the "Bring them home" dog tag necklaces meant to raise awareness of Israeli hostages held by Hamas, and were subjected to comments including, "Go back to Israel, we don't want you here," and "Israel controls the entire world." Additionally, in November 2024 at an anti-Israel protest at Suffolk University, protesters

displayed signs with messages that included: "Zionists not welcome here," "Eat this you fascist Zionist scum" and "Bring the war home."

Perhaps most alarming was the 150% increase in incidents targeting the visibly Orthodox community, including one incident where an individual yelled, "Death to all Jews," at an Orthodox Jewish mother and her three children.



Maryland - 356 incidents (+5% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 5.68 per 100,000 residents (ranks #5 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 259 incidents (+3% from 2023, #10 nationally, 73% of state total)
- Vandalism: 92 incidents (+7% from 2023, #5 nationally, 26% of state total)
- Assaults: 5 incidents (+40% from 2023, #5 nationally, 1% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Montgomery County accounted for 38% of the state's incidents

Trends & Analysis:

While Maryland's increase of 5% in 2024 appears modest, it is part of a larger trend, with incidents rising 227% since 2022, highlighting an ongoing, troubling pattern. Incidents of assault increased by 40%, including the state's first recorded assault on a college campus in over three years.

K-12 schools have become epicenters for antisemitism, and Maryland ranks third nationally for school-based incidents. Notable incidents include an anti-Israel high school walkout in January 2024, where student protesters allegedly said, "We should bring Hitler back" and "Kill the Jews." In September 2024, an eighth-grade student drew a swastika in the dirt during a kickball game and pushed a Jewish classmate to the ground when confronted about the drawing.

Meanwhile, Jewish institutions faced an increase in targeted harassment, with incidents at these locations rising by 67%.



Florida - 353 incidents (-24% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 1.51 per 100,000 residents (ranks #32 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 231 incidents (-21% from 2023, #5 nationally, 65% of state total)
- Vandalism: 117 incidents (-30% from 2023, 33% of state total)
- Assaults: Five incidents (-17% from 2023, #6 nationally, 2% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Incidents remained heavily concentrated in South Florida's three major counties: Miami-Dade (112), Palm Beach (74) and Broward (69)

Trends & Analysis:

While Florida saw a 24% decrease in incidents in 2024, the state's 353 incidents still represent a 31% increase since 2022, an indication that antisemitism remains significantly elevated. In Florida, 36% of the state's antisemitic incidents took place at Jewish institutions, double the same metric (18%) nationally.

June 2024 saw an unprecedented campaign of bomb threats, with 50 threats targeting multiple Jewish institutions across South Florida on the same day, creating widespread fear and requiring an extensive law enforcement response.

Though most categories showed decreases, incidents related to gatherings and protests increased by 23%. Florida's recent legislation addressing antisemitism may have contributed to certain reductions, including a significant 89% drop in offensive literature distribution (from 75 to eight incidents).



Illinois - 336 incidents (+59% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 2.64 per 100,000 residents (ranks #16 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 241 incidents (+73% from 2023, #7 nationally, 72% of state total)
- Vandalism: 89 incidents (+33% from 2023, #10 nationally, 26% of state total)
- Assaults: Six incidents (+20% from 2023, 2% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Primary hotspots: Chicago (182), Evanston (37) and Highland Park (24)

Trends & Analysis:

Illinois recorded a 59% overall increase in antisemitic incidents in 2024, significantly exceeding the national average of 5%. All major categories showed increases: harassment grew the most at 73%, vandalism rose by 33% and assaults increased by 20%.

Incidents in Illinois were largely concentrated in Chicago, Evanston and Highland Park, which saw 72% of the total incidents in the state. Illinois ranked fifth nationally for college campus incidents (79) and saw some of the most confrontational encampments in the spring of 2024. Examples include the November 2024 physical assault of Jewish DePaul University students by masked individuals who made antisemitic comments before the attack. In April 2024, a building on the campus of Northwestern University was vandalized with the phrase "Death 2 Israel."

K-12 school incidents in Illinois increased by 26% from 2023, directly contrasting with the national decrease in such incidents. Meanwhile, incidents targeting Jewish businesses rose by 41%, indicating that antisemitism affected multiple sectors of Jewish life in Illinois.

Israel-related incidents accounted for 227 incidents (68% of the total), above the national average.



Colorado - 279 incidents (+42% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 4.68 per 100,000 residents (ranks #8 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 208 incidents (+26% from 2023, 75% of state total)
- Vandalism: 68 incidents (+89% from 2023, #8 nationally, 24% of state total)
- Assaults: Three incidents (no change from 2023, 1% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- Primary hotspots: Denver (96), Boulder (54) and Aurora (29)

Trends & Analysis:

Colorado experienced a 42% increase in antisemitic incidents in 2024, reaching 279 incidents, a record high since ADL began tracking. Vandalism nearly doubled (+89%) from the previous year. Incidents at Jewish institutions increased by 93%, highlighting a need for funding the non-profit security grant program.

Israel-related incidents accounted for 182 incidents (65% of total), which puts the state above the national average. College campuses in Colorado emerged as hotspots, with 51 incidents making up 22% of the state's total, exceeding the national average of 18%. Antisemitic incidents on campus increased by 76% in 2024 and were reported across 12 campuses. Students are experiencing increasingly hostile environments, with incidents ranging from antisemitic graffiti to antisemitic messaging at organized protests, leaving Jewish students feeling marginalized and unsafe.

The distribution of antisemitic white supremacist propaganda in Colorado increased by 65% from 2023 to 2024, with 61 incidents reported compared to 37 in 2023, diverging from the national pattern of decline in such activities.





Virginia - 266 incidents (+19% from 2023)

Key Statistics:

- Per capita rate: 3.02 per 100,000 residents (ranks #15 nationally)

Incident Breakdown:

- Harassment: 196 incidents (-4% from 2023, 74% of state total)
- Vandalism: 67 incidents (+121% from 2023, #6 nationally, 25% of state total)
- Assaults: Three incidents (+50% from 2023, 1% of state total)

Geographic Insights:

- More than half (54%) of all state incidents took place in Northern Virginia

Trends & Analysis:

Virginia's 19% increase marks the state's third consecutive year of growth in antisemitic incidents, demonstrating a consistent pattern rather than a short-lived spike. Most alarming is the 121% surge in vandalism, indicating a significant shift toward more visible and destructive forms of antisemitism.

Educational settings have become hotspots for antisemitic activity, increasing from 11 incidents in 2022 to 55 in 2024. Notable incidents include a middle school student slapping a Jewish classmate in January 2024 while making an antisemitic comment. In April 2024, another middle school student said, "Death to Jews" and "Kill the Jews" in front of a Jewish classmate. On May 8, 2024, items in a Jewish teacher's classroom were vandalized with swastikas and the phrase, "KILL ALL JEWS." These incidents highlight the hostile environment Jewish students and educators face in Virginia's schools.

The state showed a high level of Israel-related antisemitism, with 168 incidents (63% of total), above the national average. White supremacist propaganda remains a significant issue in Virginia, with 73 incidents reported, marking a 49% increase from the previous year.

Methodology

The ADL Audit of Antisemitic Incidents is comprised of both criminal and non-criminal incidents of harassment, vandalism and assault against individuals and groups as reported to ADL by victims, law enforcement, the media and partner organizations. It is not a public opinion poll or an effort to catalog every expression of antisemitism.

Incidents are defined as vandalism of property, or as harassment or assault on individuals or groups, where either 1) circumstances indicate anti-Jewish animus on the part of the perpetrator, or 2) a reasonable person or group of people could plausibly conclude that they have been victimized due to their Jewish identity. Vandalism of Jewish cultural, educational, or religious institutions, as well as cemeteries, is generally included. Cases of robbery or theft are generally not included unless evidence of specific antisemitic animus is present.

Online Content: The Audit includes cases where individuals or groups were harassed online via antisemitic content in direct messages, on listservs or in social media settings where they would have the reasonable expectation of not being subjected to antisemitism. The Audit does not attempt to assess the total amount of antisemitism online.

Credibility and tabulation: ADL carefully examines the credibility of all reported incidents, including obtaining independent verification when possible. Each antisemitic action is counted only once, regardless of how many times it has been reported to ADL. ADL counts certain “sprees” of incidents only once. For example, if antisemitic fliers from an extremist group are distributed to several homes in one city over the course of a weekend, this is considered one incident for the purpose of the Audit. Similarly, if multiple expressions of antisemitism took place at a single public event, those expressions are only counted as one incident.

Israel and Zionism:

- ADL is careful to not conflate general criticism of Israel or anti-Israel activism with antisemitism. Legitimate political protest, support for Palestinian rights or expressions of opposition to Israeli policies are not included in the Audit. ADL's approach to Israel-related expressions comports with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) [working definition of antisemitism](#).
- Since October 7, 2023, ADL began to include in the Audit certain expressions of opposition to Zionism, as well as support for violent resistance against Israel or Zionists that could be perceived as supporting terrorism or attacks on Jews, Israelis or Zionists.
- When they occur during public activism (such as at protests), in confrontations between individuals or in the form of vandalism (such as graffiti), these expressions constitute an implicit attack on the great majority of American Jews who view a relationship with Israel to be an integral part of their religious, cultural and/or social identities. Such rhetoric can be traumatizing to many American Jews and has led to their exclusion from some spaces simply because of that element of how they define and express their Jewishness.
- Physical scuffles or verbal insults between pro- and anti-Israel protestors are generally not included in the Audit unless the context suggests an antisemitic or anti-Zionist motivation for the assaults.
- The Audit includes all cases of picketing of Jewish religious or cultural institutions for their perceived or real support for Israel. It does not include protests outside pro-Israel political activist groups or Israeli embassies/consulates unless those protests incorporate anti-Zionism, support for terrorism, or classic antisemitic tropes.
- Burning or desecrating Israeli flags is not included in the Audit.

Swastikas: The appearance of swastikas, which are generally interpreted by Jews to be symbols of antisemitic hatred, is included in the Audit. However, swastikas are not included in circumstances when they appear to be targeting a different minority group. Swastikas used as a means of political protest on non-Israel-related issues are also not included. For example, in 2021, some Americans used swastikas, as well as references to Hitler and Nazi-era politics, in protests of COVID-19 public health

measures and mask mandates; those incidents are not generally included in the Audit unless there is other evidence of antisemitic animus.

The Audit excludes the following types of incidents:

- Antisemitic activities or statements that take place in private venues (e.g., at a private meeting) or in a manner that requires potential victims to “opt-in” to access them (e.g., by going to websites where unmoderated discussion occurs, looking at specific individuals’ social media pages, etc.)
- Instances of discrimination (e.g., a Jewish employee not receiving an accommodation for Rosh Hashanah), unless the discrimination is accompanied by verbal harassment as described above.
- General expressions of white supremacy or other hateful ideologies, unless those expressions include overt antisemitic elements.

Data Sources:

- The majority of the incidents included in the Audit are reported to ADL directly by Jewish victims via our online form, email or phone message.
- ADL Center on Extremism researchers also monitor media reports and other online spaces for credible reports of antisemitic incidents and extremist activity.
- In 2021, the Audit began incorporating reports of antisemitic incidents from other Jewish organizations with whom ADL has established partnerships. In 2024 those organizations included BBYO, Community Security Initiative (CSI), Community Security Service (CSS), Chabad, Hillel International, Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC), AEPI, Jewish Federations of North America, Secure Community Network (SCN), Union of Reform Judaism, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Israeli American Council (IAC). We thank these organizations for their ongoing efforts to help encourage reporting of antisemitic incidents. All incidents are assessed by ADL for credibility and are deduplicated before being included in the Audit. Incident totals reported in the ADL Audit may differ from totals announced by partner agencies due to methodological differences pertaining to how incidents are defined and tabulated.

- ADL appreciates the assistance of the over 300 law enforcement agencies that have shared information about antisemitic incidents and criminal activity with us since 2020.

Policy Recommendations

Federal

- **Co-sponsor and Pass the Antisemitism Awareness Act (AAA):** Support the bipartisan Antisemitism Awareness Act (AAA) to ensure the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) continues to have the tools it needs to address the alarming rise in antisemitism on college and university campuses and K-12. For the past six years, OCR has been directed to consider the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism—including its 11 contemporary examples—when assessing the antisemitic intent behind potential violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The IHRA Working Definition is the preeminent global standard, in use by more than 40 countries, more than 35 U.S. states, and both Democratic and Republican administrations. However, OCR's current consideration of this definition relies on Executive action and could be undone by any administration. AAA would make its consideration permanent, which would help ensure Jewish students receive the same civil rights protections as all other students. With antisemitism surging nationwide, ADL urges Congress to pass the Antisemitism Awareness Act.
- **Fortify and Grow the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP):** As antisemitic attacks on communal institutions continue to surge, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is more urgent than ever. This program is a cornerstone of our nation's defense against threats targeting at-risk institutions. NSGP funding has been a lifeline for synagogues, schools, and community centers—fortifying them against hate and violence. The program has already saved lives: during the hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker used NSGP-funded security training to outmaneuver an armed terrorist. In Memphis, Tennessee, NSGP-funded security upgrades helped prevent

a shooting at Margolin Hebrew Academy. Amid federal grant freezes and threats of across-the-board funding cuts, this program is at risk. No one should have to fear for their safety while practicing their faith. ADL urges Congress to fortify and grow NSGP.

State

- **Create State Strategies to Counter Antisemitism:** In response to the shocking and ongoing surge in antisemitism across the country, every state should adopt a comprehensive State Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. State leaders must publicly commit to combating antisemitism and take action to increase awareness of this threat, improve safety and security for Jewish communities, reverse the normalization of antisemitism, and build cross-community solidarity. The increased danger to the American Jewish community underscores the pressing need for targeted state-specific plans to safeguard Jewish communities and address the spread of hate. ADL urges every state government to adopt a comprehensive State Strategy to Counter Antisemitism.
- **Education Oversight and Legislation:** As antisemitic incidents continue to rise in both K-12 and higher education settings, state and local elected leaders must establish comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure safe and supportive environments for all students. State governments must adopt clear frameworks for addressing antisemitism in schools, provide resources for reporting and responding to incidents, and promote education and awareness to prevent the spread of hate. ADL urges state and local governments to implement policies to protect Jewish students from antisemitic threats and foster educational environments where all students can thrive and learn.

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